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2025 Mid-year
Graduation



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Brandon Area Briefs

Family Storytime Wednesday at Brandon Branch

Family storytime for children ages birth to 5 are invited to the Brandon Community Library from 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Jan. 16 is soup supper at VS Legion

Valley Springs American Legion will host a soup supper beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16. The menu will feature chili, bean and ham and white chicken chili soups. A free will offering will be accepted.

Megard to talk on 'advent of radio communications'

Garretson resident Randy Megard will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, Jan. 19 Military History program at the Valley Springs American Legion. The program, which is free and open to the public, begins at 6:30 p.m.

Megard will present, "WWI: The Advent of Radio Communications."

Refreshments and a time for Q&A will follow the presentation.

'Snow Much Fun' at Brandon Library on Jan. 25

"Snow Much Fun" is a special event planned for Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Brandon Community Library. The event is from 10-11:30 a.m. and is intended for kids ages K-5 and will offer snow-themed crafts and activities.

Jan. 28 OTM to feature Brandon development panel

January's On The Menu luncheon at Tailgators will feature representatives from the city of Brandon, the South Dakota Department of Transportation

and local developers. The event is from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. Pre-registration is required. Visit brandonvalleychamber.com to register. There is a \$15 fee for lunch.

On The Menu is a monthly endeavor of the Brandon Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. It is typically held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Tailgator's.

'Curious about Journaling' program planned for Valley Springs Library

The Valley Springs Branch Library will host a class for adults, "Curious About Journaling" from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at the Library. Register online (siouxlandlib.org) and click on the "Programs and Education" link.

BVSD Early Childhood Screening is Jan. 30

Brandon Valley School District will conduct its annual Early Childhood Developmental Screening from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at Brandon Elementary School. Screenings are free for all children from birth to age 4 who live in the BVSD. South Dakota School for the Deaf will also be providing free hearing screenings at this time.

To register for early childhood screening, visit brandonvalleyk12.sd.us/spec_serv or call (605) 582-3446.

Current needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

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To make appointments for pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

Wild Game Feed gears up for 2025 event

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2025 wild game feed and auction. The committee has received a generous donation of pheasants, so will not be accepting more pheasants at this time.

To donate, contact one of the following committee members: Harry Buck at (605) 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at (605) 366-7842; Jill Meier at (605) 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at (605) 553-2786.

This is the 40th year for the event, which has traditionally been held the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl at the Brandon VFW. This year, the event is Saturday, Feb. 8.

Tail Waggin Tutors at Brandon Library on Feb. 1

Tail Waggin' Tutors, a program where children read aloud to a certified therapy dog – in this instance, Evie – is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 1. Register online (siouxlandlib.org) to schedule a 15-minute session. Tail Waggin' Tutors is designed for kids ages K-5.

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Brandon Library Book Club returns Feb. 6

A book club for adults is returning to the Brandon Community Library from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6. Participants will gather in the conference room to discuss the assigned book.

To learn more or reserve a copy of the book, call the Brandon Community Library at (605) 582-2390.

Honoring Our Heroes Ball is March 8

Tickets are now on sale for the third annual Honoring Our Heroes Ball on Saturday, March 8 at the Brandon VFW. The formal event is a night of dinner and dancing for veterans, auxiliary members and a guest. Doors open at 5 p.m. for social time, and dinner is at 7.

Tickets may be purchased at the VFW, via Facebook (vfwauxiliary4726) or Venmo @ Brandon-VFW.

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Clear snow from fire hydrants

The Brandon and Valley Springs volunteer fire departments remind residents to help clear snow from fire hydrants near their home. Remove any snow and ice within a three-foot perimeter of the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

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Thank you, Mark, in Tallahassee Florida.

