



# Fall / Winter

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**SPARRE BARN IN NOWTHEN**  
*Photo by Don Deckert*



## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR PILON

**IT HAS BEEN A BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE** Spring and Summer here in Nowthen. Things are going very well in our fine city.

### New City Administrator

I am excited to announce that after 14 years, the city has its first City Administrator. Our search for an administrator started in earnest in March of this year, identifying specifically what the City Council was looking for in this new position. Working with a professional consulting firm, the city received 25 applicants from across the nation. We pored through cover letters, resumes, video interviews, personality and work-style profiles, references, and background checks. By June we were able to narrow this list down to 6 finalists. After interviewing the finalists in person, the Council selected Scott Lehner to serve as the first full time Administrator for Nowthen. Scott started in this new position August 1. Thank you for all the hard work on the part of the Council, our Interim Administrator Frank Boyles, and Pat Melvin from the consulting firm of DDA for this successful transition and new beginning for our City.

### Legislative Update

Great news!! Last Spring I wrote about a bill headed to the state legislator that would have included the repeal of Nowthen's exemption from Met Council directives in our city. Due to the inability of the legislature to complete its work this past session, a bill was not passed, and our city's Met Council exemption is still in place. We will be watching to see if this issue comes up again. Hopefully our local legislators will see the value of our exemption and will work with us to preserve that which we fought so hard to get.

### Internet

Working with Arvig, the city has applied for a MN Border to Border Broadband grant to

bring fiber internet services to an additional portion of the city. We are also working with Anoka County in their application for a Border to Border grant for a fixed wireless proposal that would cover a large portion of North/ Northwest Anoka County, including the entire city of Nowthen. If this grant is approved, this would likely serve as a bridge to provide highspeed internet service while we work with County, State, and Federal governments to build the infrastructure needed to support fiber network throughout the entire city. Updates will be posted on the city's website as more information is available.

### Public Safety

The Nowthen Fire department is made up paid on-call volunteers who respond to area emergency calls, including medical issues, personal injury accidents, and fire calls. Our Fire Department continues to mature and develop. We recently appointed an additional Asst. Fire Chief, Adam Schrag, and three new officers to help shoulder the workload: Captain Mike Suchy, Captain Mike Nelson, and Captain Justin Petrick. We have also added three new firefighters and one new recruit. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this valuable team, contact the city offices at 763-441-1347. There will be an Open House to meet our Firefighters, see their trucks, and their expanded training facilities on Saturday September 24, noon - 3 pm during the Nowthen Heritage Festival. This is a great opportunity to bring your children and grandchildren to climb aboard a firetruck and tour our Fire station.

### Law Enforcement

The city recently expanded its contracted service hours with the Anoka County Sheriff's Department. We now have deputies patrolling our city 12 hours a day, 7 days a week with additional coverage by Sheriff

personnel 24/7. Two deputies have been assigned to serve Nowthen, Deputy Jeffrey Barrett and Deputy Bill Jacobson, with a dedicated squad car now being housed in our Fire Station. The public safety relationship between our Fire personnel and the Sheriff Deputies has been working very well. These first responders are providing effective and efficient emergency response to the benefit of our entire city and, at times, the surrounding communities. Please join me in thanking them for their tireless and professional service when you have the opportunity.

### Protecting our rural lifestyle

In these uncertain times, we seem to have lost the ability to control many of the things that affect our daily lives. The multitude of issues controlled by decisions made by big government and international companies can feel overwhelming. However, we can still shape some of the things that influence our lives, our families, and our community. That is what I love about living in our wonderful city and why I have worked so hard to develop and maintain our rural lifestyle. We can make local choices that offer some relief from the chaos of the world at large. Working together we can protect the best features of our small-town life: wide open spaces, views of brilliant sunrises and lingering sunsets, star filled nights and community gatherings (including local farm markets, the Threshing Show, the Heritage Festival, the Car Show, and enjoying activities in our parks). Please help us maintain this way of life and keep Nowthen a wonderful country place to live.

May God bless Nowthen and may America bless God.

*Mayor Jeff Pilon*

**"An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory"**  
Ralph Waldo Emerson



2022 NOWTHEN FARMERS MARKET  
FINAL THURSDAYS: SEPTEMBER 8, 15 & 22  
3:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Wow, another successful Market Season comes to an end. Our Vendors are so grateful to the many customers who visit each week. This year we welcomed new vendors, food trucks, and welcomed back special guests and our musical entertainment.



The Market wouldn't be the success it is without our vendors, volunteers and customers!

We THANK YOU all for your continued support.



Are you interested in becoming part of our growing community event as a vendor, presenter or volunteer please join us at the Fall Vendor Wrap Up Meeting.

Thursday, October 6th @ 6pm

Nowthen Historic Town Hall, 19800 Nowthen Blvd NW

You can also call Market Coordinator Darlene King @ 612-581-6873 or email [NowthenFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:NowthenFarmersMarket@gmail.com).

We would love for you to become part of the 2023 Nowthen Farmers Market.



SAVE THE DATE  
2023 Farmers Market  
June 22 - September 21  
Don't miss out on the fun.



Please visit our Market Vendors at the Nowthen Heritage Festival Farmers Market  
Nowthen Memorial Park - Saturday, September 24th - 10am - 5pm.



Like and Follow us on to stay current on Nowthen Farmers Market happenings!!

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

A message from the Outgoing Interim City Administrator

It is amazing to me how fast time goes. November 1, 2021, my first day here seems like only yesterday. I am proud to say many very good things have happened while I have been in Nowthen. I am proud to have played a role, however small in some of them.

**Hiring Natalie and Adrienne.** For two people who have not worked in government both have learned at an incredible pace. Both are anxious to learn, work very hard and most importantly take great pride in their customer service. The two of them have made the city offices a positive and fun place for visitors to your city offices.

**Focus on the Details.** Government business is complex. It involves police, fire, planning, engineering, building inspection, emergency management, Park and Recreation, Finance, Legal and much, much more. Each of these areas have their share of laws, regulations and paperwork. While we as staff are by no means experts in all areas, we are working hard to minimize errors in everything we do.

