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IN NOWTHEN

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## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR PILON

### SO...HOW ARE THINGS GOING?

When you start preparing a newsletter in early August that will come to homes in early September, you never know what in the world might have changed in the meantime. I hope at this reading that all is well, especially with you and the people you care about. While we can't control what is going on in the world, we each can make a positive difference in our own community.

With that in mind, I continue to work with our Nowthen Council and city staff to provide quality, professional services to keep our city running efficiently and effectively, and working with residents to help keep Nowthen a wonderful country place to live.

### HIGH-SPEED FIBER THROUGHOUT NOWTHEN-FINALLY!!

Construction started in late spring to bring highspeed fiber service to every home and business in Nowthen. Most of the construction is expected to be completed by late fall, with the remaining work to be completed in early spring 2025.

As I have stated previously, this has been quite an adventure for me. I have been working on this project for more than ten years and now it is finally a reality.

I believe one of the best parts of this process is, by working with Federal, State, and County officials to obtain grants and with the significant financial contributions from the internet providers, we are able to provide fiber throughout the city at no cost to the Nowthen taxpayers! (For the record, the total cost to bring fiber internet throughout the city exceeds \$10M.)

Thank you to my fellow council members, city staff, and our city attorney for their assistance throughout this process. I am also grateful to all the residents who offered encouragement, information, and reached out to our government officials on behalf of this project. It was a great team effort.

The service providers will be sending out information regarding anticipated installation schedules and their product rates as construction moves into areas throughout the city. There is no obligation to sign up for their services.

### CONTROLLING CITY COSTS

The Council and I continue to work hard to try and control Nowthen's expenses, while still providing excellent city services, retaining high caliber personnel, and maintaining a healthy financial reserve.

Even though Nowthen is a small city, we still have some very large expenses. Finding the best way to manage the city funds is always a challenge for the city council and city staff. With the economy in flux locally and across the globe, it is more critical than ever that we all make prudent financial decisions. It is even more important when you are spending other people's money as elected officials do when using monies provided by taxpayers. In the past number of years, the Nowthen City council has invested over a million dollars in trucks & equipment for the public works and fire departments, millions of dollars for road maintenance and improvements, and we've invested millions of dollars in public safety and personnel costs (fire department, law enforcement, and city staff). We've made all these investments while still maintaining one of the lowest city tax rates in the state.

I believe it is our responsibility to hold the line on spending wherever reasonable, especially when the state legislature is raising taxes, fees, and additional charges to record levels. With this in mind, we value your input and ideas regarding the city budget. The city's budget proposal for 2025 must be submitted to the County by the end of September. You may contact the members of the city council if you would wish to share your input; our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION IMPACTING NOWTHEN

For the past few legislative sessions there have been several bills brought forward that would strip the authority of cities to have control over their lot sizes, zoning regulations, residential and commercial development, and density, among other things. These bills would also have eliminated the cities' authority in these matters and our residents' rights to have public hearings on developments on their neighboring properties. In addition to these issues, there was still a bill that would have repealed Nowthen's exemption from Met Council control.

There was great concern this year, because of bi-partisan support, that these overreaching bills would finally be passed into law. But, thanks to the opposition from our group of elected and appointed officials and the calls and emails from concerned residents (and the confusion in St. Paul at the end of the Legislative session) most of these bills never got to a vote. Thankfully, and of great importance to the residents of Nowthen, the repeal of our exemption from Met council control also did not pass. Many of the groups supporting these bills stated they will bring them back next session. I encourage all who believe that cities should control their own zoning and land use issues to support like-minded individuals throughout the state.

As always, I am available for your questions, comments, or concerns. Phone or text me at **763-639-9151** or email at **MayorPilon@gmail.com**.

May God bless Nowthen and may America bless God!

*Mayor Jeff Pilon*

*"I favor a policy of fiscal responsibility not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people."*

Calvin Coolidge

CITY OF NOWTHEN

# FARMERS MARKET

**FINAL THURSDAYS: SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, & 26**

**NOTE NEW HOURS 3:00-6:00**

Wow, another successful market season is coming 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. The market wouldn't be the success it is without our vendors, volunteers, and customers! **THANK YOU!**

If you would like to be a market vendor, presenter, food truck, or volunteer, email [NowthenFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:NowthenFarmersMarket@gmail.com). We would love for you to become part of the Nowthen Farmers Market!