Dear Mark,

The miles really don't play much into this one. There is no way to tell the complete internal condition of the cooling system without complete disassembly, but you can get a quick look by removing the hoses and looking inside of the passages. If there is only light rust and scale then we would suggest starting by replacing all the coolant hoses, flushing the entire system including the heater core and replacing the thermostat. Once all of that is done, we would also add a bottle of K-Seal Ultimate to the cooling system to help prevent future leaks. It won't clog the system and if there are any small voids in the head gasket it does a good job of sealing them up by searching out pressure differentials in the cooling system. Good luck!

Take care, the Motor Medics.

Dear Motor Medics,

Hi guys, my 2013 Ford F150 EcoBoost seems to smoke a lot after it has been sitting. If I drive it every day it is not a problem but when I park it for a week or more and start it up the exhaust smokes white for a few minutes. This is worse when it is very cold outside, and It has been doing this since I bought it about two years ago and I have not had to add any oil or coolant to it. I hope you can help me.

Thank you, Joey in Marshall Minnesota.

Dear Joey,

There are many kinds of smoke that can come from a vehicle, and some are worth addressing while others are not. Blue smoke indicates that oil is being burned and can be caused by piston ring or cylinder wear or things like valve guides or turbo seals on a turbo engine like yours which have become worn. It also would be accompanied by oil usage. Then there is black exhaust smoke which indicates excessive fuel usage, a rich running condition. This is caused by too much fuel entering the engine. The problem you are having with white smoke is usually the best kind. White smoke on a gasoline engine indicates either burning coolant or normal condensation. You have said that you are not adding any fluids so it must be condensation. This is normal due to water collecting in the exhaust.

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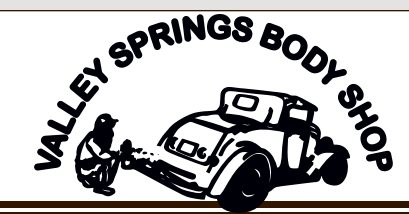
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Ten Brandon Valley High School seniors have opted to graduate at midyear, and their special event is Wednesday evening in the Performing Arts Center. Find out more about the guests of honor and their plans for the future.

How long can trains block a city street? *BV Journal* editor talked with Ellis & Eastern President Clark Meyer on the "rules of the railroad."

The Brandon City Council reviewed the final Rice Street/Holly Boulevard Corridor Study. Find out what's in store for this heavily-traveled east-west thoroughfare.

When the calendar turns to January, there's a rise in membership at the local gyms. This week, *Journal* writer Jennifer Harms gives you some insight into the annual surge.

Minnehaha County Commissioners conducted their annual organizational business, and you may be surprised by the change in their selection of legal newspapers for 2025.

Plus, we bring you an array of reports of Lynx sports teams in action, including the Dan Pansch Wrestling Invitational, basketball games against Brookings, and a Lady Lynx softball player signing.

And there's a whole lot more. If you find yourself asking, "I wonder what's going on ...," it's surely time to subscribe to the *Brandon Valley Journal*! Give us a call at (605) 582-9999 to subscribe today so you, too, can be in the know.

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- Work ____
- Bytes, usually
- Composer Khachaturian
- Siren
- CBS forensic drama
- Not beat around the bush
- Whirled
- In charge
- Lookout
- Seminary study

Down

- Middle manager?
- Small, graceful hawk
- Bani Sadr was its president in 1980-81
- AT&T acquisition of 1991
- Verbal hesitation
- Strike out
- Match
- Gave two tablets to, say
- Presence
- Sitcom character who lived with the Tanners
- U-shaped fitting used on automatic garage doors
- In need of punctuating
- Actor Davis
- Calls for
- Strip
- Augur
- Like some high-tech machines
- Sibelius's land
- "__ fair ..."

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat within the same row, column or box. **Solution on page 2**

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- Corp. VIPs
- Verb with thou
- Adonis's slayer
- Later
- Enlarges, in a way
- D-Day carrier
- One frequently looking down
- Breakout source?

