

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81ST AVENUE N.E.
AGENDA
APRIL 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2016
 - B. Authorize Purchase of ID Card Printing System
 - C. Contractor’s Licenses
 - D. Correspondence
7. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
8. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Ratify 2016-2017 Patrol Union Contract
 - B. Removal of No Parking Signs During School Hours Signs
 - C. Schedule April City Council Workshop Session
10. ENGINEER’S REPORT
11. ATTORNEY’S REPORT
12. REPORTS
13. OTHER
 - A. Administrator Reports
14. ADJOURN

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

**Limited to 5 minutes per person to state their concern.

**Action: Council direction to staff for resolution or take this matter under advisement for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Advise audience that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input on the proposal to (name of project). (This is not a time to debate the issue.)

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

** The presenter will have a maximum of 10 minutes to explain the project as proposed.

** Councilmembers will have an opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal.

** Citizens will then have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the project. Those wishing to comment are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes, except in cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced. The spokesperson should identify the audience group her/she is representing and may have a maximum of 10 minutes to express the views of the group.

**People wishing to comment are asked to state any new facts they may have within the 3 minutes allotted. Please be specific and to the point.

** Everyone will be given the opportunity to express their agreement or disagreement even if they have no new points to make. (This is not a time to debate the issue.)

** People wishing to speak twice will be given 2 minutes to comment on any new facts brought forward since the last time they spoke.

Following public input, the Council will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.

The public hearing will then be adjourned with the Council taking the matter under advisement until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. At the next regular meeting, the Council will debate the issue, if necessary, state their positions and make a decision. NO further public input will be received at that time.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council was held on March 21, 2016 at the Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmembers Mason, Nash, Nelson, Wendling and Mayor Hansen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief Ebeltoft; Building Official Brainard; Public Works Director Randall; Attorney Thames; Engineer Gravel; Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall; Administrator Buchholtz and Executive Assistant Gooden

Visitors: Olivia Alveshere, ABC Newspaper

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Administrator Buchholtz asked that Item 5A, Report from Fire Chief Zikmund, be added to the agenda.

5. Discussion From The Floor

A. Fire Report

Fire Chief Zikmund provided the City Council an update on future equipment needs for the Fire Department. He reported that two of the aerial apparatuses are beyond their useful life and will need to be replaced. He stated that one fire truck is twenty-five years old and is out of service due to age, equipment failure and extensive rehabilitation needed on the unit. He reported that most fire apparatuses have a life span of 15-20 years.

Chief Zikmund provided the Council with a cost estimate for a new fire apparatuses of \$900,000 for the truck and \$100,000 for necessary equipment. He stated that he will submit a truck specification in June and it typically takes one year to build the apparatus to the department specifics. He reported that no decision is needed from the Council at this time but he wanted to make them aware that a new fire truck will be proposed in the near future.

Councilmember Wendling inquired why a pump would be added to the new apparatus since the older trucks currently do not have them. Chief Zikmund stated that it will provide an additional water source and allow for early pumping at a fire. He stated that it would allow more points for the ISO rating for the department.

Chief Zikmund reported that the call activity for Spring Lake Park has been low these past few years and is remaining low in 2016 so far. He announced that Charlie Smith has been named the new Fire Chief after Chief Zikmund retires in May. He stated that Mr. Smith will be formally introduced to the Council in April.

6. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Hansen reviewed the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approval of Minutes – March 7, 2016
- B. Disbursements
 - 1. General Fund Disbursement Claim No. 16-03 -- \$435,433.75
 - 2. Liquor Fund Disbursement Claim No. 16-04 -- \$185,699.78
- C. Right of Way Application - CenturyLink
- D. Request for Payment No. 1 – Meyer Contracting – Sanitary Lift Station No. 1
- E. Request for Payment No. 3 – Visu-Sewer Inc.
- F. Contractor’s License
- G. Correspondence

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NASH APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Police Report

Police Chief Ebeltoft reviewed the February 2016 department statistics.

Chief Ebeltoft stated that the Police Department responded to three hundred fifty nine calls for service for the month of February 2016 compared to four hundred three calls for service in February 2015.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the Spring Lake Park Police Department conducted its annual internal audit of the “Selective Intensified Traffic Enforcement Program” more commonly known as the “S.I.T.E” Program. He stated that this program was designed to address the public’s actual or perceived traffic safety issues within our community.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that in 2015, Spring Lake Park Officers worked sixty-eight “S.I.T.E” shifts. He stated that five hundred ninety six vehicles were stopped. He reported that five hundred twenty six tickets were issued along with two hundred forty seven warnings were given.

Chief Ebeltoft thanked Officer Bonesteel for his hard work in compiling the statistical tracking of the program as well as the time and effort he puts into this program.

Chief Ebeltoft reported, in addition to addressing the day-to-day operations of the Department, he attended numerous meetings throughout the month representing Spring Lake Park Police Department and the City of Spring Lake Park not only on a local level but also on a regional and national level.

8. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall reviewed the February 2016 department statistics. Ms. Rygwall reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met and reviewed softball dates and rule changes.

Ms. Rygwall stated that staff had a busy month preparing for the Seniors Valentine Luncheon and the Sweetheart dance sponsored by the Spring Lake Park Lions. She reported that both events were well attended. She reported that Recreation Programmer Kay Okey attended a travel show in Arkansas and gained great knowledge for future trips. She stated that recruitment for a summer intern has started and is hopeful to receive applications.

Ms. Rygwall reported Partners in Nutrition has collaborated with Spring Lake Park schools and will be providing free lunches to children in Terrace and Able Parks this summer. She stated that children up the age of 18 can receive a free bag lunch during the week from June through September. She reported that anyone over the age of 18 can purchase a lunch for \$3.00.

Ms. Rygwall reported the Tower Days Committee met and discussed new vendors and events for the event this year. She stated that a new event will be a movie night on Saturday night in the park.

9. New Business

A. Approval of 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

Administrator Buchholtz presented the proposed 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan. He thanked the Department Heads for their assistance in preparing the Capital Improvement Plan.

Administrator Buchholtz explained the Capital Improvement Plan is broken down as: 1) Capital Projects by Department and 2) Capital Projects by Funding Source. He stated that the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan identifies \$4,479,998 in capital improvement projects over the next five years.

Administrator Buchholtz stated the 2016 projects identified for funding in the General Fund have been included in the 2016 General Fund Budget. He reported that there a number of building related projects that are not included in the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan. He stated those projects (City Hall renovation, Gun Range renovation/filtration system update) will be included in the 2017-2021 version of the plan, once the City receives the Facility Analysis/Space Needs Study report this summer.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that it is important to note that the 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan is a financial planning document and approval of the plan does not represent approval of any project in the plan.

10. Engineer's Report

Engineer Gravel reported that the Lift Station project is progressing and equipment has been delivered to the site.

11. Attorney's Report - None

12. Other

A. Administrator Report

1. Inquiry on McKinley Street Lot Availability

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City has received correspondence from an individual interested in purchasing one of the McKinley Street lots. He stated that staff is seeking direction from the City Council on how to proceed. He stated that the previous consensus was to take the lots off the market until the City was prepared to move forward on the construction of a community center.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City has received an application for a lot split on 8360 Pierce Street. He stated that if the City Council would like to continue to hold onto the lots, the City could put this individual in touch with that developer. He stated that the lot split will come before the City Council for approval in April.