**Replacing Large Equipment.** Public service requires hard working people operating modern and specialized effective equipment. Three of our oldest and key pieces of equipment are in the process of being replaced. Our firefighters are receiving a new tanker tender because without water there is no firefighting. One of our two twenty-year-old trucks is also being replaced for year round maintenance use. Finally, our old production mover was beyond its years. Our new (used) mower is working just fine.

**Broadband.** The City, working with Arvig, has completed services to the industrial area. We have partnered with Arvig, the state, and the county to obtain money to further extend service. Considering the \$14 million price tag for citywide broadband, incremental progress is the only realistic approach.

**Recruitment and selection of Our First Ever City Administrator.** After months of effort by the city council members, Scott Lehner became Nowthen's first ever City Administrator on July 25, 2022. Scott has spent 28 years serving the public and cities in our area. He is well rounded and prides himself on friendliness, fairness and customer service. The City of Nowthen is off to a great future with Scott!

**The City Council.** I have often said that the genius of our local government system is the elected citizens who are committed to make their community better. You are very well served by Mayor Pilon and Councilmembers Alders, Blake, Greenberg and Rainville! In my career I have now worked for eight mayors and 28 councilmembers. And each of these individuals ranks among the best of them.

**To all of you.** I am honored to have served people all my career. I hope that my service to Nowthen has met your expectations. Thank you so much for the opportunity to learn more about my craft.

**The best of everything to you in all things! Frank Boyles**



Are you interested in volunteering in your community?  
Do you want to meet other people?

Perhaps you would like to work with us on projects. We welcome your assistance! The Nowthen Lions look forward to meeting our Nowthen Community! You will find us around town at many events which take place here in our city.

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## MEET YOUR NOWTHEN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



My name is Natalie Johnson. I started with the City of Nowthen in November 2021 as a temporary part-time employee becoming a regular employee May 1, 2022. My family and I live in Oak Grove in the home my husband grew up in. We have three children, whom all graduated from St. Francis High School. Our two oldest are married and have given us the greatest gifts ever, five wonderful grandchildren. Our family has been involved with many local booster clubs, organizations and we are very involved with our snowmobile club, the SnoGhosts of Anoka County, including the Outlaw Grass Drags in Princeton, MN to help support and maintain the Rum River Trail Snowmobiling Trails. We attend The Bridge Church in Nowthen and are continuing to learn new things about this community.

Working for the City of Nowthen has been a new kind of challenge for me and I have been enjoying growing in my abilities and expanding my knowledge of public finance. This community has been accepting, welcoming, patient and understanding with us while we learn the ways of the city, for that I thank you!

The people I have met have been wonderful and I look forward to meeting more of you, along with making new friends along the way.

*Natalie, Deputy Clerk*

My name is Adrienne Christensen and I have been with the City of Nowthen since November 2021. I have been happily married to my husband, James Christensen for 16 years. Together we have three children, 15, 12 and 9 years of age. My husband was a submariner in the US Navy, so I spent 10 years as a stay-at-home mother and military wife before my husband got out of the Navy in 2017. We attend Church here in Nowthen at The Bridge Church, and I'm so happy to be putting roots down after years of the constant change of military life. I love that the City of Nowthen is playing a large role in this for me as this my first fulltime job other than motherhood.

It has been an incredible blessing to serve Nowthen! My heart is for our community and my hope is to be part of making our community flourish. What I love the most about this position is having the opportunity to get to know residents and people from all different walks of life.

I am looking forward to what the future holds for me here at the City of Nowthen. My desire is to grow in skills as well as personal growth, so that I can do my best for the City of Nowthen.

I sincerely thank the City of Nowthen for this incredible opportunity.

*Adrienne, Administrative Assistant*





# A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**HELLO ALL,** My name is Scott Lehner and I am extremely honored and blessed to be the first City Administrator for the city of Nowthen. I started in this new role August 1st and have met a number of you already. We transitioned from the interim city administrator (Frank Boyles) to me taking over the day-to-day operations. Frank did an extremely good job during his time here at the city. He has been instrumental in helping me transition into my new role and I appreciate the city council's willingness to allow this to happen. I have a very knowledgeable and dedicated staff that have been great to work with and I am excited about what we will be able to accomplish together moving forward.

I come into this role with a slightly different perspective than your typical city administrator. I have spent nearly 30 years in the private sector with the majority of those years working for a gas utility company. I have been responsible for managing a large workforce (165 direct and indirect reports) throughout Minnesota with an operating budget of over 10 million dollars. Much of my time was devoted to working with local businesses, city and county officials, contractors, and residents in the communities I served across the state.

During my tenure, I managed vendor and labor negotiations to ensure organizational and public goals were met and partnered with various local municipalities to resolve service issues. I have an extensive amount of Emergency response background, both in my previous role and while serving as a Sergeant with the Elk River Police Reserve Unit. I believe I bring a wealth of business knowledge and experience working with city employees, elected officials and residents of the community. Over the course of many years, I have built relationships and made contacts with many different leaders in and around the city of Nowthen. I approach my day-to-day responsibilities with common sense and a desire to always do the right thing. I enjoy working with people and solving problems with the desire of making other people's lives better. I am a servant leader and I think that will suit me well in my new role.

Prior to my public utilities experience, I spent five years in the United States Army. I appreciated the opportunity to put on the uniform and serve our country. Most of my time in the Military was spent overseas where I was exposed to many different situations. I learned how to operate as a team, and that you never stop until the mission was complete. These are values I have never forgotten and still use in my life today.

I am a firm believer in giving back and serving my community. I have done this in many different ways most recently by serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Anoka Area Chamber of Commerce. I also served as the president of the Zimmerman Chamber of Commerce for two terms, served two terms on my church Board, and served 5 1/2 years as a police reserve for the city of Elk River.

My wife and I have three children and have lived in Zimmerman since 1999. As a family we enjoy our dogs along with hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors. We are excited to be part of the Nowthen community.