Stop by the Heritage Festival Farmers Market at Memorial Park on Saturday, September 28th, 10:00-5:00! Watch the City of Nowthen Website for potential indoor markets!

**SAVE THE DATE - 2025 FARMERS MARKET**

**THURSDAYS, JUNE-SEPTEMBER**

Like us on Facebook to stay current on Farmers Market Happenings!





# A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DEPUTY BILL JACOBSON



As another beautiful Minnesota summer comes to an end, we wanted to take a moment to remind the citizens of Nowthen of some of the most important ways to stay safe on the roadways. It may not seem like it now, but snowy weather is right around the corner. Every year in Minnesota lives are lost on our roadways and the top four causes have been the same for many years: distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, and failure to wear a seatbelt. We encourage everyone to slow down, drive sober, put the distractions away, and always wear a seatbelt. This becomes even more important as the temperature drops and the snow flies.

ACSO works hard to keep the roadways safe in Nowthen. As of the writing of this article, the number of traffic stops made in the City of Nowthen has increased over the last year.

While no one likes to get pulled over by the police, traffic stops play a critical role in keeping speeds down and curbing unsafe driving behavior for not only those who live in Nowthen, but for everyone who travels through Nowthen. Even with the increase in traffic stops, traffic citations are down by 29%. That means the vast majority of the traffic stops we make in Nowthen result in a warning being issued along with reminders about safe driving.

We also wanted to share an important update regarding the ACSO fleet. We have debuted a new look for our marked patrol vehicles and the City of Nowthen will likely have seen this new look patrolling the city. Nowthen's new squad car, a 2024 Dodge Durango, has been serving the city since this summer.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. We are honored to protect and serve the city of Nowthen.

Call us if you need us. We'll be here.

## Chief Deputy Bill Jacobson

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Andover, MN 55304

"To protect and serve the community in a manner that preserves the public trust."



Saturday,  
September 28th



Nowthen  
Memorial Park

# Annual Nowthen HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 10:30 under the big tent!**

Arts & Crafts Vendors - Farmers Market Barron of Bubble & Balloon Bending - Live Music - Giant Inflatable Slide - Kids Bouncies - Food Vendors - Alpacas & Goats - Marble Mazes - Kids Games & Activities - Hay Wagon Rides - Inflatable Obstacle Course - Axe Throwing - Fire Station Open House - Anoka County Sherriff K9 Demo - Mark Larson Martial Art Demo

**Contests:** Giant Pumpkin - Veggies - Sunflower - Scarecrows

**Pulled Pork Dinner 5:00-7:00 under the big tent! - Fireworks at dusk!**

\*Schedule subject to change\*

Admission and parking are free, and there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, gather your friends and family!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Hello all, I hope this message finds you well, and all of you have enjoyed your summer so far. Can you believe as of August 1st, 2024, I have been with the city for two years? Where does the time go? We accomplished some great things in our two years, but we have more to go. I would like to take a moment to update you all on some of the highlights since the last newsletter.

We have had some great new additions to the City of Nowthen staff. We hired a new administrative assistant, Lexi, to fill an open position in May. She has been a great addition to our office staff. We also hired two seasonal employees to work with our public works staff for the summer. They did a great job taking care of our parks and keeping the city ditches mowed. They also ensured all the garbage was emptied at the parks and helped with additional duties as needed. They did a great job and were an excellent addition to the team. We wish them well as they both went to college in mid-August.

Our public works department has been working very hard over the summer getting some large projects completed that I challenged them with. They installed new grills and ash containers at the parks for all to enjoy and use at our parks. We are also exploring options for new roofing for our pavilions at Twin Lakes Park because the current roofing has holes, and doesn't do a good job of keeping the water out of the pavilions. We also had volunteers paint the outside of the concession stand building and the inside of the bathrooms. Public works staff sprayed calcium chloride (dust control) on 10 miles of gravel roads earlier this year. We got a large portion of our asphalt roads crack-sealed and repaired throughout the summer.

We also completed a road study over the summer that will help us determine the condition of our asphalt roads and help prioritize which roads are in need of repair or replacement. Believe it or not, it won't be long before we will have all our equipment ready for snow plowing again. We now have a new large plow truck that we have been waiting for for over two years, which we received in July! You will see this truck out on the roads this winter.