Mayor Hansen stated that previously it was agreed upon that the lots would be developed from north to south for ease of maintenance. She stated that with interest rates currently remaining low, she feels that there will be a better return holding on to the lot versus selling the lot and investing the proceeds. selling the lot She also stated that she was not happy with the assessment comparison that was used to place a value on this lot. Administrator Buchholtz stated that it is very difficult to find a comparable lot at this time; however, with the lot split on Pierce Street the new lot could be used as a favorable comparison.

Mayor Hansen asked the Council if their consensus was to not sell the lots and continue to leave them vacant at this time. The Council agreed and asked that Administrator Buchholtz contact the interested party to inform him that the lot is not available for development.

15. Adjourn

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MASON TO ADJOURN. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Cindy Hansen, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: ID CARD PRINTING SYSTEM
DATE: MARCH 29, 2016

Staff is seeking authority to purchase an ID card printing system from IDVille in the amount of \$3,704.38.

The purchase of the ID card printing system will benefit the City in the following ways:

- Allow for the timely issuance/replacement of ID cards. Currently, we have to wait over a week to print and receive City ID cards from our outside vendor. With this system, we would be able to print the cards in a matter of minutes.
- Allow staff to customize ID cards based on individual department needs.
- Allow staff to print the ID card on our proximity cards, consolidating the number of cards employees are required to carry from two to one.
- Allow for staff to print ID cards for members of the City Council, Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission, providing legitimacy when these individuals meet with residents.
- Allow staff to print ID cards for our temporary employees and volunteers. We currently do not issue ID cards to temporary employees and volunteers due to the time and cost currently associated with doing so.
- Assist the Police Department with natural disaster planning, to allow for the printing of cards in reassigning personnel for specific disaster response tasks.

In addition, the system can be upgraded in the future to include a magnetic stripe printer, which could be used by the Liquor Store or the Park and Recreation Department for gift cards.

The ID card printing system includes a 2-sided id printer, IDmaker Enterprise 3.0 software, a USB webcam, a USB siglite pad (used to capture signatures), free lifetime technical support, printer ribbon, cleaning kit and installation guide.

Staff recommends approval of the ID card printing system. The ID card printing system is identified for purchase in the recently approved capital improvement plan.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



Quote

Number: 2145903
 Date: Mar 24 2016 12:59PM
 Quote valid for 30 days

Bill To: 2032963
 DOUGLAS EBELTOFT
 SPRING LAKE PARK POLICE DEPT
 1301 81ST AVE NE
 SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432

Ship To: 2032963
 DOUGLAS EBELTOFT
 SPRING LAKE PARK POLICE DEPT
 1301 81ST AVE NE
 SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432-2188
 United States
 (763) 792-7221
 DEBELTOFT@SLPMN.ORG

Terms	PO#	Shipping Method	Ship Complete	Order Type	Salesperson
Net 30	EBELTOFT_03/24/16	Service - Ground	No	Phone	CYO

Item #	Pkg Qty	Description	Qty Ord	Price	Ext Price
10092	EACH	2-SIDED ID MAKER SECURE WITH ENTERPRISE 3.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ IDMAKER ENTERPRISE 3.0 SOFTWARE ◦ IDVILLE ID MAKER PRINTER (3-YR WARRANTY) ◦ USB WEB CAM ◦ WHITE BACKDROP ◦ YMCKO RIBBON ◦ 300 PVC CARDS ◦ FULL/FREE LIFETIME TECHNICAL SUPPORT ◦ CLEANING KIT ◦ INSTALLATION GUIDE 	1	\$3,799.00	\$3,799.00
45220	EACH	SIGLITE PAD - USB	1	\$194.75	\$194.75
43500RBH	EACH	STOCK LANYARD - FLAT WOVEN B/A W/ METAL J-HOOK - ROYAL BLUE	25	\$2.19	\$54.75

Product Total:	\$4,048.50
Shipping and Handling:	\$60.73
Tax Charge:	\$0.00
Discount:	\$404.85
Grand Total:	\$3,704.38



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Contact Information

Address:

5376 52nd Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Phone: 1-866-438-4553

Fax: (616) 698-6937

E-mail: service@idville.com

Website: www.idville.com

Shipping and Handling (S&H) Information:

FREE tracking information! Supply us with your email address when you place your order and we will send you a copy of your invoice along with the tracking information specifically for your shipment. Minimum \$6.50 is billed on all orders. Minimum \$12.99 for Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Minimum \$23.99 for all international orders. 18% fee is added to all international orders.

A variety of shipping methods (ground or air) and service levels (next day a.m., mid-day, or end-of-day; two-day guaranteed, etc.) are available. See "Shipping Method" on first page of quote for current level selected. Quoted price is detailed as a separate line after the Product Total as "Shipping and Handling." Please call us at 1-866-438-4553 to discuss expedited shipping options and pricing.

ID Systems/Hardware Shipping:

All ID Maker PRO Systems are shipped UPS Ground insured at the rate of \$99.95. Additional supplies are subject to added shipping costs.

Delivery Times for In-Stock Items:

All of our in-stock items ship the same day you order if your order is placed by 6 p.m. EST. Ground Delivery to the 48 contiguous states and Canada takes 2-5 business days. Delivery to Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico takes 5-7 business days. We are unable to deliver parcels to a Post Office box.

Delivery Times for Items with Engraving or Personalization:

Engrave & Ship Today items will be shipped out the same day if your artwork proof and/or personalization text is approved by 3pm EST. Large quantities ordered late in the day may exceed our production capacity. We will contact you to discuss options, such as shipping most of your order same day and the remainder next day.

Customized Product or Non-standard Artwork for Engraving/Personalization:

If this quote includes an item that is being customized to your specifications, there may be additional charges for artwork, set-up, multiple colors, etc. Once your artwork and specifications have been submitted, a graphic designer will provide you an accurate quote for any additional charges plus an estimate on the manufacture and production schedule. If you customize an "Engrave & Ship Today" item it may require additional production time.

After Hours Emergency Shipping:

If necessary, an order placed after 6 p.m. EST can be manually expedited upon request and ship out as late as 7 p.m. EST via our after-hours emergency shipping service. Additional shipping charges will apply to all rush orders placed after 6 p.m. EST. Charges for shipments outside the continental USA are subject to a surcharge. Shipping charge total will be calculated at the time the order is placed. Please call customer service at

No Hassle Return and 30-day Money Back Guarantee:

We stand behind our products, period. If you need to return an unused product for any reason, we'll be happy to credit your account, exchange the item or give you a refund for the cost of the merchandise if returned within 30 days from the receipt of your order. All you need to do is return the item (s) along with the packing slip—it's that easy! We recommend returning the package by a carrier that requires a signature (FedEx, UPS, Certified US Mail, or Canada Post). Please retain your tracking information until you have received your credit. Returns of custom merchandise are not accepted. Software, systems and electronics are subject to a restocking fee. Please call customer service at 1-866-438-4553 for more information.