I believe the city of Nowthen is a very special place to live and do business and I will do everything I can to ensure the residents of Nowthen are proud to call this city home. I want to thank the Mayor and City Council members for giving me this opportunity to serve them and the residents of this fine city.

Respectfully **YOUR City Administrator,**

## IMPORTANT 2022 ELECTION DATES

**September 23** - General Election in-person and mail absentee voting begins for the General Election.  
You may vote in-person at: Anoka County Elections Office, M-F, 8:00am - 4:30pm or the Nowthen City Office, M-F, 10:00am - 5:00pm.

**October 18** - Pre-registration of voters for General Election ends at 5:00pm.

**November 5** - Saturday in-person absentee voting.  
You may vote in-person at either the Anoka County Elections Office or the Nowthen Administrative Office 10:00am - 3:00pm.

**November 8** - General Election. All Nowthen residents vote at the Nowthen Fire Station which will be open 7:00am - 8:00pm.

**Anoka County Elections Office: 2100 3rd Ave, #160, Anoka (763) 324-1300 - Email: Elections@co.anoka.mn.us**  
**Nowthen City Administrative Office: 8188 199th Ave NW, Nowthen (763) 441-1347 - Email: Info@nowthenmn.net**

# ELECTION 2022



### SAVE THE DATES Nowthen Farmers Market Vendor 2022 Indoor Markets

Dates: November 19 & December 3  
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Location: Nowthen Historic Town Hall

- Teas • Canned veggies • BBQ Sauce • Honey
- Hen & Quail Eggs • Hand crafted wooden Toys
- Crocheted items • Baked Goodies • Garden Art
- Knitted Alpha items • Jewelry • Holiday Décor
- Hand carved wooden bowls & cutting boards
- Freeze dried fruit, veggies and candies
- Floral Bouquets • Jellies and Jams
- \*items subject to change\*

Questions? Call Darlene King @ 612-581-6873 or email NowthenFarmersMarket@gmail.com

## REDISTRICTING IMPACT ON NOWTHEN

Every 10 years after completion of the US Census each governmental agency is required to re-examine and make changes to political boundaries based on new population numbers. First the state determines new congressional and legislative boundaries. Once they are finished each city must establish or reestablish election precincts and designate polling places.

As a result of changes by the state the City of Nowthen was moved into a new State Senate District.

What does this mean for Nowthen???

### WHAT CHANGED

**Our new State Senate District is 30 and our House District is 30B.** We join Elk River, Otsego, St. Michael, Albertville, Hanover, Rockford Township and a part of Oak Grove.

### WHAT DIDN'T CHANGE

Federal Congressional District – CD6  
Nowthen Precinct 1 and 2 boundaries  
Residents will still vote at the Fire Station

Call the City Administrative Office at 763-441-1347 if you have questions.



## What has your Fire Department been up to???

As a organization we continue to move forward with the structural changes necessary for Nowthen to become a stand alone department. In February the Mayor and City Council appointed firefighters to leadership positions of Assistant Fire Chief and Captain. The new Captains will be responsible for the areas of Operation, Fire Prevention/Education and Training.

Nowthen recently added 3 new firefighters to the department. Your newest firefighters have been with the department for over a year, each has previous experience in the fire service or medical field. For those that are hired on with no previous firefighting experience they will attend the Anoka County Fire Academy. The academy meets two nights a week along with a handful of Saturdays for about four months. The Academy covers Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2 and Hazardous Materials. After completion of the fire academy students that are not EMT certified will continue their education and for a couple more months meeting a couple night a week to become certified. The fire department covers the cost of training for new firefighters, if you are interested in serving as a firefighter for the City of Nowthen, stop by the Nowthen City Administrative Office and fill out an application.

The Nowthen Fire Department recently put in to service a Quick Response Vehicle. The Ford Explorer is utilized by the our leadership team to respond directly to scene of an emergency to provide rapid care and resources on scenes.



Nowthen Firefighters were out visiting neighborhoods on August 2nd for Night to Unite. The fire department would like to thank all of you for your support!



**Dave Schmidt, Fire Chief**

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# NOWTHEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## **WE ARE HIRING PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT'S**



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-Are you looking to enter emergency medical services and the fire/rescue industry?

-Can you handle high stress and physically demanding work?

-Are you wanting to help your community working part-time in an on-call setting?

Applications are available at Nowthen City Hall M-F 10AM-5pm or email: [Msuchy@nowthenmn.net](mailto:Msuchy@nowthenmn.net)



[cityofnowthen.com](http://cityofnowthen.com)

**Give Bees a Chance: Fall Garden Cleanup for Pollinators**

By Rebecca Holmund, Anoka County Extension Master Gardener

For most of us, the end of summer means yard and garden cleanup. I used to follow the same routine every year, cutting back stems and clearing out leaves. Then I found out that my tidiness was actually harmful, or even deadly, to the native bees and butterflies I worked so hard to attract.

Unlike honeybees, who have human keepers to care for them, native bees and butterflies need to find their own ways to survive the winter. Some bees burrow into the soil, while others hibernate in hollow stems. Some butterflies survive winter as pupae, attached to twigs or dried leaves. Bumble bee queens overwinter in leaf litter and brush piles. By cleaning away the debris and mulching every bare spot, I was leaving my beloved bees and butterflies homeless...or worse.



With a few changes, I stopped destroying pollinator habitat, and started helping bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects find safe homes for the winter and beyond.

**Step 1: Leave some bare soil**

Most of Minnesota's more than 400 native bee species are ground nesters. Unfortunately, many of us use thick mulches in our gardens and landscapes. This is great for plants, but not so great for bees, who can't dig through heavy wood mulches. To help ground-nesting bees, keep some bare spots open for burrowing.

**Step 2: Leave some lower stems**

Approximately 90 species of Minnesota native bees are cavity nesters. These bees hibernate in hollow stems and cavities during the winter and lay their eggs in these same places in the spring. By cutting and destroying stems in the fall, we take away potential homes for bees, or kill their larvae.

