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Managing Our Stormwater

Why is Managing Stormwater Important?

Stormwater must be managed to protect our drinking water supplies, prevent flooding and preserve natural resources.

State Requirements for Stormwater Management

When the City reaches a population of 10,000 or greater, Brandon will be required to obtain a MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer systems) permit in order to meet federal standards.

Usage of Stormwater Fee Generated Revenue

Revenue generated from the stormwater utility fee will be used to pay for:

- Stormwater utility operation and state/federal permitting requirements.
- Maintenance of current stormwater infrastructure.

· Stormwater infrastructure improvements as recommended in the 2020 Citywide Drainage Planning (see https://cityofbrandon.org/storm).

Paying for Stormwater Management

The City collects utility fees to pay for the operations and improvements of its infrastructure. Similarly, the City will implement a stormwater utility fee that is based on a property's contribution to stormwater runoff. In other words, the fee will be based on total property area and the amount of impervious areas that prevent rainfall or snowmelt from soaking into the ground.

What To Expect

The cost for a residential property will be \$4.91 per month, beginning in January 2022. Fees will increase by 5% per year between 2022 & 2027. Fees may be added to existing utility bills.

\$4 - \$5 Month

Stormwater Frequently Asked Questions Summer 2021

What Is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is the water that flows off of roofs, driveways, parking lots, streets, and other hard surfaces during rain events and snowmelt. Any water not absorbed into the soil is also considered runoff. Stormwater and snowmelt that flows into ditches, culverts, and storm sewers does not receive any treatment to remove pollutants before entering our rivers and streams.

What Is Impervious Area?

Impervious areas are hard surfaces such as structures, asphalt, compacted gravel, concrete, or other man-made surfaces that prevent stormwater from being absorbed by the soil.

Why Does Brandon Need To Manage Its Stormwater Runoff?

Much like water, sewer, roadways, or solid waste systems, stormwater must be managed to protect our drinking water supplies, prevent flooding and preserve natural resources. Management is essential to protect the quality of the waterways we use for drinking water supplies, recreational activities, and for the health of local wildlife.

Why Is The City Starting A Stormwater Utility Fee?

After completing a stormwater utility feasibility, the City decided to adopt a stormwater utility fee to pay for stormwater infrastructure capital, operation, and maintenance. The primary benefit to instituting a utility fee is it fairly distributes the cost of the City's stormwater services across all eligible properties based on the parcel's contribution to stormwater runoff.

How Is The Fee Calculated?

The City of Brandon will adopt a stormwater utility fee to fund the City's program. A stormwater utility fee is based on total property area and the amount of impervious area on a property that prevents rainfall or snowmelt from soaking into the ground. The cost for a residential property will be \$4.91 per month in 2022. The cost for a pollution generating non-residential property will be \$0.01470 per square foot of impervious area. The cost for a non-pollution generating non-residential property will be \$0.00980 per square foot of impervious area. The rate will increase by 5% annually between 2022 & 2027.

When Will This Go Into Effect?

The utility will be created as a City Ordinance in 2021. The rate will change utility bills starting in January 2022. More information about rates and billing will be available in the Fall of 2021.

For more information on this and other City infrastructure, visit https://cityofbrandon.org/storm or follow us on Facebook.

Stormwater Facts



There are 3,670 parcels in Brandon with more than 37 million square feet of impervious



properties in Brandon are 38% covered by impervious surface surfaces.



Non-residential parcels in Brandon are covered on average, with 61% impervious surfaces.





Pollutants picked up by stormwater can be carried to sources of drinking water on the surface and underground.



Residents can help

by picking up litter, disposing of trash and pet waste appropriately and never changing the oil of a vehicle near a stormwater drain.



Brandon has listed over \$6 million in stormwater infrastructure



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Saturday

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Ask the Motor Medics®

Automotive Advice from The Under the Hood® Show

Dear Motor Medics.

We purchased a two-year-old Ford Truck that has the flex fuel option. I've never owned a flex fuel vehicle so I read the owner's manual and at your suggestion went to fueleconomy.gov to get an idea of what kind of mileage it should get. They claim about five mpg more than what we are getting. The truck was a lease vehicle and has about 70,000 miles which seems high for two years, but they say it was taken care of. What can we do to improve the fuel economy? 10mpg on the highway for most of the time using e85 seems very low. Your answers are always appreciated.