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Item #: 10092 2-SIDED ID MAKER SECURE WITH ENTERPRISE 3.0

Photo ID System Bundles Include:

- IDMAKER ENTERPRISE 3.0 SOFTWARE
- IDVILLE ID MAKER PRINTER (3-YR WARRANTY)
- USB WEB CAM
- WHITE BACKDROP
- YMCKO RIBBON
- 300 PVC CARDS
- FULL/FREE LIFETIME TECHNICAL SUPPORT
- CLEANING KIT
- INSTALLATION GUIDE



Camera Specifications & Features

USB Web Cam

Dimensions: 3.5" L x 2.5" W x 1.5" H

Weight: 4.5 oz

Features: Low light sensitivity, adjustable resolutions, optional mounts, exposure controls, advanced facial recognition software

System Components Requirements

Software Requirements:

Windows XP SP2, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1 or 10 (32-bit or 64-bit)

Pentium III or better, 1 GHz or faster

512 MB RAM required, 1 GB or more recommended

Hard disk: 200 MB

CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive for installation

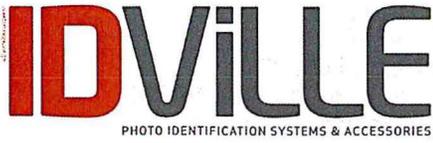
Monitor capable of displaying at least 1024 x 768 pixels (XGA) and 32-bit

Printer Requirements:

Windows XP, 2003, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1 or 10; 32-bit or 64 bit

Camera Requirements:

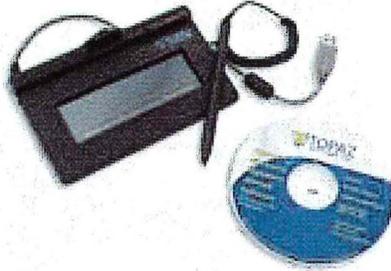
USB Web Cam: Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10; USB-powered (no external power supply required)



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Item #: 45220
SIGLITE PAD - USB



Quantity	Price
1 +	\$194.75

Product Information

Dimensions:
6" x 3.8" x 0.7"

SigLite is Topaz's low-cost pressure-sensitive electronic signature pad. SigLite features all the high-quality biometric and forensic capture techniques of a SignatureGem tablet but with a low-cost touchpad and stylus in place of the active electromagnetic pen and sensor. The touchpad sensor is protected by a replaceable overlay for longer life.



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Item #: 43500RBH
 STOCK LANYARD - FLAT WOVEN B/A W/ METAL J-HOOK - ROYAL BLUE



Quantity	Price
25 - 99	\$2.19
100 - 249	\$1.99
250 - 499	\$1.69
500 - 999	\$1.55
1000 -	\$1.40
2500 -	\$1.25
10000 -	\$1.00

Product Information

Material: Textured Polyester
Package Size: Each, increments of 25
Dimensions:
 36" Total Length

Lanyards are a great way to ensure that employees, students, attendees and visitors have their identification visible at all times! These durable, flat woven lanyards are comfortable to wear and affordable to buy. Priced individually and sold in increments of 25.

- Swivel hook attachment connects to hole punched ID and keys
- Breakaway release prevents choking injuries
- Flat woven lanyards are a comfortable ID display option
- Lanyards are a popular way to wear and display IDs.

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Contractor's Licenses

April 4, 2016

Blacktopping Contractor

Asphalt Driveway Company

C & S Blacktopping, Inc.

General Contractor

McGough Construction

Mechanical Contractor

Air Mechanical, Inc.

B & D Plumbing, Heating and A/C, Inc.

Bonfe's Plumbing, Heating and Air

Centraire, Inc.

Corporate Mechanical, Inc.

Fireside Hearth & Home

Home Energy Center

Linn Star Transfer, Inc.

Master Mobile Home Service, Inc.

Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Strandlund Refrigeration Heating and Cooling

Plumbing Contractor

Bonfe's Plumbing, Heating and Air

Centraire, Inc.

Century Plumbing, Inc.

Corval Constructors, Inc.

Ike's Plumbing & Drain Cleaning, Inc

Jerry's Plumbing, Inc.

Kramer Mechanical Plumbing & Heating

Linn Star Transfer, Inc.

North Anoka Plumbing, Inc.

Rivercity Sheetmetal, Inc.

Thein Well Co., Inc.

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April 4, 2016

Tree Contractor

A to Z Tree Care

Northeast Tree, Inc.

Rainbow Tree Care

Steve's Quality Tree Service

Arbor Tree Service

Premier Tree Service, Inc.

Nature's Trees dba SavAtree



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REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Barry L. Brainard, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for March 2016
DATE: March 30, 2016

The Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement department is delegate the duties of enforcement for all building, mechanical, plumbing, fire, rental, property, nuisance, and zoning codes within Spring Lake Park.

In March 2016, a total of 15 building permits were issued compared to 11 in 2015. Five mechanical permits were issued in March 2016, compared to ten in 2015. Five Plumbing permit issued in March 2016, in comparison to 6 in 2015. Four zoning permits were also issued in March 2016.

Rentals continue to progress with all but 2 units registered for 2016. I have issued several notices and administrative offense tickets to the owners of the two rental units that have failed to register their property and will continue to do so as long as they remain in violation.

Also attached with this report, please find the March 2016 Spring Lake Park vacancies listings. The listings include both residential and commercial properties indicating vacant and foreclosure properties as well as upcoming Sheriff Sales. March 2016 vacancy listing summarizes the following:

- 19 vacant/foreclosed residential properties currently posted by the Code enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Up one from last month.
- 1 vacant/foreclosed commercial properties currently posted by the Code Enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Down one from last month.
- 23 residential properties currently occupied and ready for Sheriff Sale's redemption. Up two from last month.

I posted two abandoned property notices and conducted three Certificate of Occupancy inspections in the month of March. In March of 2016, a total of 11 Administrative Offense (A.O.) Tickets and seven violation notices were issued by the Code Enforcement Department. Four of the A.O.'s were issued for rental violations and five for SUP violations, and one for zoning violation. On March 9th a final demolition inspection was conducted for the removal of the home and detached garage at 8360 Pierce Street. This property is currently seeking lot split approval from the City.

My time allotted for Code Enforcement in March is as follows:

Building Inspections:	32%
Mechanical Inspections:	16%
Plumbing Inspections:	10%
Rental Inspections:	10%
Nuisance Inspections:	10%
Zoning Inspections:	5%
Fire Inspections:	10%
C.O. Inspections:	7%

In March of 2016, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meeting on Monday, March 3rd and 21st.
- Minnesota Permit Technician Association meeting March 15th.
- Department Head meeting March 22nd.
- Planning Commission meeting March 28th.
- North Suburban Building Officials meeting at Shoreview City Hall on March 29th.
- Laser Fiche and Permit Works integration meeting on March 30th.