Instead of trimming flowers in the fall, leave them standing to feed birds. In the spring, trim the dead stalks back, keeping stems 8 to 24 inches high. New growth will quickly hide the old stems. Leave these stems in place through summer, winter, and at least halfway through the following summer. If you choose to trim flower and grass stems in the fall, keep them 18-24 inches tall. Collect fallen stems and lay them in an out-of-the way place.



**Step 3: Leave some leaves and brush**

Unlike ground and stem-nesting bees, bumble bee queens hibernate tucked away under leaves or brush. Only queen bees overwinter, while workers die in the fall. Queens are left to start new colonies in the spring. To help bumble bees, leave small undisturbed piles of leaves or brush in your garden or in a corner of our yard.

With just a few minor changes to your standard fall cleanup, you can help protect the native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects that help our garden grow. A little mess can make a big difference!

**Additional Resources: A great video on fall cleanup for pollinators:**

University of Minnesota Extension Educator Julie Weisenhorn demonstrates the pollinator friendly cleanup routine she uses in her own garden in this instructional video: <https://youtu.be/TIZWfHoUmk>



The Anoka County Extension Master Gardeners offer a variety of educational events and services for the public.

Applications for new members to join the volunteer program are accepted from August 1 and October 1. Visit [anokamastergardeners.org](http://anokamastergardeners.org) to learn more.



# Nowthen Heritage Festival

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

**Free Admission & Parking — Nowthen Memorial Park**

- Pancake Breakfast 8:30 -10:30AM UNDER THE BIG TENT**
- Arts & Crafts Vendors - Farmers Market - Axe Throwing**
- Hay Wagon Rides - Live Music - Alpaca & Goat Petting - Kids Bouncies**
- Kids Games & Activities - Giant Inflatable Slide - Climbing Wall**
- Fire Station Open House - Anoka County Sheriff K9 Demo - Food Vendors**
- Inflatable Obstacle Course - Giant Yard Pong**
- Martial Art Demo by Mark Larson - Barron of Bubble & Balloon Bending**
- CONTESTS: Giant Pumpkin - Scarecrow - Largest Sunflower**
- Pulled Pork Dinner 5-7PM UNDER THE BIG TENT - Fireworks at Dusk !!!**

★Details subject to change★

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**BEWARE: DON'T BECOME A VICTIM  
PROTECT YOURSELF BY KNOWING THE SIGNS OF A SCAM**



Stories involving individuals falling victim to online and telephone scams seem to always be written or talked about. Sometimes, it may seem hard to believe that there are people still falling victim to “obvious” scams that cost victims hundreds, thousands, or even tens of thousands of dollars. However, the reason this keeps happening is because scammers keep changing their techniques to increase chances of appearing authentic and/or catching a person off guard.

Caller ID “spoofing” continues to occur making unsuspecting customers of financial institutions, agencies, and retailers believe they are receiving an authentic call as the number shows a real phone number for the organization scammers are pretending to represent. Therefore, relying on caller ID to prove authenticity is no longer a trustworthy method to follow. Instead, focus on the questions and statements being communicated to you. Is the person calling asking for strange information the organization should already have, or shouldn't need? Asking for a credit card number, log in information, pin numbers, and social security information are not data that reputable employees would ask when initiating a phone call.

Are you used to a certain level of customer service with the company that is calling you? If the customer service level from an incoming email, phone call, or text message is different from what you have usually experienced from them that should raise a red flag. Even if it ends up being a real representative calling, it is better to hang up and call the organization back to verify you are making an authentic call. Legitimate companies and agencies will understand if you want to end the communication and reinitiate it through trustworthy means. If the person you are corresponding with tries to convince you not to end the communication or provides you with a number to call them back with that is a strong sign something isn't right. Always, independently locate the correct phone number to call.

If you are not expecting a text message or email from an organization, do not click on any links that are sent to you until you can confirm the message is authentic by calling a legitimate phone number. The link that is being sent may be a scam to collect private information from you, which could cost you a large sum of money. Organizations such as law enforcement and other government agencies are not going to “cold message” you via phone, email, or text message regarding official business. While they may sound official by using a title or rank with a name, it is still best to hang up and call their listed number to ensure you are receiving accurate information.

Even some of the most technology savvy people are falling victim to scams due to being contacted at the wrong time when they happen to be distracted, busy, etc. Their guard is down, and the scammers can sneak in and take advantage of the situation. Additionally, it is important to make sure that we consistently share the ways scammers take advantage of situations with vulnerable people we care about. Always being prepared to receive a scam communication is the best defense to prevent falling victim. However, if you do believe you fell victim, please give us a call at 763-427-1212 to make a report and receive assistance on preventing further damage.

As we move into the fall season, stay safe and alert!

**Sheriff James Stuart  
Anoka County Sheriff's Office**



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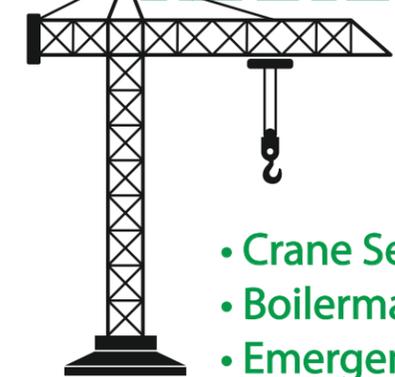
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**Nowthen residents,**

Presented here are some interesting facts for you to review. The data is extracted from the Nowthen 2021 Financial Report and 2021 Anoka County tax information.

**Dividing your property tax dollar**

Your residential dollar is divided up between several entities. The City of Nowthen collects 27 cents for city services which include, law enforcement, fire, street maintenance, parks, infrastructure improvements, recreation and administration.

The remaining 73 cents goes to other entities including Anoka County, school districts and other metropolitan agencies.

Your commercial dollar is also divided up between entities. The City of Nowthen collects only 11 cents of every commercial property tax dollar for city services. The majority goes to the state in the form of fiscal disparities which is a tax-base sharing program that redistributes taxes to all metro cities based on the residential/commercial ratio in each city.