When I first came on board one of the major things we had to work through very quickly was the Election process. Now we are at it again! The staff has been working diligently to prepare for the 2024 elections. We are trying to keep you all updated on our election process and dates through our city website. Please take a look at our website as we have made major changes to the content and made it easier for you all to navigate. We have created a community calendar that shows election information, council meetings, and community events! I hope you enjoy it. One thing we are continuing to work on is improving the website for anyone trying to access it from their mobile device. This is more complex, but we are diligently working to make our website mobile friendly.

One of my favorite things to witness is the residents of this fine city coming together. I have witnessed this recently during our Night to Unite. Our Sheriff's Department representatives, our fire department staff, and I were all out that night visiting with residents. We also had our groundbreaking ceremony for Comcast, who started to install their equipment in late July. This has been a long time coming, so it was great to see some of you at the ceremony.

I wanted you all to be aware that we have five new firefighter recruits going through the training process. It looks promising that we will have some new firefighters added to our staff very soon. We have had two successful recruiting open houses and have added 9 additional part-time firefighters over the course of the past year. We are also in the process of interviewing for a new full-time Fire Chief. With our agreement with the City of Saint Francis ending soon (end of 2024), we need to have our leadership structure in place to ensure our continued success with having our own Fire Department for the City of Nowthen.

Some amazing events within our community have been happening, including The Threshing Show, and the Farmer's Market. Also, the Annual Heritage Festival will be held on September 28th. There are so many great things going on in this city. I hope you all find time to participate in some of them - I will see you there.

Lastly, I want to say that I appreciate how many of you went out of your way to welcome me to your city over the last two years. I truly feel blessed to be part of this city and honored to be your City Administrator. I come to the office every day excited to figure out how I can better serve you. I also want you all to know, I can't do it alone. We have a great staff and I appreciate all they do. We have a City Council that supports us very well, so this is a team effort. I am truly blessed. If there is anything you need from any of us here at the city, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to serve.

Enjoy the rest of your year and be well.  
YOUR City Administrator,

*Scott Lehner*

# Nowthen Seniors

Welcome Seniors (55+) from Nowthen and the surrounding areas!

If you think you might enjoy getting together for a social hour, pot luck lunch and a monthly meeting with speakers, please join us!

★ 3rd Wednesday of the month

★ 11:30 Social Hour

★ 12:30 Pot Luck Dinner

★ 1:00 Meeting

★ Nowthen Historic Town 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 Terrance Gerdes at 763-354-4365.

## Notice from Nowthen Maintenance Staff

This fall and winter, we will be cutting down trees in the right-of-way of Nowthen Roads. We do this for the safety of drivers, and to extend visibility. Please be aware, that some right of ways are very close to the road. According to Minnesota law, you must yield to maintenance vehicles, this helps keep all employees and citizens safe while driving.

Thanks and have a great rest of the year!

Nowthen Maintenance Staff





SEPT. 28 2024



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8209 199TH AVE NW NOWTHEN, MN 10:00AM - 2:00PM  
(parking starts at 9am, NO early parking please)

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- Stop by the Thumbs Up Booth
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- More than \$2,000 in prizes will be raffled off during the show.

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Meet the newest Nowthen Administrative Staff Member

Hello, my name is Lexi Johnson. I graduated from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul this past May, and I came to work for the City of Nowthen shortly after as an administrative assistant. When I am not helping residents or office staff, you can find me leading worship on Sundays and Wednesdays at The Bridge Church here in Nowthen.



I am a self-proclaimed music nerd, a big football fan (hopelessly devoted to the Vikings), an avid reader, and I love to be outdoors. I am a local St. Francis graduate, and I'm thrilled to get to work so close to my home. I am so happy to be here and I look forward to assisting you!