It's that time of the year again when garage sales start springing up all over the City. The information handout in this month report gives Spring Lake Park property owners an understanding of the rules and regulations of garage sales.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for March 2016. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SEWER												
2016-00044	03/09/2016	1628 COUNTY ROAD 10 NE	0			75.00						75.00
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY PLUMBING												
2016-00037	03/01/2016	741 81ST AVE NE	0			45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00046	03/14/2016	629 79TH AVE NE	0			54.00		1.00				55.00
2016-00050	03/14/2016	8300 MONROE ST NE	0			45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00051	03/14/2016	8099 VAN BUREN ST NE	0			45.00		1.00				46.00
Permit Type: PLUMBING - Totals												
			5	0		264.00		4.00				268.00
			13	0		741.00		12.00				753.00
Permit Type: SIGN												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN PERMANENT												
2016-00047	03/10/2016	8299 CENTRAL AVE NE	0			120.00						120.00
Permit Kind: INDUSTRIAL SIGN PERMANENT												
2016-00045	03/09/2016	8421 CENTER DR NE	0			60.00						60.00
Permit Type: SIGN - Totals												
			2	0		180.00						180.00
			5	0		1,043.00						1,043.00
Permit Type: ZONING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY FENCE												
2016-00049	03/14/2016	8101 ABLE ST NE	0			45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY SHED												
2016-00026	03/03/2016	613 RECO LN NE	0			50.00	5.00					50.00
2016-00055	03/21/2016	8493 SUNSET RD NE	0			45.00						45.00
2016-00058	03/23/2016	658 79TH AVE NE	0			45.00						45.00

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: ZONING - Totals												
	Period		4	0		185.00	5.00					185.00
	YTD		6	0		275.00	5.00					275.00
Report Total												
	Period		31	0	\$159,391.32	4,054.97	524.39	88.70				4,658.06
	YTD		68	0	\$286,743.32	8,723.61	1,709.09	179.60				10,602.30

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: BUILDING - Totals												
	Period		15	0	159,391.32	3,215.97	519.39	79.70				3,810.06
	YTD		24	0	286,743.32	5,464.48	1,607.53	143.38				7,210.39
Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL FIRE SUPPRESSION												
Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION - Totals												
	Period		0									
	YTD		2	0		182.38	96.56	4.23				283.17
Permit Type: MECHANICAL												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HEATING, VENT & AC												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HVAC - COMMERCIAL MINIMUM												
	Permit Kind:	MOBILE HOME HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
2016-00041	03/07/2016	1633 BALLANTYNE LN NE		0								
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC												
	Permit Kind:	SINGLE FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC		0		50.00		1.00				51.00
2016-00048	03/11/2016	309 MANOR DR NE		0								
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE												
	Permit Kind:	SINGLE FAMILY HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
2016-00021	03/01/2016	7930 SPRING LAKE PARK RD		0								
	Permit Kind:	SINGLE FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
2016-00040	03/04/2016	709 IONE AVE NE		0								
	Permit Kind:	MULTI-FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
2016-00063	03/29/2016	1848 HIGHWAY 10 NE		0								
Permit Type: MECHANICAL - Totals												
	Period		5	0		210.00		5.00				215.00
	YTD		18	0		1,017.75		19.99				1,037.74
Permit Type: PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SEWER												

City of Spring Lake Park
Permits Issued & Fees Report - Detail by Permit#

Issued Date From: 3/1/2016 To: 3/30/2016
 Permit Type: All Property Type: All Construction Type: All
 Include YTD: Yes Status: Not Voided

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	Surcharge	State Fees	Park Fees	SAC	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: BUILDING													
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL ALTERATION													
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY ROOFING													
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ADDITION													
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ALTERATION													
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DEMOLITION													
2016-00038	03/03/2016	8360 PIERCE ST NE	0		100.00								100.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY GARAGE													
2016-00059	03/25/2016	8220 6TH ST NE	0		22,709.76	417.83	271.59	11.36					700.78
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY REMODEL													
2016-00029	03/08/2016	629 79TH AVE NE	0		20,000.00	373.54	242.80	10.00					626.34
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ROOFING													
2016-00042	03/08/2016	1132 WYLDWOOD LN NE #1	0		5,800.00	141.52		2.90					144.42
2016-00043	03/08/2016	482 MANOR DR NE	0		2,990.00	95.60		1.50					97.10
2016-00054	03/16/2016	7859 MONROE ST NE	0		4,000.00	112.10		2.00					114.10
2016-00056	03/21/2016	8231 POLK ST NE	0		3,200.00	99.03		1.60					100.63
2016-00057	03/23/2016	541 84TH AVE NE	0		5,383.56	134.72		2.69					137.41
2016-00062	03/28/2016	8005 GARFIELD ST NE	0		6,000.00	144.78		3.00					147.78
2016-00064	03/29/2016	409 LUND AVE NE	0		9,100.00	200.44	5.00	4.55					204.99
2016-00065	03/29/2016	8364 FILLMORE ST NE	0		9,000.00	193.80		4.50					198.30
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY SIDING													
2016-00052	03/16/2016	713 83RD AVE NE	0		52,389.00	752.81		26.19					779.00
2016-00061	03/28/2016	8242 FILLMORE ST NE	0		15,000.00	291.84		7.50					299.34
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY WINDOW REPLACEMENT													
2016-00039	03/03/2016	8081 GARFIELD ST NE	0		1,600.00	74.96		0.80					75.76
2016-00053	03/16/2016	7881 TERRACE RD NE	0		2,219.00	83.00		1.11					84.11

VACANTS/FORECLOSURES/SHERIFF SALES MARCH 2016

On 3-28 I checked ABC's public records last updated 3-25. 1 New sheriff sale, 2) Postponements. Nancy Kelm

Green background - fee(s) due, "blue" 3rd party handles, "Purple, sale pending, "Brown" Owner deceased

Red-See me. (nk)