**Residential Property Tax Dollar Distribution**



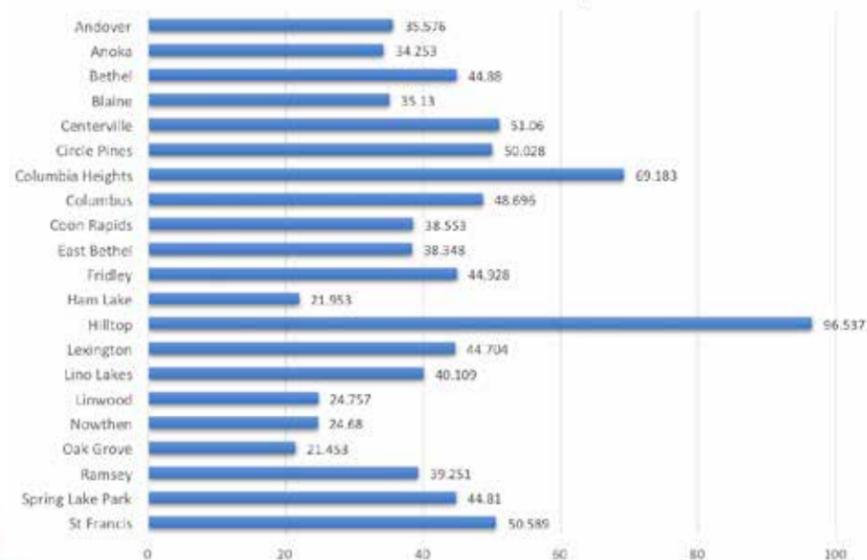
**Commercial Property Tax Dollar Distribution**



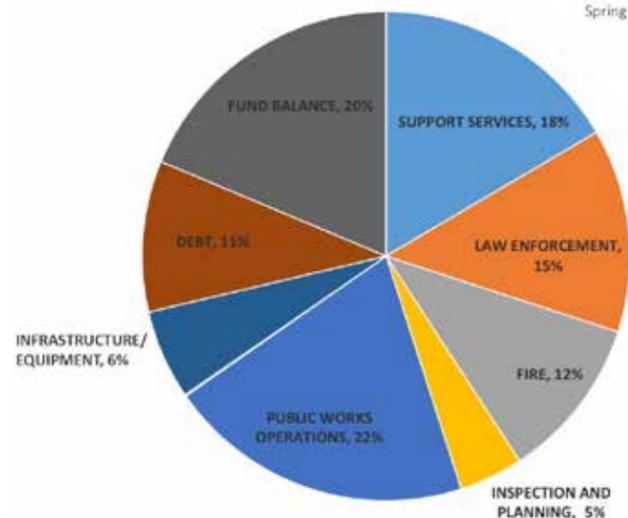
**Property Tax Rate Comparison**

The City of Nowthen tax rate of 24.7% is the 3rd lowest tax rate among all of Anoka County communities. The average tax rate among Anoka County Communities is 42.3%. Nowthen has one of the lowest tax rates in the state for cities over 2,500 residents.

**Final 2021 Tax Rates for Anoka County Communities**



**2021 NOWTHEN SERVICES SUPPORTED BY TAX LEVY**



**Where do my city tax dollars go?**

The largest percent of city tax dollars in 2021 goes to support public safety which includes fire and law enforcement. Public works operations which is primarily street maintenance is the next largest percentage. The large percentage to fund balance is a result of the American Rescue Plan Act funding received in 2021.

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www.thumbsupformentalhealth.org is a nonprofit charity working in our communities for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Lakeside Cabinets is excited to support this important cause through our annual charity car show. Stop by their booth to say hello. (Donations Accepted)

**Saturday, September 24**

**8209 199th Ave NW Nowthen, MN 55330**

**10:00am – 2:00pm (PARKING STARTS AT 9:00AM, No Early Parking)**

**Register your ride in one of 7 classes @ [www.lakesidecabinets.com](http://www.lakesidecabinets.com) or call 763-753-2628**

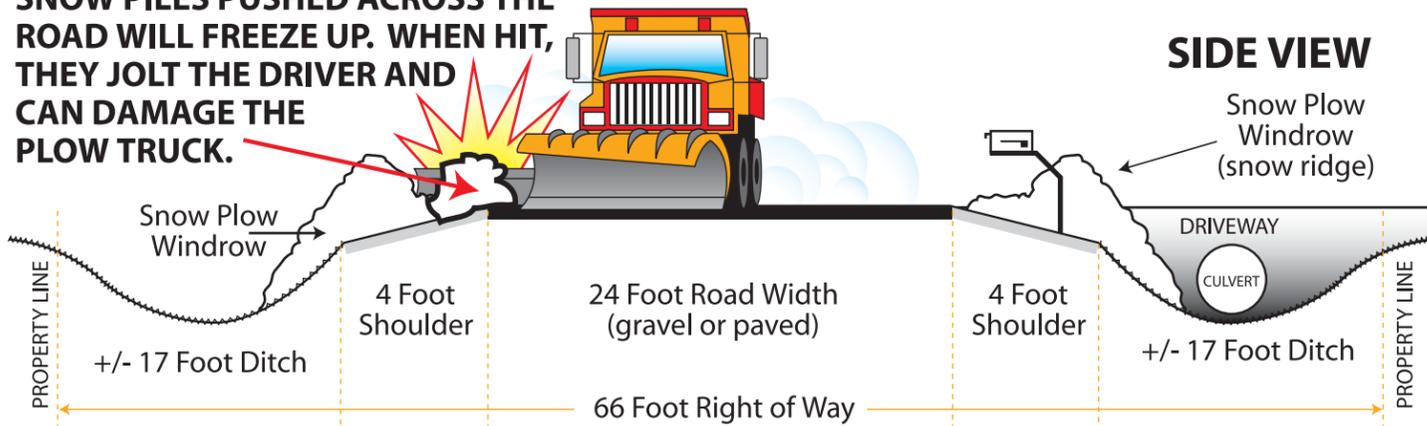
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  - Enjoy Music by TUNES-to-GO!
  - Visit **Smokin' J's BBQ Food Truck!**
    - Stop by the Thumbs Up Booth
- Enter to Win our Custom Bean Bag boards (3 winners !!)