Lexi Johnson

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

★ NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH, ★  
NOVEMBER 5TH

FIND OUT WHAT PRECINCT YOU RESIDE IN BEFORE YOU VOTE BY GOING TO THE LINK BELOW

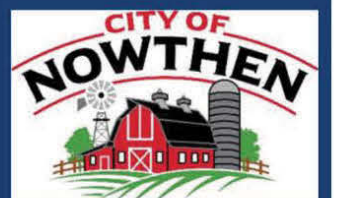
[HTTPS://POLLFINDER.SOS.STATE.MN.US/](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/)

THE CITY OFFICES WILL BE OPEN OUTSIDE OF REGULAR OFFICE HOURS FOR DIRECT BALLOTING ON  
OCTOBER 26TH, 9:00-3:00  
OCTOBER 29TH, 10:00-7:00  
NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD 9:00-3:00



ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20TH

DIRECT BALLOTING BEGINS ON OCTOBER 18TH





## **NOWTHEN COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:**

### **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL, NOWTHEN'S CHRISTIAN COUNTRY SCHOOL**

By Amy Hanson

When you drive through the intersection of Viking and Baugh, do you realize you are driving past Nowthen's only K-8 school? Nestled on the edge of Nowthen proper, St. John Lutheran School represents the historical country school while providing excellent education in a Christ-centered environment.

St. John Lutheran Church was organized at Viking and Baugh in Burns Township in November of 1876, by about 10 farming families of the area. The school was formally established in 1888. Prior to that, church members asked the traveling minister to provide brief stretches of education for their children. "Because of the ethnic background of the congregational membership, all teaching was done in the German language. Shortly before the turn of the century, English reading was included in the curriculum and gradually became the primary language in the school." (From the book, "Nowthen: Then and Now" by Lou Paulson).

After the school was established, the church pastor continued to be the educator until 1916 when a principal-teacher was hired. St. John Lutheran School was originally started as a one-room classroom, and this was maintained until 1957 when a second classroom and teacher was added. Some Nowthen residents may remember the original church/school building, built in 1892, that housed the one-room school until 1949.



In 1949, a two-room schoolhouse was dedicated and used until 1987 when an addition to the 1971 church building allowed the church and school to be housed under the same roof. In June of 2002, St. John took on a 1.6-million-dollar expansion of the facility to include a Family Life Center/gymnasium, the remodeling of the existing sanctuary and the lower level of the Church. At present there are 9 classrooms, a library, sanctuary and Family Life Center that serves both the congregation and school. In May of 2010 the congregation remodeled the sanctuary.

St. John Lutheran School has small class sizes, offering low student to teacher ratios, which allows for individual instruction. It also offers traditional education and values in an everchanging world where "getting back to the basics" serves our children well. Parents have excellent access to the teachers and day-to-day school activities due to the small size. St. John is a private, parochial school but has affordable tuition in comparison to other local private schools.



St. John School 1949 - 1987

The students of St. John today learn the educational basics: reading, writing, and arithmetic. In fact, St. John is one of the last area schools to continue with cursive writing instruction. While continuing traditional techniques, they also have appropriate access to technology to enhance their learning through Chromebooks and computers. Our science teacher regularly includes hands-on experiments such as worm and starfish dissections and physics labs with the yearly "egg-drop" challenge. The school continues to have a foundation in music with all-school Christmas concerts and Spring musicals. Individual music lessons are offered with local piano, string and band instructors. Cross-country, soccer, basketball, volleyball and softball are extracurricular sports offered to upper grades.

Religious instruction is the foundation of our school and continues to be the cornerstone for our teachers and students. Every day begins with prayer and devotions, weekly chapel services are held on Wednesdays, and lunchtime begins and ends by giving thanks. Scripture and catechism memory work is a weekly expectation along with daily Bible instruction. The teachers care for the students because of their belief in a Loving Savior and regularly teach the children about God's love and His forgiveness. Conflicts between children are resolved with forgiveness, helping children to learn this action and bring it into adulthood.

St. John Lutheran School values its past and the people who have persevered with faith and sacrifice to serve children with love and quality instruction. St. John is a school where you can know your children will be loved, the past will be valued, and the future will be protected. St. John has had a positive impact on generations of families in our community. If you live in the Nowthen area and have kids in the Preschool - 8th grade, check out St. John Lutheran School!