Thank you, Darren in Lemmon SD.

Dear Darren,

Driving the truck primarily on the highway and assuming it's in perfect tune, you are not carrying extra weight, and you are using no ethanol fuel, it should do better. With 70,000 miles on the truck even though they claim it has been well taken care of it likely has not had much work done in the way of tuning. It's two years old, it just doesn't happen much. Without a fuel system cleaning you can lose a couple mpg and using e85 will take another couple. Being flex fuel you can use a blend. If available, try 30% and check the mileage. That percentage has resulted in an increase for many of our customers with flex fuel vehicles over e85 or nothing.

Take care, The Motor Medics

Dear Motor Medics,

I'm thinking of buying a Saturn Vue. It's got some miles but is a very nice vehicle. There's only one thing that's keeping me from it and that's because they're no longer in business. This holds true for other companies as well, but they were bigger. If I buy this thing and I need to have it worked on will they be able to find parts for it? It's a great deal but not if I must park it because I can't fix it.

What do you guys think?

Thank you, Todd in Yankton, SD.

Dear Todd,

Yes Saturn is gone but this vehicle shares many of the common drivetrain parts with other vehicles and the aftermarket makes many commonly used parts for popular vehicles, so you don't have to rely solely on the manufacturer. For most unique parts like body and interior that are still available you would purchase them through a GM store. Many companies

that are still in business today have discontinued less popular parts to save money and they can be tricky to find. Popularity commonly drives what is available. We have found ourselves looking for parts on a three-year-old vehicle that is out of warranty and at times just could not come up with a new part. In most cases we were able to find a good used part as an option and get the customer going and save them some money as well.

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Four Ward 3 residents in Brandon have applied for the vacant one-year term to represent that segment of the city. The current council interviewed them Monday evening and tomorrow's *Journal* will let you know who they are and why they're interested in the position.

There's a new executive director at the helm of the Brandon Tennis Association, Laura Wong, and we'll introduce you to Laura and her vision for the community tennis program.

The *Journal* continues its series on retiring staff of the Brandon Valley School District. This week, Stacy DeBoer reflects on her 32-year teaching career.

Monday evening was the Districtwide Band Concert that brought together more than 500 Brandon Valley musicians, who premiered a new work commissioned by a local band director. Learn more about the story behind this massive undertaking.

This is Holy Week, and Brandon Valley Assembly of God invites the public to their two-night presentation of the *Living Last Supper*.

A Brandon Valley Y-ball team played for the championship against a Sioux Falls Roosevelt-based team on Sunday afternoon, and *Journal* writer Tom A. Savage was there to take in the action in words and photos.

As always, we've got the lowdown on BV's track and field teams, the Lynx boys tennis and baseball programs and how they fared last week.

If you're a subscriber, thanks for reading! If you're not, what are you waiting for? Give us a call at 582-9999 so you can be in the know of everything that's "Coming in Tomorrow's *Brandon Valley Journal*"!



The Love Your NEIGHBOR—

This week's quest: BRADY KOUPAL

A senior at Brandon Valley High School

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Brandon Area Briefs

Easter Egg Hunt on tap for Saturday

The Valley Springs Community Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16 on the grounds of Valley Springs Elementary.

Easter Carnival is Saturday

Susie Meyer is hosting a "no candy" Easter Carnival and Easter Egg Hunt from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, April 16 at 48148 258th St. Brandon. The event also offers carnival games, prizes, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt, live animals and outdoor games.

There is a \$10 fee per child and proceeds will go to the Risen Savior Youth Group.

Two positions open on BV School Board

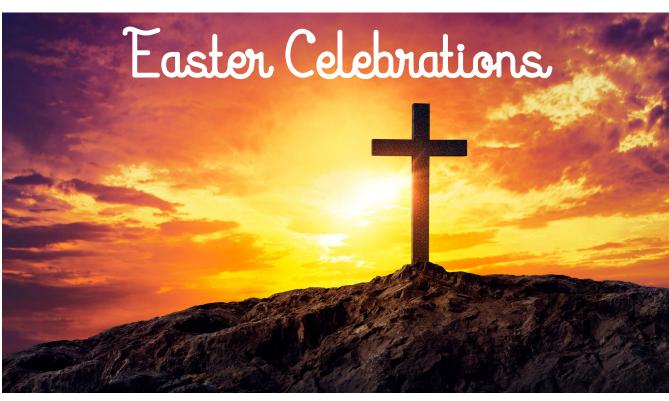
The filing period for two, three-year term on the Brandon Valley Board of Education is now open and closes at 5 p.m. Friday, May 13. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the Central Office, 300 S.