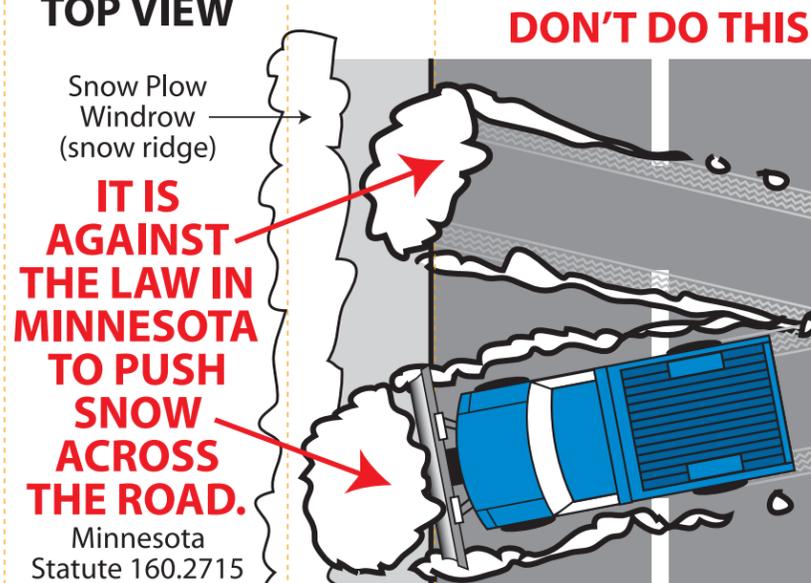
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**SNOW PILES PUSHED ACROSS THE ROAD WILL FREEZE UP. WHEN HIT, THEY JOLT THE DRIVER AND CAN DAMAGE THE PLOW TRUCK.**

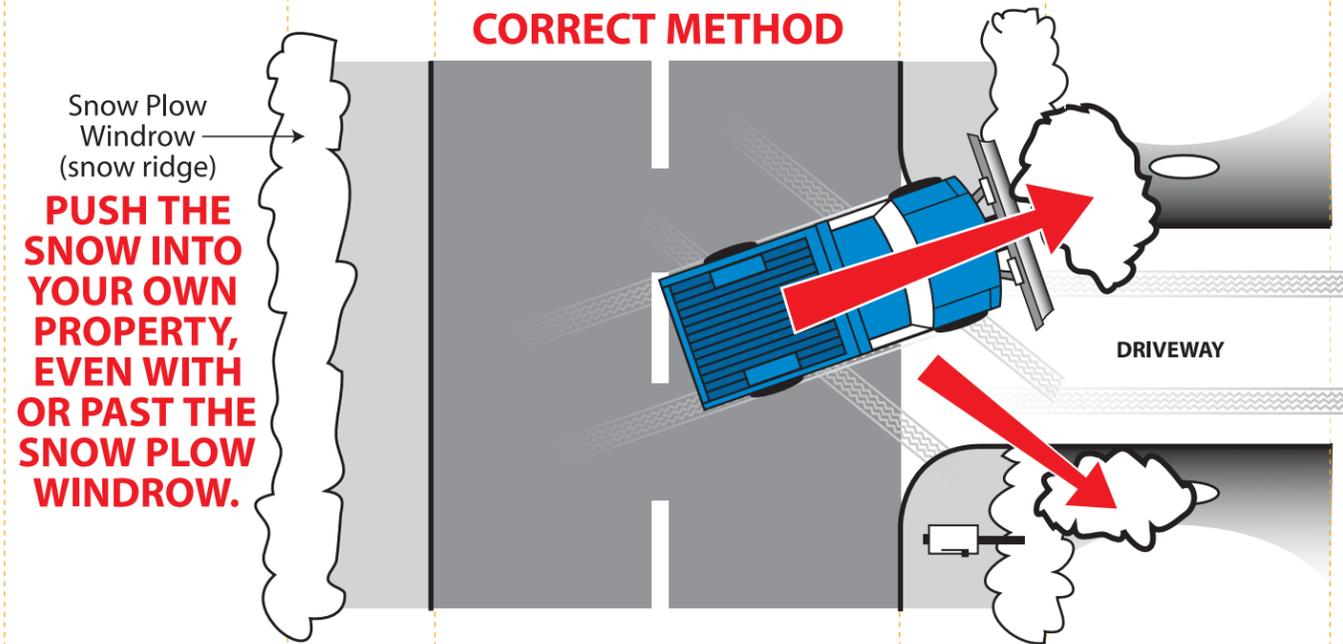


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**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**

**IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO**

1. Park a motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or accessory unit on a public street from the 15th of November to the 1st day of April between the hours of 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM.
2. Park on any public streets, ditches and rights-of way within the City anytime at which more than two (2) inches of fresh snow has accumulated until such time as the snow removal crew have cleared the roadway.
3. Park a motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or accessory unit on a public street for more than a 24 hour consecutive period.

*The Anoka County Sheriff's Department and other authorized representatives of the City are hereby authorized to remove any offending vehicle from a City road. Vehicles will be towed and stored at Owner's own expense.*

**SNOWPLOWING POLICY**

**SNOWPLOWING CRITERIA:**

- ❄️ Snow accumulation of two (2) inches or more
- ❄️ Drifting of snow that causes problems for travel
- ❄️ Icy conditions which seriously affect travel
- ❄️ Time of snowfall in relationship to heavy use of streets

Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. Consequently, plowing operations will not generally be conducted for snowfall of less than two (2) inches.

**PROCESS:** Snow will be plowed in a manner so as to minimize traffic obstructions. The center of the roadway will be plowed first. The snow shall then be pushed from left to right on two-way streets. The discharge shall go onto the road right-of-way area of the street.