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**FALL RECYCLING DAY!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



**ITEMS ACCEPTED  
FREE OF CHARGE**

**Paper:** Dry Cardboard,  
Magazines, Newspapers, Office  
Paper, Paper Bags, Phone Books

**Miscellaneous:** Scrap Metal,  
Holiday Lights, Plastic Bags,  
Household & Automotive  
Batteries, Extension Cords,  
Bicycles

**Containers:** Glass (brown, clear,  
and green food containers),  
Beverage Aluminum Cans, Steel,  
Tin and Aluminum Food Cans,  
Plastic Bottles and Containers,  
**Automotive:** Oil (cannot be  
mixed with anything), Oil Filters,  
Antifreeze

**PLEASE NOTE**

- Only plastics #1, #2, or #5 are accepted
- Please separate aluminum beverage cans from steel, tin, and aluminum food cans
- All items must be rinsed and free of debris

City of Nowthen Fall Recycling Day

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2 ELECTRONIC ITEMS  
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4 PASSENGER/LIGHT TRUCK TIRES  
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Visit [cityofnowthen.com](http://cityofnowthen.com) under the  
Recycling tab for more information  
and Recycling Fees



## A Message From the City Assessors

### Assessor's Corner 2024 Property Review update:

The City Assessors are finishing up visits to residential properties that were due for a 5-year review. 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 2025 Statements will be mailed out from Anoka County in November. This is a notice showing the preliminary estimate of the property tax amount for 2025. The amount is based on preliminary tax levies submitted by Anoka County, City of Nowthen, the school district your property is in, 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 any school district referenda approved in the fall.

More information about the proposed tax statements can be found online at: <https://www.anokacountymn.gov/281/About-Your-Tax-Statements>. Please note that the county website may not be updated with 2025 information until November, around the same time the statements go out.

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



**FOOD TRUCKS** *photo booth*  
**PIE THE PASTORS** **PIE EATING CONTEST**

*pumpkin games*  
**FACE PAINTING** **MECHANICAL BULL**  
*Inflatables*

DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**  
**NOON TO 3 PM**



**THE BRIDGE**

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 9:00 AND 10:30 AM



# Snow Plowing 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

**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.

## 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.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- When a heavy amount of snow is being pushed by the plows, some may ricochet off the plow and will knock down garbage's, unsecure mailboxes, etc. Please plan accordingly.
- Snow and ice control operations are expensive and involve the use of limited personnel and equipment. We appreciate your understanding.

**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-metal mailbox and a metal swing-away support post.  
OR
2. Provide a reasonable reimbursement for the mailbox and support post that meets city ordinance standards as well as state and federal requirements for mailbox size, support, and placement.

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## WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

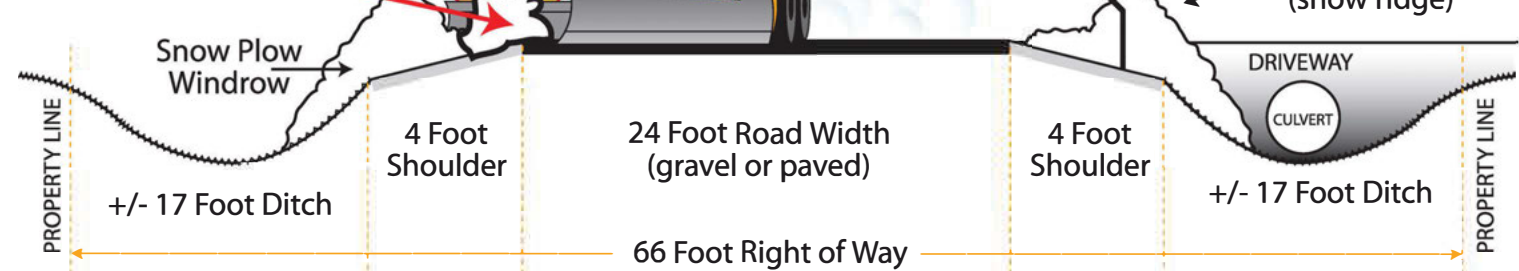
IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO

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 right-of ways within the City anytime at which more than two (2) inches of fresh snow has accumulated until such time as the snow removal crew has 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.