Splitrock Blvd., between the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The chairs of longtime board member Renee Ullom and Dr. Gregg Talcott are up for election. Talcott has announced that he will not be seeking re-election, while Ullom has said she is seeking another term. If more than two candidates file, an election will be held on Tuesday, June 21. To learn more, call the BVSD Central Office at 582-2049.

Good Friday hymn sing

The public is invited to attend the Good Friday hymn sing at 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 5 at Brandon Valley Baptist Church, followed by a potluck. All are asked to bring a dish to pass. Easter sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. The service will be led by the youth group and breakfast, also served by the youth group follows. A second Easter worship service begins at 9 a.m.





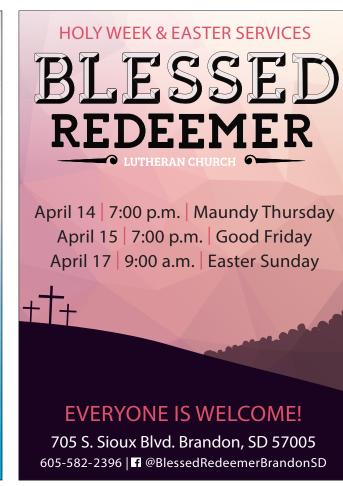




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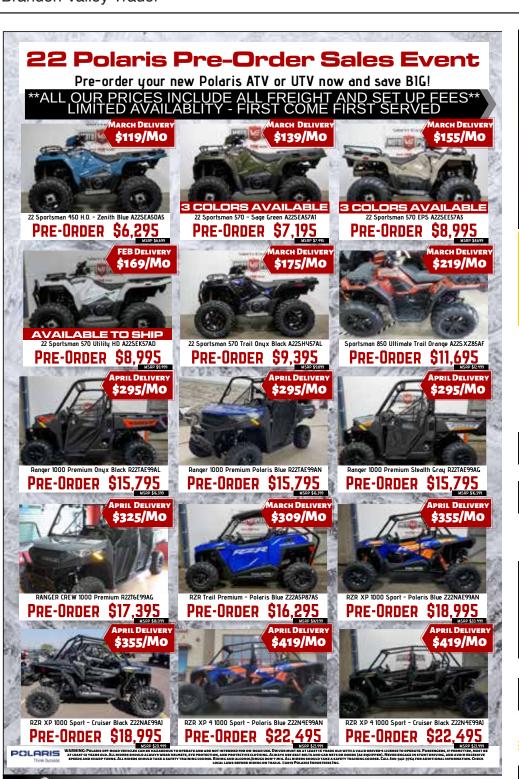




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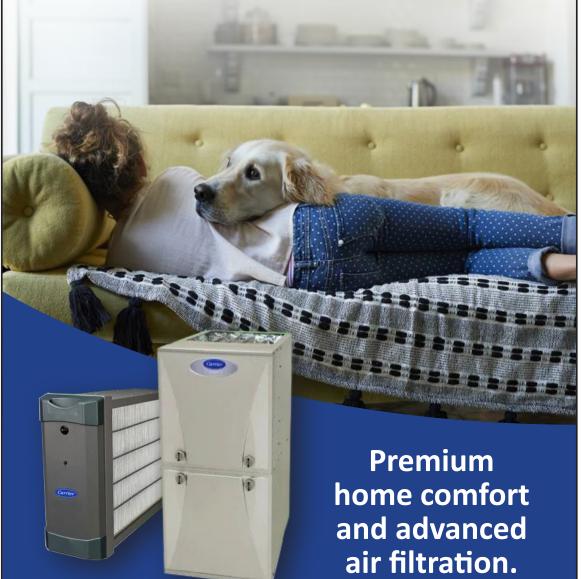


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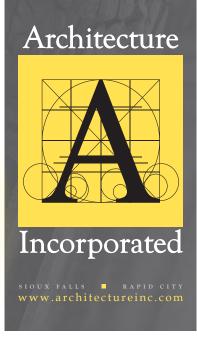
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