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE ADDRESS	NAME	Posted Vacant Date	Vacant expiration Date	120 day Vacant expiration Date	120 day vac. fee paid	Per ordinance, \$200. vac.fee due 1 yr.anniv. date (A/D) of orig. posting	Add'l vac. date(s) add'l	Posted Abandoned \$150. fee App. insp Due	Status of Water
615 NE 79th all mail returned	Z. SULTANA, All mail returned	4/21/14	08/19/14			A/D 4/21/15	A/D 4/21/16	4/21/14	ON
629 79TH (Remodeling)	ANTHONY MENDOLA	7/22/15	11/19/15			A/D 7/22/16		7/22/15	ON
1580 81st AVE UNIT 7	LARRY & KATHY THAO	3/23/16	Due - see notes						ON
8064 NE GARFIELD ST	PETER BOROWITZ	06/06/12	10/04/12			A/D 6/6/13	A/D 6-2014-2015	6/6/12	ON
1880 NE HWY 10	ARNOLD JOHNSON JR (Arnold Sr.dec'd)	06/26/15	10/24/15			A/D 6/26/16		6/26/15	ON
600 NE IONE AVE	A.Stanley/Dawn Brannan both dec'd	03/19/15	07/17/15			A/D 3/19/16		3/19/15	ON
7778 JACKSON ST	US Bank (Hoppe/Pignatelo)	11/9/15	03/08/16		Paid 12-29-15	A/D 11/9/16			OFF
8060 NE JEFFERSON ST	Jonathan Crane/Contract hldr: Nestrud								OFF
7762 LAKEVIEW LN	HUD/Cityside Purch agreement 3-2016	10/01/14	01/29/15			A/D 10/1/15	A/D 10/1/16	10/1/14	ON
700 LUND Solid, CLOSING 4-8	Counselor's, Steve Kraft (Erbe)	10/30/15	02/27/16		Paid 3-21-16	A/D 10/30/16		10/30/15	ON
812 NE LUND AVE	Rita Herr (lvs w/dtr, Stanley Dec'd)	05/23/12	09/20/12			A/D 5/23/13	A/D 5/23/14	10/4/13	ON
375 NE MANOR DR	US Bank per Anoka Co (FRANCIS)	3/4/16	07/02/16						ON
703 NE MANOR DR	USBank (Zelanak) Shortsale NOT clng	2/26/15	06/26/15		Paid 10-5-15	A/D 2/26/16		2/26/15	OFF
770 MANOR CLOSING 4-14	Counselor's Steve Kraft (C.Brown, Dec'd)	05/07/14	09/04/14		Paid 12-15-14	A/D 5/7/15	A/D 5/7/16	5/7/14	OFF
8345 NE PIERCE ST	JOHN VYLASEK, see notes	XX							ON
828 NE SANBURNOL DR	WELLS FARGO per Cty (Hazelwood)	2/26/14	06/26/14		Paid 3-7-16	A/D 2/26/15	A/D 2/26/16	5/7/14	OFF
8100 TERRACE, Closing delayed	TCF Bank Closing poss. 4-?	8/20/15	12/18/15			A/D 8/20/16		8/20/15	ON
8449 NE TERRACE RD	R. SCHONHARDT, M. HUEBSAHER								ON
8330 NE WESTWOOD RD	GEORGE FARKAS,Realtor-US Bank, Vandrie	1/29/14	05/29/14		Paid 6-30-14	Paid 5-13-15	Paid 2-8-16	1/29/14	OFF
8360 NE Pierce St	AZEEM BEGUM - house demo'd Owes FINAL/PAST DUE water bill \$208.02.								OFF
Commercial Properties									
933 NE Manor	MN Catholic Credit Union, vacant per BB 4-2015							Comm.CO	ON
SHERIFF SALES									
8000 NE 6TH ST	JAY KRUGER, CHRISTINA S WAHL	04/22/16						Date to vacate 4/24/17	ON
534 NE 78th Ave	TONI YURICH	05/24/16						11/25/2016	ON
538 NE 80TH AVE	JAMES & JENNIFER WALKER	7/18/14						1/18/15	ON
603 NE 81ST	JULIE & FLOYD SCHWAB	12/22/15						6/22/16	ON
701 NE 81ST	ROBERT HOWARD/ROSA HOWARD-DIAZ	PP4-22-16						10/22/16	ON
551 NE 82ND	ELLEN RICE	2/12/16						8/12/16	ON
602 NE 82ND AVE	CHAD R SAUTER	2/25/16						8/25/16	ON
616 NE 84TH AVE	DENNIS/MICHELLE MOEN	4/8/16						10/10/16	ON
580 NE Ballantyne Ln	Patrick & Jo Fahey	5/6/16						11/7/16	ON
8435 NE LADDIE RD	RAYMOND & ROSE STRAMER	8/3/15						2/3/16	ON
7868 MADISON ST	Laurie Weilep	7/17/15						1/19/16	ON
351 NE MAPLE ST	KERTIS J TRUE	1/30/15						7/30/15	ON
615 NE MAPLE ST	ELIZABETH TROTTER	7/20/15						1/20/16	ON
8194 NE Middletown	HOA gets b Citimortgage/Brandon O'Donnell	8/21/13						2/21/14	ON
8285 NE POLK ST	Certified COLLEEN THOMPSON	12/5/14						6/5/15	ON



City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

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Residential Garage Sales, Sales & Auctions

Every spring and summer, residential garage sales, household items, and auctions start popping up like dandelions within the City of Spring Lake Park. In 1991, the Spring Lake Park City Council passed ordinance number 268 regulating the sales of household items such as a refrigerator or couch on residential premises as well as garage sales and auctions.

Time Allotted for Sales. All sales must be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any residential property that conducts a household item sale, garage sale, or auction, is permitted to perform such sale for a maximum of three days in consecutive order. Each residential property is also permitted to conduct two sales within one calendar year (12 months), for a total maximum of six (6) days out each calendar year.

Location of Sales. All sales must be conducted on the owner's or occupant's property. Multiple family sales are permitted if they are held on the property of one of the participants of the multiple sales.

Items for Sale. No new retail goods purchased for sale or shipment/delivery goods may be offered for resale. No more than four (4) used vehicles may be sold on any residential property within one calendar year (12 months). All used vehicles must be parked on an improved surface, must be in operable condition and licensed with current tabs.

Advertisement of Sales. All directional and advertising sale signs must be placed on private property and must have the permission of the private property owner. All directional and advertising sale signs must be free standing and are not allowed to be attached to any light or power pole or stop signs. All directional and advertising sale signs can be no bigger than two (2) feet by three (3) feet or six (6) square feet in size.

If you have any questions relating to household item or garage sales or auctions, please contact Barry Brainard at (763) 784-6491. You can also email questions to bbrainard@slpmn.org.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PATROL NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF 2016/2017 PATROL UNION CONTRACT
DATE: MARCH 29, 2016

This is to inform you that on March 29, 2016, the LELS Local #7 (Patrol) employees accepted the following offer negotiated by the Patrol Negotiation Committee:

1. Article 20 – Annual Leave:
After twenty five years of service 2526 working days

2. Article 26 – Duration: January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017

3. Appendix A – Compensation

2016 (effective 1/1/16) – 2.5%
2017 (effective 1/1/17) – 3%

4. Appendix A – Compensation

New Language: Employees assigned by the Employer to perform Field Training Officer duties shall receive one hour compensatory time per shift worked, or pro rata portion thereof.

5. Appendix B – Allowances and Fringe Benefits

Uniform Allowance

\$790.00 for 2016
\$810.00 for 2017

6. Appendix B – Allowances and Fringe Benefits

Insurance Contribution

Continue 50/50 split of the increase/decrease of insurance premium between the City and the employee.

The Negotiation Committee is recommending that the City Council ratify the 2016/2017 union contract as outlined.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: TERRY RANDALL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS SIGNS
DATE: MARCH 30, 2016

I am seeking approval to remove some no parking during school hours signs. These signs were installed when there was remodeling of the high school taking place and they did not have enough parking.