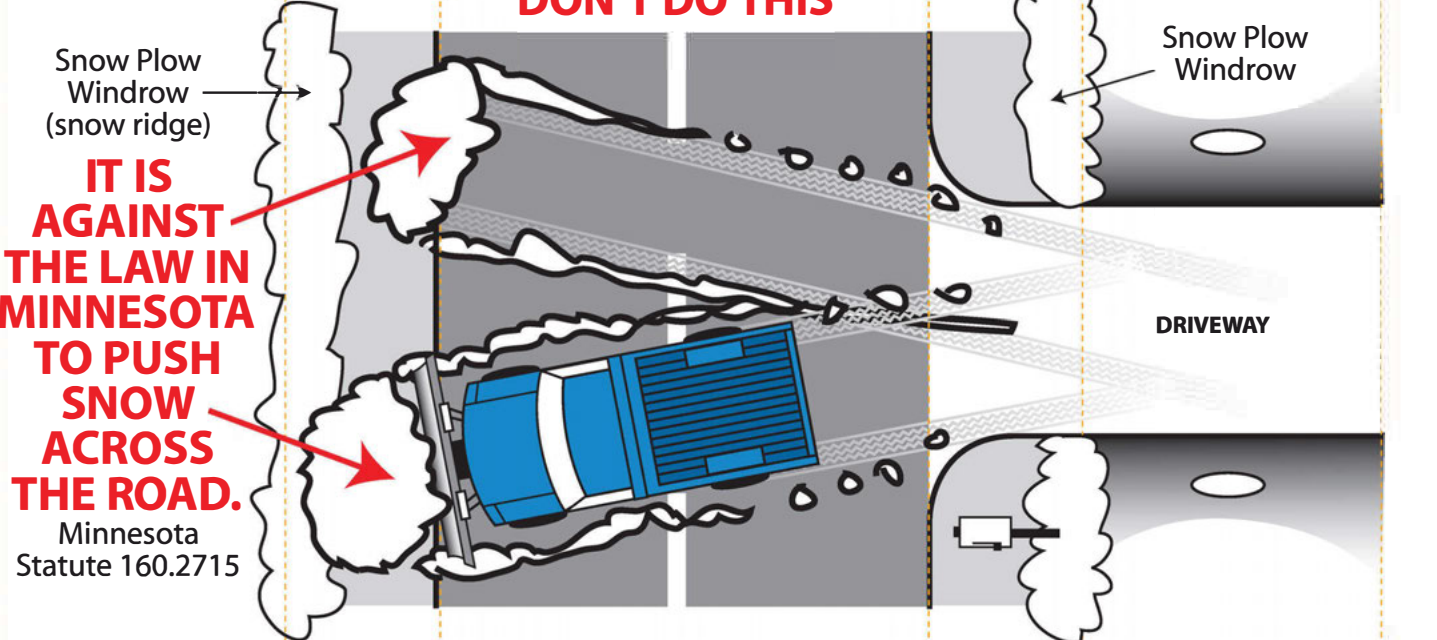


The Anoka County Sheriff's Department and other authorized representatives of the City are hereby authorized to remove any offending vehicle from a City road. Vehicles will be towed and stored at owner's own expense.

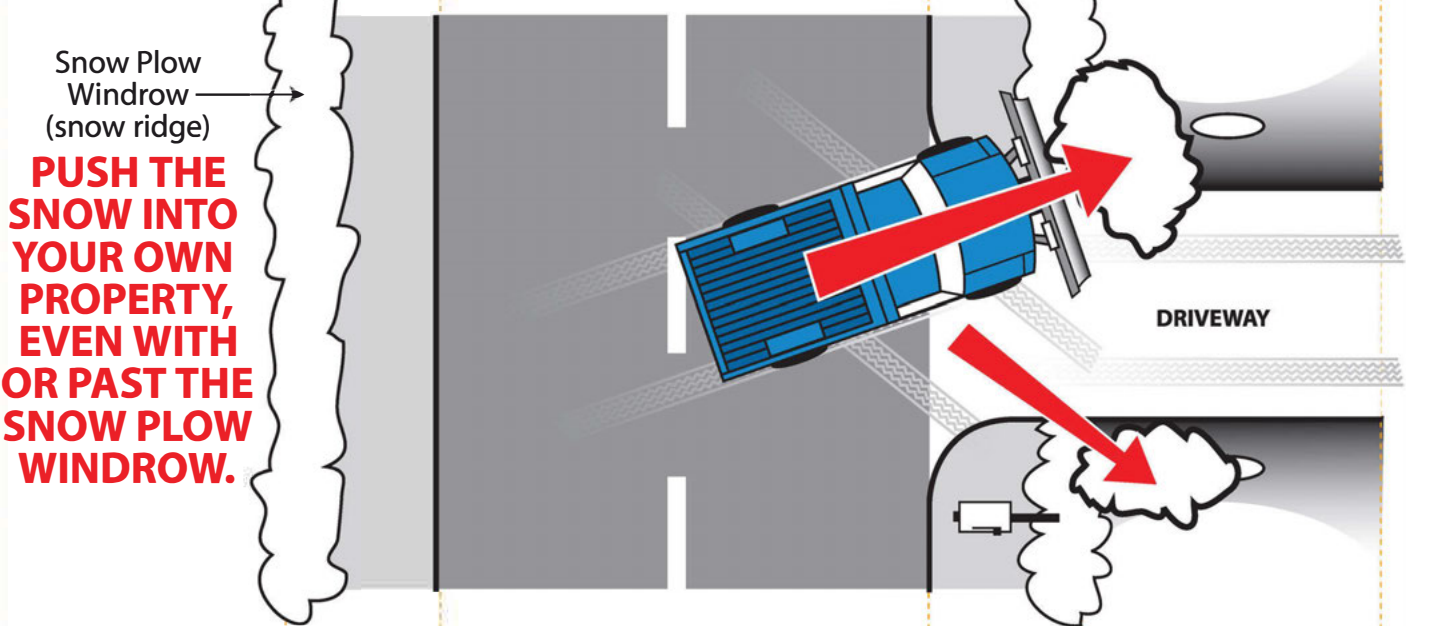
SNOW PILES PUSHED ACROSS THE ROAD WILL FREEZE UP. WHEN HIT, THEY JOLT THE DRIVER AND CAN DAMAGE THE PLOW TRUCK.