- Tosses
- "Oy!"
- Doofus
- Alleviates
- Deal
- "The Seasons" composer, 1801
- Certain Balkan
- Back nine opener

- Rugged ridge
- Movie pooch
- Opponent of Caesar
- Get amorous, in Exeter
- '60s Cosby/Culp series
- Pen or hen
- Siemens predecessor
- Food fish

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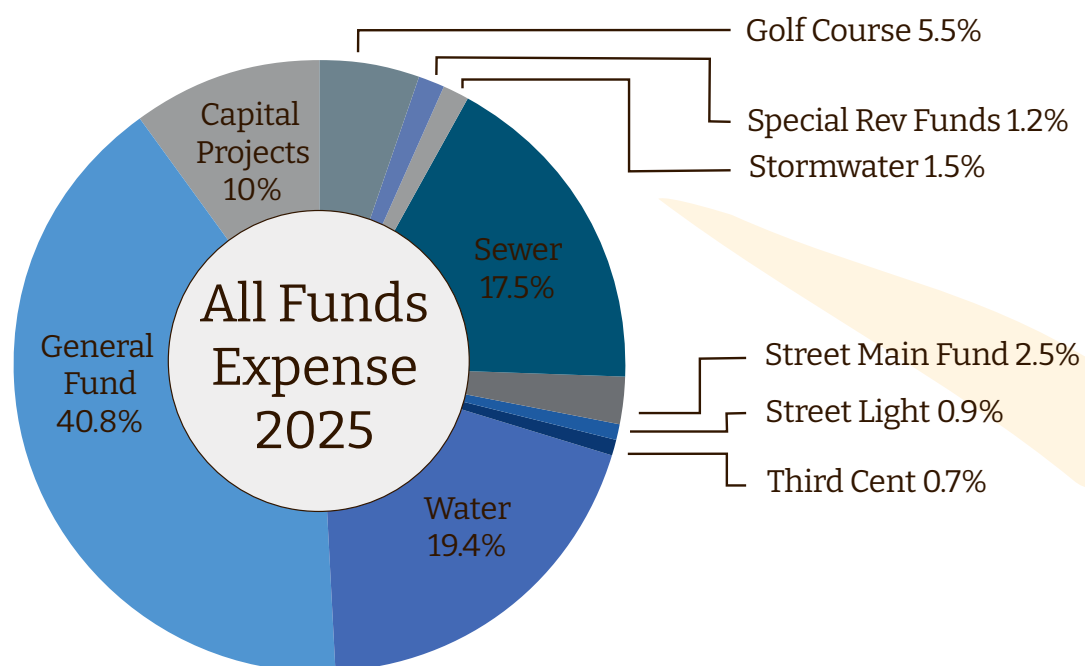
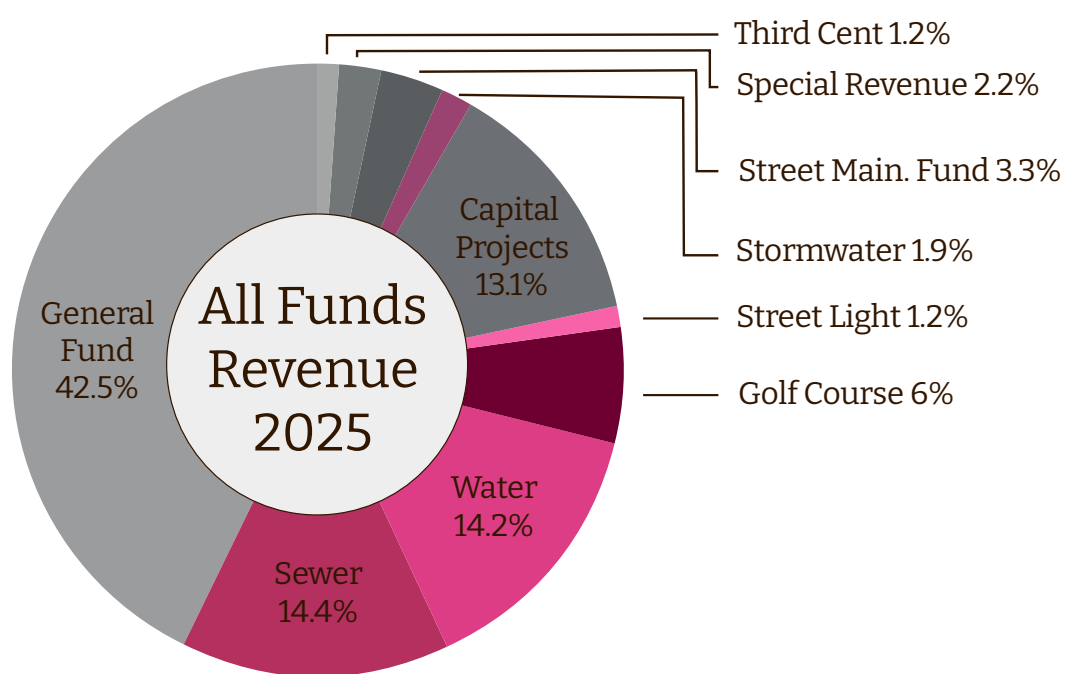
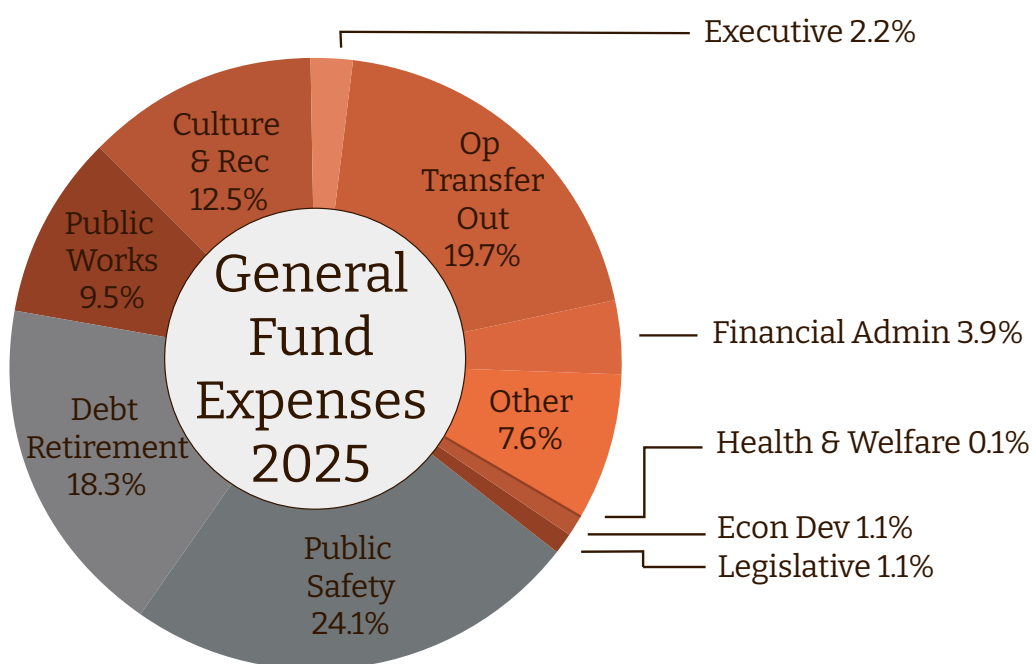
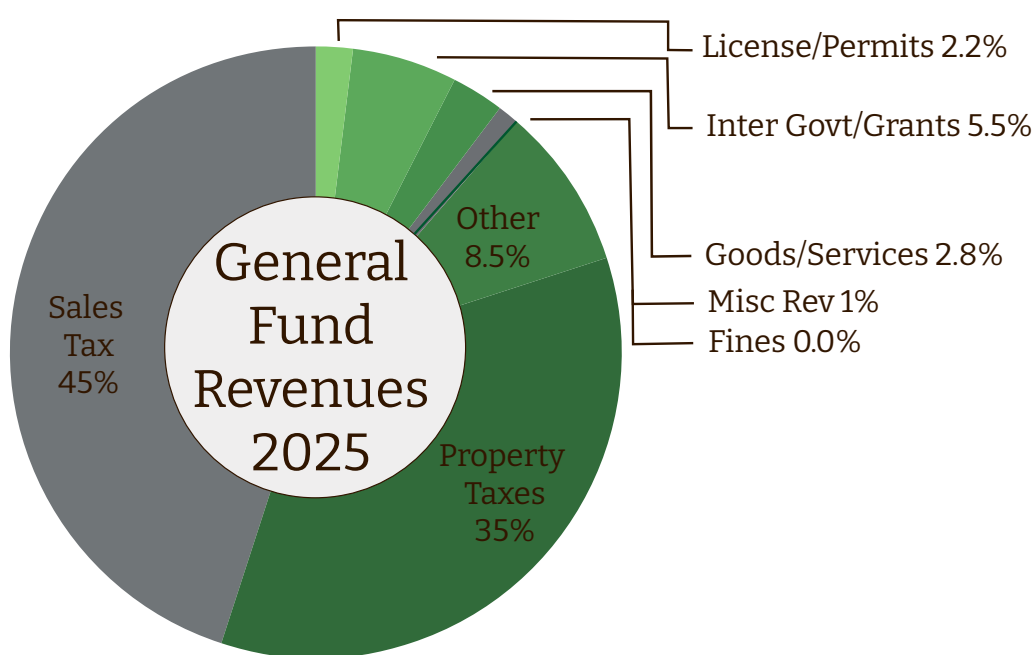
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2025 Budget



OVERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
Cities use an accounting system called fund accounting. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding (revenue) and spending (expenses) for particular purposes. The City of Brandon maintains fifteen funds. Some of these funds include the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Street Maintenance Fund and the Street Light Fund. Below is an overview of some of the funds the city maintains. Visit <https://cityofbrandon.org/finance> for a detailed budget, audit and more.

GENERAL FUND
Revenue for the general fund comes mostly from property and sales tax revenue. Departments included in this fund are general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation and more.

STREET MAINTENANCE FUND
Revenue for the street maintenance fund comes from an annual street maintenance fee on your property taxes. The 2025 assessment is \$2.50 per front footage of your lot. The revenue is used to maintain or repair public streets, like our annual Slurry Seal. A Slurry Seal is done each year in an area of town to extend the life of the road. Replacing curb and gutters, street patching and striping roads are other repairs done on streets to extend the life.

WATER FUND
Revenue for the water fund comes from water usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the water fund. The water revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. 2024 major capital projects included Water Treatment Plant, Water Meter Replacement Phase V and new water lines for Core Phase 2B and Exit 406.

SEWER FUND
Revenue for the sewer fund comes from sewer usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the sewer fund. The sewer revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. The City has an agreement with the City of Sioux Falls to ship our waste to the Sioux Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is the largest operational cost the City of Brandon has for the sewer fund, coming in at over \$1.4 million dollars in 2024. Studies to compare options and cost have been done in the past, with this being the best option for the City. Those studies can be viewed at <https://cityofbrandon.org/publicworks>. 2024 projects included new sewer lines in the Core Phase 2B, Exit 406 area and Dual Force Main.

STREET LIGHT FUND
Revenue for the street light fund comes from street light fee on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the street light fund. The street light revenue helps pay for crossing lights, street lights, all of the streets lights in residential areas and major roads throughout the City of Brandon. A 2024 project included adding lights in the Core Phase 2B project to improve the lighting and safety of the area and changing over to LEDs.

This is a brief overview of the City of Brandon finances. For a complete budget or audit report visit <https://cityofbrandon.org/finance>. City finances are very different from private business. Should you have any questions, you may reach out to City Finance Officer, Christina Smith at 605-582-9056.