**DAMAGES:** Damage to a mailbox is a risk that snowplow operators face during their winter plowing requirements. The City will conduct a review of each mailbox damage claim to determine whether the City has any legal responsibility for the damage; and if so, to replace or provide reimbursement for the mailbox. If the City, in its discretion, determines that reimbursement or replacement is appropriate, the City may either:

1. Install a new mailbox with a standard size, non-decorative metal mailbox and a metal swing away support post.

- OR
2. Provide a reasonable reimbursement for the mailbox and support post that meet the City's Ordinance standards as well as state and federal requirements for mailbox size, support and placement.

**CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE:** For irrigation systems, garbage cans or fences, unless they are hit by City equipment; and only then if they have been properly located (outside of the Right-Of-Way).

**ROCKS or POSTS:** In the Right-of-Way need to be removed before any snowfall to prevent plow damage. Rocks along driveways must be lower than the road.





## JUNKING YOUR OLD VEHICLE IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Perhaps that old car, truck or camper has been sitting unused and neglected for far too long. Maybe it needs repairs that would cost more than the vehicle itself that you just can't justify. Likely, it's an eyesore that you or your neighbor want off your driveway or out of your back yard.

Whatever the reason, scrapping your vehicle can not only give you some extra cash but can also be good for the environment. Vehicles contain many parts made of steel, aluminum and platinum metals which can be reused. The fluids, which can measure as much as 10 gallons, are recycled instead of leaking into the ground. All used parts are removed, separated and put to good use. Auto salvage operations have to be licensed and specialize in safely and efficiently stripping down the vehicles so very little ends up in the landfill.

The longer a junk vehicle sits, the chances increase that you'll receive a code compliance letter from the City and you may be expected to pay fines if it is not removed.

Section 11-4-16 of the Nowthen City Code regulates outdoor storage:

- It shall be illegal to park or store, or permit to be parked or stored, any vehicle on undeveloped residential property.
- The parking, storage, repairing, dismantling, demolition, or abandonment of junk vehicles or part thereof on a residential property is prohibited, except that a resident of the premises may repair one (1) vehicle on the property if the vehicle is owned by a resident and such repair does not exceed twenty (20) days.
- On residentially zoned property the parking or storage of unlicensed vehicles outside is limited to two (2). The property around the vehicle must be kept mowed and free of debris.
- All vehicles and other outdoor storage of machinery or equipment must be placed a minimum of five (5) feet from a lot line.

### JUNK VEHICLE HAULERS

<b>Burda's Towing</b>	763-295-9911
Monticello	BurdasTowing.com
<b>Chubb's Towing</b>	612-267-3038
Otsego	ChubbsTowing.com
<b>Collin's Bros. Towing</b>	763-241-9177
Elk River	CollinsBrothersTowing.com
<b>French Lake Auto Parts</b>	320-274-8497
Annandale	ryan@frenchlakeautoparts.com
<b>High Point Towing</b>	763-442-9895
Anoka	HighPointTowing.com
<b>Jellison's Auto Recycling</b>	763-434-6944
Ham Lake	JellisonsAuto.com
<b>Minnesota Towing</b>	612-326-6687
Hamel	763-299-0660
	SellAJunker.com
<b>Morrell Towing</b>	763-441-3666
Elk River	blfd27@hotmail.com
<b>Yeller's Towing</b>	763-464-9696
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*The City of Nowthen does not endorse, recommend or make representations with respect to the businesses referenced in this article.*

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# Nowthen Seniors

*The Nowthen Seniors are back in Action!!!*

We are a mixture of current and former Nowthen Residents (55+) who enjoy getting together for a social hour, pot luck lunch and a meeting with speakers. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

★ 3rd Wednesday of the month

★ 11:30 Social Hour ★ 12:30 Pot Luck Dinner ★ 1:00 Meeting

★ Nowthen Historic City Hall, 19800 Nowthen Boulevard

Please watch Nowthen Seniors tab on the City Website for updates.

If you would like to join us or would like more information please call Dottie Stadfelt at 763-421-9546.

## A Note from the City Assessors

**2022 Property Review Update:** City Assessors are finishing up visits to residential properties that were due for a 5-year review in 2022.

During the remainder of the year, they will be out reviewing work done on permits for new construction homes, other permitted work, and commercial/industrial properties.



**Proposed Taxes 2023 Statements** will be mailed out from Anoka County in November. This is a notice showing the preliminary estimate of the property tax amount for 2023. The amount is based on preliminary levies submitted by Anoka County, City of Nowthen, your school district, and other taxing authorities. Dates and times will be listed for upcoming public meetings at each of the taxing authorities where feedback on the levy amounts may be given. This notice does not include amounts for waste management fees, special assessments, or school district referenda approved in the fall. More information about the proposed tax statements can be found at:

<https://www.anokacountymn.gov/281/About-Your-Tax-Statements>

**Additional Resources:** Looking for general information about Property Taxes, Estimated Market Value, Property Tax Classifications or other Property Tax related questions? Visit MN Department of Revenue Property Tax Info page <https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-information>.

*Mary Wells and Erik Skogquist*



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## BURN PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

For those that have recently applied for a permit burn you most likely have had a Nowthen firefighter come out to your residence and introduce themselves and take a quick look at the what is to be burned. We are just looking to make sure nothing is being burned that could be issue for the homeowner, it's also a great way to get out and meet the residents of Nowthen.

**BURN PERMITS:** before applying for a burn permit please check the MN DNR Map to determine if burning restrictions are in effect - [www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating\\_restrictions.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html). If the DNR enacts burning restrictions or bans all previously issued beaning permits are NULL and VOID. The City of Nowthen also has the right to revoke a permit if the weather conditions are not favorable to burn such as winds exceeding 10 MPH.

**BURN PERMITS:** are free and available at the City Administrative Office, M-F, 10:00am - 5:00pm or on the City Website under Departments - Fire Department. To use the on line version download, save and rename the document to your device before completing. Upon completion attach it to an email and email to [Permits@NowthenMN.net](mailto:Permits@NowthenMN.net). Upon approval city staff will email your permit back to you and the Fire Department will be notified. The permit shall remain on site with a competent person 18 years of age or older at all times. Burn permits are only valid from 6:00pm—8:00am.