## TOP VIEW



## CORRECT METHOD





# NOWTHEN PLUMBING

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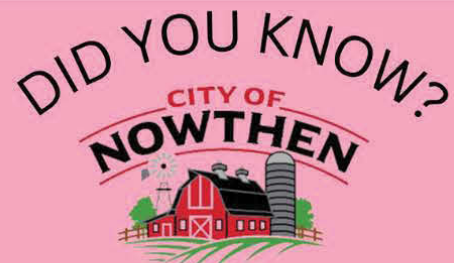


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**Burns Township (now Nowthen) originally had several schools serve the area. A few were:**

Dunn School District 29, District 45 Schoolhouse, District 27 Schoolhouse, Saint Francis, District 21 Schoolhouse, District 63 Schoolhouse, District 7 Schoolhouse, and District 49 Schoolhouse!



Information from "Nowthen Then and Now, a history of Nowthen Minnesota" sold in the City Office - only \$5!



## Update on Nowthen's Digital Building Permit Process

Historically, the building permit process relied heavily on manual paperwork and large filing systems, a method that proved overly complicated and often resulted in project delays. Recognizing the need for improvement, there has been a strategic shift towards digital solutions to manage the permitting process. This transition to online systems is specifically aimed at enhancing efficiency and streamlining the management of the permitting process, effectively addressing the issues of complexity and delays.

Acknowledging this trend, Rum River Consultants has partnered with Baseline Technologies to digitize Nowthen's permitting process. Starting March 1st, 2024, Baseline's platform began streamlining this process. As of July 2024, the Baseline Permits online system has significantly reduced project turnaround times. Currently, the platform has efficiently processed over 5,000 permits and counting.

As the designated building official for Nowthen, Rum River Consultants aims to facilitate a smoother, more efficient permit application experience for contractors and residents. The Baseline Permits system simplifies the application process, offering precise tracking and scheduling capabilities. For upcoming projects, we encourage utilizing the system at [rrc.baselinegov.com](http://rrc.baselinegov.com) for an efficient, straightforward permit application.

If you need help with the platform, contact Baseline's support team at 763-330-0010 or [support@baselinepermits.com](mailto:support@baselinepermits.com). For questions regarding building permits, contact Rum River Consultants at 763-331-7722.



We value your feedback on this new platform and invite any suggestions or comments.

Nowthen residents, presented here are some interesting facts for you to review. The data is extracted from the Nowthen 2023 Financial Report and 2023 Anoka County tax information.

