



**Brooklyn Park**

**Going Green**

**2008**

*“Brooklyn Parker’s... I am committed to creating an energy efficient city... by working together to introduce ways that will improve and support the environment... along with preserving the earth for future generations.”*

## **Brooklyn Park - Going Green with climate control**

The McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act is a landmark bipartisan bill that addresses the critical problem of global warming by mandating that all sections of the U.S. economy reduce their green gas emissions through a flexible market-based system of trading emissions.

- *December 19, 2007 President Bush signs the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 into law.*
- *Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grants Program provide block grants to state and local governments to invest in energy efficient activities - among these grants is investment in local public transportation infrastructure.*

## **Simple Ways to Go Green**

Increasing news reports offer frightening reports on deteriorating state of the environment, newly endangered or extinct species, and the disturbing realization that the way we live must change if we want to enjoy a healthy and sustainable life and city.

There are simple things that each and every one of us can do to help preserve the earth for future generations, some of these solutions provide a great deal of bang for you eco-buck. Others cost nothing at all. All will cut energy use, save you money and go a long way toward preserving the beautiful planet and city we call home.

**Switch to compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs** - CFLs is cheaper than ever, draws significantly less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, they also last an average of ten times longer.

**Monitor refrigerator and freezer temperatures** - set temperatures to 37 degrees F and the freezer to 0 degrees F.

**Utilize the sun** - open blinds or drapes to let natural solar heat on cold days, then close them once the sun sets, and you can reduce your heating bills by 10 percent. You can also cut cooling costs by up to 33 percent in the summer by blocking out sunlight with exterior blinds, shutters, or awnings.

**Go from scalding to just hot** - turn water heaters temperature setting down from standard 140 degrees F to 120 degrees. This will slow down the mineral buildup and corrosion, prolonging the life of your tank.

**American Public Transportation Association (APTA)** on September 26. The study, *Public Transportation’s Contribution to US Greenhouse Gas Reduction*, was prepared by Science Applications International Corporation.

**Expanding our transportation** - should be apart of our local and national strategy to address climate change. Taking public transportation can be more than ten times more effective in reducing this harmful greenhouse gas.