The proposed streets that the signs would be removed from are:

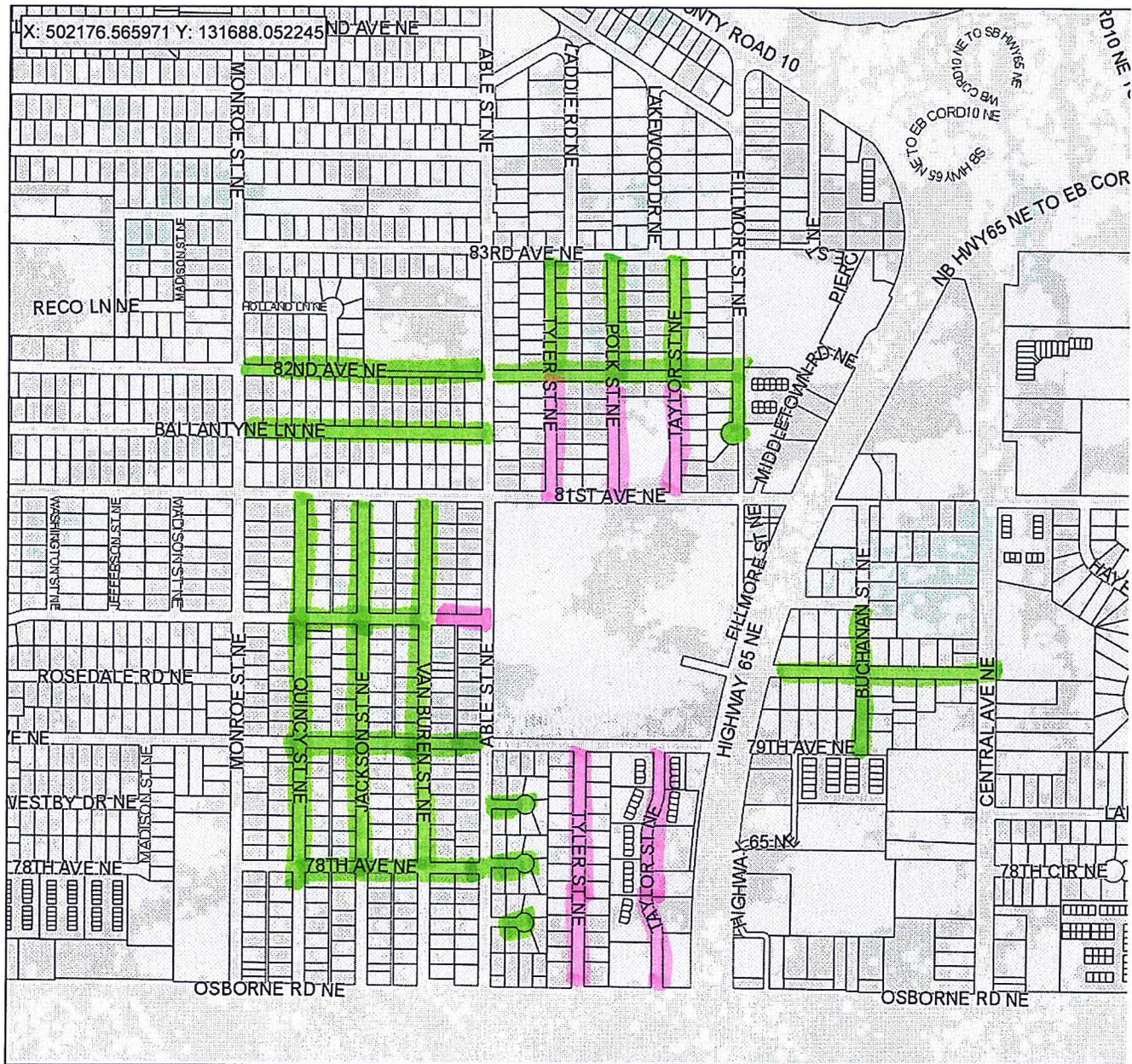
- Quincy Street from 78th Avenue to 81st Avenue
- Jackson Street from 78th to 81st Avenue
- Van Buren Street from 78th to 81st Avenue
- The three cul-de-sacs at Malboro Court, Ralliegh and Vicroy
- East of Highway 65 on 80th Avenue, Highway 65 to Old Central, Buchanan Street and Wyldwood Lane to 79th Avenue

The streets affected where the signs would remain in place are:

- 80th Avenue up to Van Buren Street
- 79th Avenue from Able Street to Quincy Street
- Ballantyne Lane from Able Street to Monroe Street
- 82nd Avenue from Fillmore Street to Madison Street
- Tyler Street at 83rd Avenue to 82nd Avenue
- Polk Street at 82nd Avenue to 83rd Avenue
- Taylor Street at 82nd Avenue to 83rd Avenue and Fillmore Street Cul-de-sac
- Taylor Street, Tyler Street, Osborne Road to 79th Avenue
- Taylor Street, Tyler Street, Polk Street at 81st Avenue to 82nd Avenue

I have not witnessed any parking problems currently and I feel these changes would make the residents in the area very happy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



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-  Stay
-  Remove

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: APRIL WORKSHOP SESSION
DATE: MARCH 31, 2016

Staff is requesting a workshop session be scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:30pm. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the following items:

1. Update of City's website
2. City of Spring Lake Park branding
3. Park and Recreation Commission membership requirements
4. Administrator Reports

Other items may be added to the agenda prior to the workshop as well, if needed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



City of Spring Lake Park

Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 4.4.16 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2015 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193803135).

This project includes lining and wye grouting in the northeast corner of the city. The Contractor, Visu-Sewer, has completed most of the grout work on the service wyes.

2014-2015 Street Improvement Project (193801577).

The contractor, Valley Paving Inc., has punch-list work including seeding items and structure adjustments remaining. Final work will be completed in 2016.

CSAH 35 Turn Lanes and Sidewalk (193802914).

Construction is substantially complete. Punch-list inspection will be completed in the spring.

MS4 Permit (193802936).

Ongoing implementation items. *Will work on closing out existing site permits and identifying private stormwater ponds that need maintenance.*

Lift Station No. 1 Equipment (pumps, generator, and control panel) (193802805).

Equipment suppliers continue work on their items. Generator has been delivered. Lift station pumps have been installed. *Control panel is ready for delivery.*

Lift Station No. 1 Reconstruction (193803115).

The Contractor, Meyer Contracting, has set the lift station and wet well and has started backfilling operations. The deepest excavation work has been completed. Construction appears to be on schedule.

2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193803421).

Bids will be received at 1:15 PM on April 12th. Council will consider contract award at council meeting on April 18th.

2016 Street Seal Coat Project (193803424).

Bids will be received at 1:00 PM on April 12th. An alternate bid to treat the liquor store parking lot is being obtained. Council will consider contract award at council meeting on April 18th.

Other issues/projects.

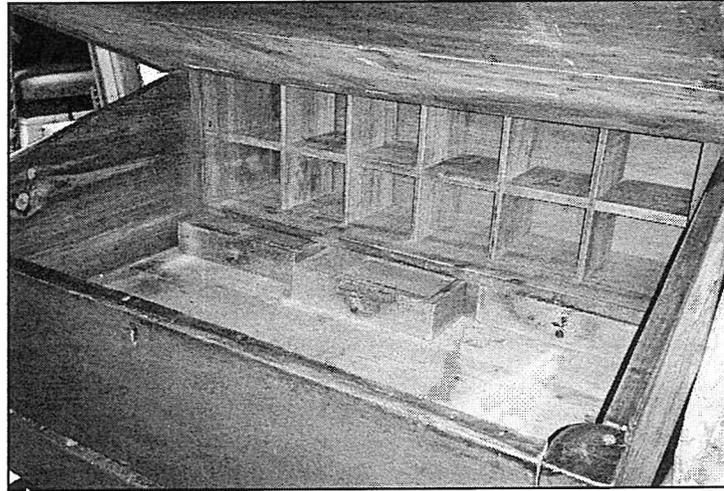
Working with Terry on options for bituminous trail repairs at various locations.