**BURN PERMITS:** are required for Nowthen residents who are looking to burn brush, tree debris and trees. Permit fires shall not exceed 15'x15' maximum diameter and height and only one pile can be burned at a time. Residents are responsible for keeping the fire under control at all times and the extinguishing of it. Fire Extinguishing equipment such as a water source, fire extinguisher or other extinguishing material is required on site.

**BURN PERMITS:** only allows the burning of clean vegetative material: grass, leaves, brush, and untreated lumber. Open burning of rubbish, treated construction material, furniture, hazardous wastes and plastics is prohibited.

**BURN PERMITS:** aren't required during winter months when there is three (3) inches or more of snow cover.

**BURN PERMITS:** obtaining a permit does not necessarily prevent the fire department from being dispatch to our property. If a fire call is received the fire department will automatically be dispatched to investigate the call.

**BURN PERMITS:** are not required for recreational fires. Recreational fires must not exceed 3' diameter and clean dry wood is only allowed to be burned. Homeowners are responsible for keeping the fire under control at all times and the extinguishing of it.

**REMEMBER:** all fire call fees, damages, and costs associated with an illegal fire, will be the property owners responsibility. Keep you fire under control at all time and attend the fire until completely extinguished. Violations of permit conditions may also result in criminal and/or civil actions.



If you have any questions please call the City Administrative Office  
@ 763-441-1347 or email [Permits@Nowthenmn.net](mailto:Permits@Nowthenmn.net).

**Nowthen Fire Department**



# Fall Recycling Day

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**8AM – 1PM**

**Nowthen Recycling Center - Next to the Nowthen Fire Station**

The Mayor, Council and Staff will be on site to assist residents and to accept payment for Electronics, Light Blubs, Mattresses and Box Springs, etc.

Arrangements have been made for this event for each Nowthen household to recycle at **NO CHARGE** the following:

✓ 4 household appliances    ✓ 4 non-TV electronic items

✓ 8 non rimmed passenger car or truck tires

All other applicable item fees will be collected.

Please bring the coupon below.

Please call the City Office with any questions you may have. 763-441-1347

**VALID ONLY ON FALL RECYCLING DAY**  
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**8:00AM - 1:00PM**  
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# RECYCLING CENTER FEES

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 11AM - 5PM

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 Bring to City Administrative Office  
 for redemption.**

**ITEMS ACCEPTED for FREE at the Recycle Center:**

Aluminum, Antifreeze, Automotive Batteries, Cardboard, Cell Phones, Clear & Colored Glass, Extension Cords, Eye Glasses, Holiday Lights, Magazines, Newspapers, Oil and Oil Filters, Paper, Plastic, Scrap Metal and Tin.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED for A FEE are listed below.**

FEES must be paid at the City Administrative Office: Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm.

**CALL THE CITY OFFICE FOR COMPLETE PRICING: 763-441-1347, ext. 300**

**APPLIANCES:**

Household	\$10.00
AC Unit, Chest Freezer	\$20.00
Propane Furnace	\$15.00
Fuel Oil Furnace	\$25.00
RV Appliance (Gas/Ammonia)	
Air Conditioner	\$50.00
Refrigerator - under 4'	\$175.00
- over 4'	\$350.00
Commercial/Industrial Freezer	\$150.00

**TELEVISIONS:**

Under 13"	\$25.00
14" - 19"	\$30.00
20" - 27"	\$35.00
28" and larger - including Consoles	\$55.00
TV Plasma/LCD 4" - 20"	\$20.00
TV Plasma/LCD 21" +	\$30.00

**COMPUTERS/LAPTOPS, AND MONITORS**

Computers / Laptop	\$15.00
Monitors - measured diagonally	
Up to 17"	\$30.00
Over 18"	\$35.00
Modem (external)	\$10.00
Mouse and Keyboards	Free

**PRINTERS**

Small	\$15.00
Large / Laser	\$35.00
Fax Machines	\$20.00

**MISC. ELECTRONICS**

Small CD player/VCR/DVD	\$5.00
Radios/Scanner	\$15.00
Stereo Receiver	\$25.00
Stereo Console	\$50.00

**TIRES - Up to 20"**

Car, Passenger Truck, Motorcycle, ATV	\$2.50
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**OVERSIZED**

21" - 24.5"	\$25.00
Loader	\$55.00
Semi Truck	\$10.00
Skid Steer	\$12.00
Tractor	\$45.00

**MISC**

SKID Steer Track—Metal (each)	\$150.00
Snowmobile Tracks	\$100.00

**The following items are accepted only at the City Administrative Office:**

**FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS**

4' and under/Compact/Circular/U-Bend	\$0.75
Over 4'	\$1.00
High Density	\$5.00
Florescent Bulb Ballast	\$2.00

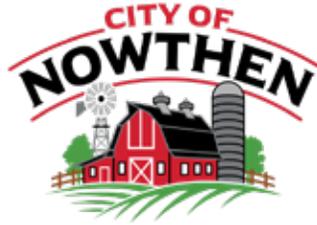
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**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**Nowthen Farmers Market**

Darlene King 612-581-6873  
Jade Warren 612-801-0191

**Nowthen Heritage Festival**

NowthenHeritageFestival@gmail.com

**Nowthen Lions**

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Judy Herrala, Secretary  
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**Nowthen Seniors**

Dottie Stadfelt, President  
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**The Nowthen City Council Meets at the Nowthen Historic Town Hall, 19800 Nowthen Blvd, Nowthen, MN 55303**

The Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month with the meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
Due to the General Election the November meeting date has been changed to November 10th.  
Meetings can be viewed after the meeting at: YouTube City of Nowthen.

September 13, 2022    November 10, 2022    January 10, 2023    March 14, 2023    May 9, 2023  
October 11, 2022    December 13, 2022    February 14, 2023    April 11, 2023    June 13, 2023

**Note:**

Throughout the year meetings may be added, rescheduled or cancelled.

In addition the Council may hold Workshops the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.

Please call or email the City Administrative Office @ 763-441-1347, ext. 300 / info@nowthenmn.net to confirm dates and times.



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