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Two burning permits were issued during May.

The Arbor Day Green Fair was held in Musser Park on Saturday, May 4. Attendees included residents, new residents and likely future residents and several participated in planting 15 new trees in Musser Park. Thanks to Shari Hansen and Jeannine Naves for helping at the event.

Street vehicle weight limit signs were taken down on May 7th.

Met with residents at 5865 South Robert Trail and 2 Sunfish Lane regarding tree removal and replacement issues.

The Welcome Committee met on May 20th at the Heartland Credit Union.

Monitored outflow from Sunfish Lake weekly and after consultation with City Engineer opened outlet to allow for maximum flow to lower Sunfish Lake level as much as possible ahead of the Charlton Road construction project.

On May 28 a tree fell onto Roanoke Road. The property owner contacted their tree company (Davey) and they quickly removed the brush and branches from the street.

A resident called to ask if it was **possible to get a permit to use goats for buckthorn control** and I informed them that so far no goats had been used in the City for that purpose. I said I would bring this question to the City Council's attention. I did some research regarding use of goats to help control invasive species and found that they are being used successfully in many locations across Minnesota. **I recommend that the City add a permit for "Prescribed Grazing" by animals (goats)** so that this method of buckthorn control could be used in the City. The City of Burnsville has such an ordinance.

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