Feel free to contact Harlan Olson, Phil Carlson, Jim Engfer, Mark Rolfs, Tim Grinstead, Peter Allen, or me if you have any questions or require any additional information.



SERVING:

- Andover
- Anoka
- Bethel
- Blaine
- Centerville
- Circle Pines
- Columbia Heights
- Columbus
- Coon Rapids
- East Bethel
- Fridley
- Ham Lake
- Hilltop
- Lexington
- Lino Lakes
- Linwood
- Nowthen
- Oak Grove
- Ramsey
- St. Francis
- Spring Lake Park



A Postal History

With the multiple methods of communication we enjoy today, many of which literally reside at our fingertips and transmit instantly, it's difficult to comprehend a letter taking weeks to reach its destination.

Colonial communication begun in 1639, when the General Court of Massachusetts designated a Boston tavern owned by Richard Fairbanks as the "official repository of mail brought from or sent overseas" according to *The United States Postal Service: An American History, 1775-2006*. The system expanded during the Revolutionary War when Benjamin Franklin served as Postmaster General, and later employed the use of stagecoaches, railroads, the Pony Express, and motor vehicles to become the institution we know today.

Minnesota joined the story courtesy of Fort Snelling, which became the first Post Office of the territory. Some community post offices were established in the late 1840s, though more commonly a decade later. According to *The Post Offices of Minnesota*, by 1870, 10 offices in Anoka County had been established. This doubled by 1900 only to trickle back to five and six offices by 1978.

Since the borders of Anoka County have shifted through the years, it's difficult to identify the first official Post Office. The cities of Manomin, Decorri, and Itasca began their post offices in 1852, followed by Anoka in 1854, Columbus in 1856, and Cedar Valley, Oak Grove, and St. Francis in 1857. Centerville opened on September 17, 1863

then closed two years later only to reopen once more in 1866. The former Columbus location reopened as Centerville in 1893 and operated until 1905, with a "mail to" location of Hugo. The Lino office closed about the same time, having operated since 1894.

The designation of these early post offices rarely indicated their true function—the home of a settler family. Often a room contained a desk with compartments, a wall of cubbies, or perhaps simply a box where townspeople could come and collect their mail. The Mort Post Office, for instance, was located in the Purmort home in Bethel. A Post Office could also have shared space in a general store, much like the Constance Post Office, which was moved to its final site by Abel Stromgren and operated until the mid-1920s.

In an interview conducted on March 22, 1992, Ruth Gardner recalled that her grandparents James and Rebecca (Dyer) Cooper had the post office in a corner of their living room in Bethel from 1863 to 1899. The wooden pine desk has a slanted lid that raises to reveal 12 pigeon holes—one for each of the original settlers—and three drawers that held stamps and other supplies. The stagecoach stopped at the Cooper's on the way from Minneapolis twice each week. Rebecca would feed the stagecoach driver while James fed, and sometimes exchanged, the horses.

Cooper's Corner is located at the intersection of Highway 65 and County Road 24 in

Above: James Cooper's postal desk from Bethel.

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From the President...

By William Erhart

As my term as President comes to an end, it is important to look both back and forward.

As members of the ACHS, we have an interest in the past and preserving it. I stated in one of my first articles, those who do not study history will no doubt repeat it. Having grown up and being a fourth generation Pine Countyian, I have now lived in Anoka County for close to four decades. I served initially as a director on the ACHS Board, then as President, and learned and experienced the colorful history of Anoka County.

One of the most interesting aspects of serving was listening to the story of the numerous Board members who lived the better part of their lives in Anoka County. The stories that they told during the Board meetings were fascinating, to say the least. Some of these Board members included Tom Ward, Dick Lang, Harvey Greenberg, Al Pearson, Dennis Berg, and Paul Pierce, and tell stories that range from Anoka County resident's involvement in the Civil War, life during prohibition, gangster visits, locations of stills used to make moonshine, successful minority businesses and the start of major corporations including Federal Cartridge and Medtronic.

During my term, we successfully celebrated WCCO Radio's 90th anniversary. Many of the radio personalities attended and shared their memories with the attendees. We also honored Natalie Haas for her lifetime services provided to the community at this year's dinner.

The ACHS was saddened to learn that Todd Mahon, its Executive Director for almost 10 years, had received employment at the State Historical Society. His years resulted in a huge enhancement in the organization, now housed in a facility that can not only preserve antiquity, but organize it and display it to be used as a resource to the general public.

Following Todd's departure, the Board spent a substantial amount of time locating and securing our new Executive Director Rebecca Ebnet-Mavencamp, who came on in the spring of 2015. She has displayed an incredible amount of energy and passion, further enhancing the organization. I saw firsthand that both our staff and volunteers have a profoundly deep interest in history. Their passion can be easily seen in their dedication to the organization and, more importantly, to preserving history. The services they provide to the organization need to be recognized. In addition, the modest pay that our staff receives is nothing in comparison to the contributions they make on a daily basis.

During my tenure, I worked directly with Vickie Wendel who served as interim Executive Director, Sara Given, Volunteer Coordinator and Audra Hilse, Archivist and Administrator. I thank each of you for your hard work and commitment. Also, the volunteers who are recognized annually remain a foundation for the organization. I firmly believe under our new Executive Director and staff, this organization will continue to flourish.

In the future, we have many opportunities to both expand the services of collecting and organizing meaningful Anoka County history that will be available for each successive generation. The success of this goal has given our thrust into working with students and their participation in recent programs. With the dedication of staff and volunteers, the ACHS will continue to provide first class services, programs, and events to further the knowledge of the County. Currently, we have begun the process of redoing the exhibition hall, working on suburbanization and prohibition exhibits, while also meeting with Federal Cartridge to preserve their history and expanding our educational partnership.

Also, it remains very important that we have an active Board. Many of the members have served on the Board for a lengthy period of time, though some of them, due to their age or health, can no longer serve. I would request that if you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, you contact either our Executive Director or myself, or one of the other Board members to express interest in serving.

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today's East Bethel. James settled on the northwest corner and built his first house there in 1854. He returned to Pennsylvania to gather his family and move them to Minnesota, but when they arrived, the house had been destroyed. They built a temporary sod house until they could build a new house from lumber and wooden pegs.

When Hugh Spence built his store on the southeast corner in 1876, his store became the stagecoach stop. In 1878, he took over as the postmaster. The desk continued to serve the people of the area as their post office until 1899 when rural home delivery of mail came to Anoka County. Since many of the families in the Cooper's Corner area were related, the desk stayed in the family until 1983, when it and its story were brought to the Anoka County Historical Society.

From the Director...