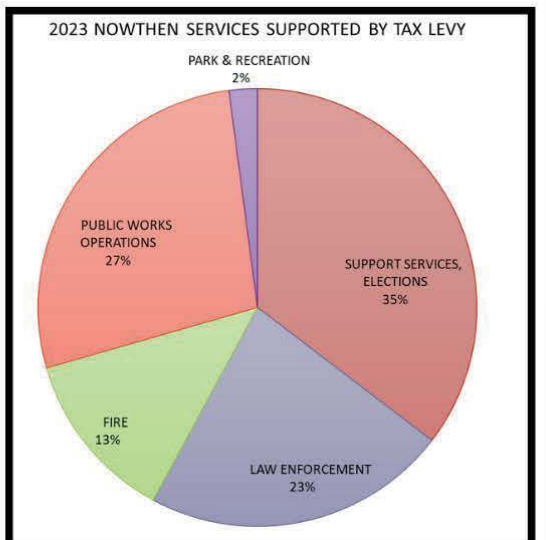


### Dividing your property tax dollar

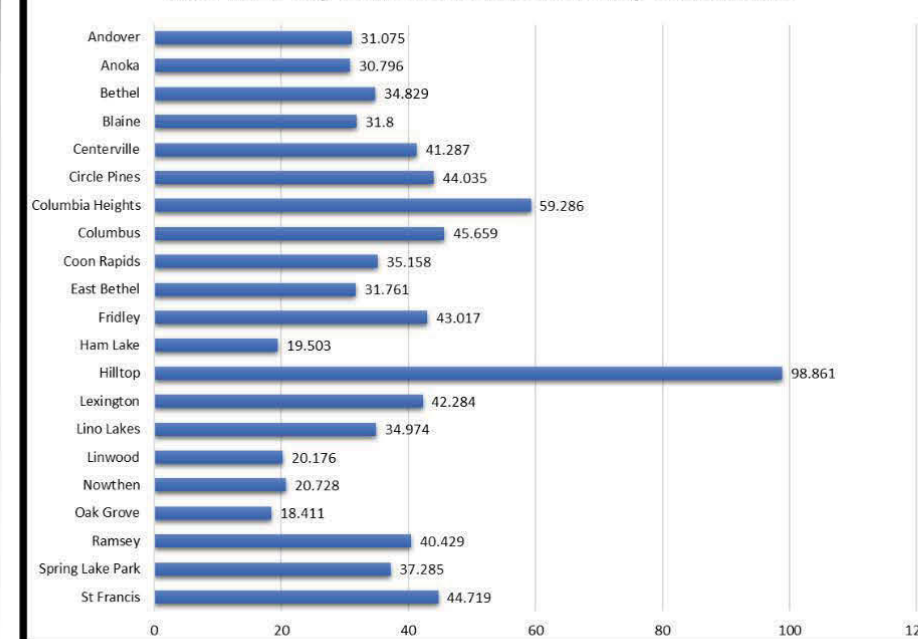
Your residential dollar is divided up between several entities. The City of Nowthen collects **28 cents for city services** which include, law enforcement, fire, street maintenance, parks, infrastructure improvements, recreation and administration. The remaining 72 cents goes to other entities including Anoka County, school districts and other metropolitan agencies. Your commercial dollar is also divided up between entities. The City of Nowthen collects only **12 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.

### Where do my city tax dollars go?

The largest percentage of city tax dollars in 2023 goes to support public safety which includes fire and law enforcement. Support services, which include administrative, financial, legal, and general government, is the next largest percentage at 35%. Public works operations, which is primarily street maintenance, use about 27% of the tax levy and finally parks and recreation uses about 2%.



Final 2023 City Tax Rates for Anoka County Communities



### Tax Rate Comparison

The City of Nowthen tax rate of 20.7% is the 4th lowest tax rate among all of Anoka County communities. The average tax rate among Anoka County Communities is 43.3%. Nowthen has one of the lowest tax rates in the state for cities over 2,500 residents.



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#### **Nowthen Heritage Festival**

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#### **Nowthen Lions**

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#### **Nowthen Seniors**

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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 6:00 p.m.

The 2024-2025 meeting dates are listed below.

Meetings are live streamed on the City of Nowthen Youtube channel.

2024: September 10th    October 8th    November 12th    December 10th

2025: January 14th    February 11th    March 11th    April 8th    May 13th    June 10th    July 8th    August 12th

#### **Note:**

Throughout the year meetings may be added, rescheduled or canceled. Additional City Council Work Sessions may be scheduled throughout the month. See the most current City Council meeting information on the city's website at [www.cityofnowthen.com](http://www.cityofnowthen.com).



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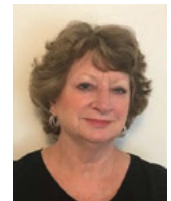


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