By Rebecca Ebnert Mavencamp

You read about our proposed exhibit overhaul in the Annual Appeal letter and graciously made the project possible! It's with joyous hearts we have begun digging into the concept of Suburbanization and its major impact on just about any topic you can think of.

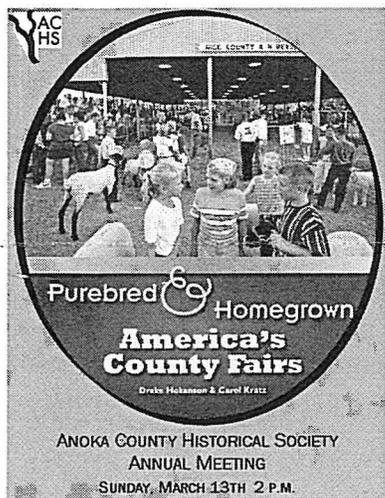
The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, for instance, occurred as a direct result of the fast and furious sprawl of the 1950s, establishing the National Register of Historic Places. As Section 1.b.5 states, "in the face of ever-increasing extensions of urban centers, highways, and residential, commercial, and industrial developments, the present governmental and nongovernmental historic preservation programs and activities are inadequate to insure future generations a genuine opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the rich heritage of our Nation."

This has had a direct impact on 19 locations in Anoka County that now reside on the register. One of these is the "Old Post Office" on Main Street Anoka, which coincidentally enough, is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. In recognition of this event, the ACHS has partnered with the retail vendors currently occupying the space to plan a commemoration of the cornerstone laying, with QCTV to produce an *It's Your History* episode documenting the construction, as well as website content, a printed booklet, exploration box, and presentation.

So how does a 100 year old building connect to an exhibit hall remodel focused on the era of Suburbia? New homes meant more people, which meant more mail, which meant an expensive and historic building no longer fit the needs of its community as a post office --but could be repurposed as a school and then a retail space. It's a representative story of the effects of expansion, adapting to change, and finding new life in traditional places, all seen through the lens of optimistic possibility tinged with the slight shadow of regret.

Now imagine that pattern of output as it relates to the County Fair, immunizations, schools, clubs, agriculture, businesses...as well as a driving tour of the other 18 historic properties! Thank you again for making the first phase of these projects possible this year.

ACHS Annual Meeting: March 13, 2—4 p.m.



Recall your own memories from County Fair time at this event as author-photographers Drake Hokanson and Carol Kratz share the history and depth of traditions still alive and well across America.

Hokanson and Kratz go beyond the caricature of fair life and explore how the events represent American heritage. They'll tell you why they think county fairs have helped define us as a nation of free-thinking, self-reliant, community focused people.

You'll have a chance to meet the authors, view a display of Anoka County's Fair, and enjoy light refreshments. This event is open to the public and will include a brief membership meeting. Tickets available until March 10.

When: Sunday, March 13, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Dr. NE
Blaine, MN 55449

Cost: \$5/members \$7/non-members

Visit AnokaCountyHistory.org

or call

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Story of an Artifact

Milk and Papers *By Vickie Wendel, ACHS Program Manager*

We take for granted that the milk we drink with our cookies will be fresh, wholesome and pure, but have you thought about where that standard of quality originated?

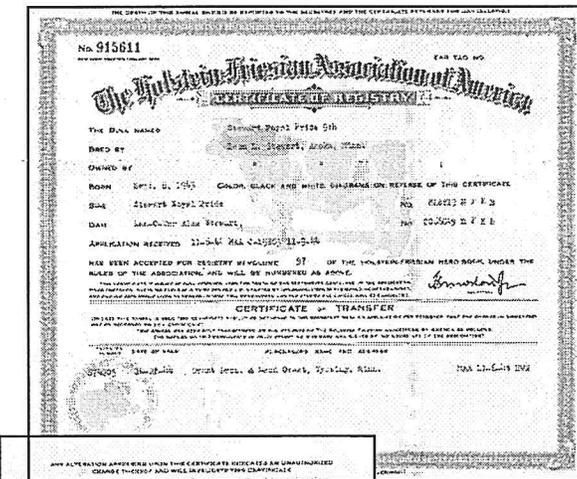
Before milk standards were introduced, farmers were paid by the weight of their product. Sometimes, farmers would cheat by adding water to their milk to make it weigh more, resulting in very inconsistent taste and quality. In 1890, Stephen Babcock, a professor at the University of Wisconsin, developed a way to “test” milk by measuring the exact amount of butterfat it contained. Farmers could then be paid by the butterfat content of their milk rather than simple weight. This encouraged farmers to have high quality milk and they began testing individual cows to determine the total amount of milk produced and the percentage of butterfat. Careful record keeping provided information on higher quality feeds or which cows the farmer should consider for sale.

Selective breeding became another important factor. A well-producing cow would likely pass on her genes to her calves, especially if she could be bred by a bull from good producing mother.

A collection of papers from the Logan Grant Farm in Linwood points to the record keeping and work involved with improving a herd and producing better milk.

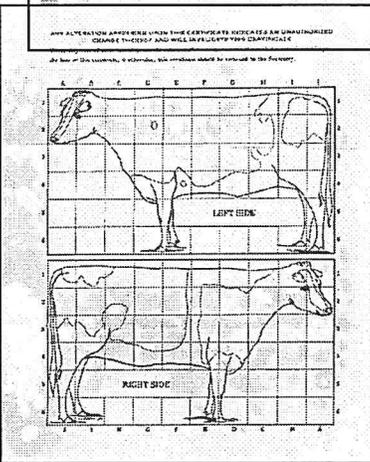
The page pictured above comes from a record book the Grants used to track the amount of milk produced by each cow and what she ate, as well as her age, breeding history, and more. Each cow had its own page with name and number at the top, like this one for “Aggie.” Not all of the Grant’s cows had such simple names—the record book has a page for a cow named “Notch in ear.”

MONTHLY INDIVIDUAL COW RECORD.														
Name and No. of Cow <u>Aggie 1</u> ; Breed <u>Grade Holstein</u> ; Age _____; Weight _____														
When Fresh <u>Dec 20</u> ; Sex of Calf _____; When Last Bred _____														
Name and Breed of Bull _____														
Period of Testing, from <u>Jan 1</u> 19 <u>19</u> , to _____ 19 <u> </u>														
Testing Period, Calendar Month or 4 Weeks	YIELD DURING TESTING PERIOD					FEED FED DURING TESTING PERIOD (Estimated or Determined)				COST		RETURNS		REMARKS
	Lbs. Milk	Butterfat %	Lbs. Butter	Lbs. Fat	Lbs. Solids	ROUGHAGE	Hay	Straw	Other	Total	Cost of Feed	Value of Milk	Value of Fat	
Jan.	726	8	2778			62	1240			1.24				
Feb.	463	7	2161			62	1184							
Mar.	530					62	944							
April	534													



The Grants bought a number of cows with “Certificates of Registry,” another method of improving the herd through pure breeding. This meant the cows had a traceable bloodline and proven history. The certificate, left, is for a bull named Stewart Royal Pride, 9th, which Leon Stewart of Anoka bred and sold to the Grants in 1944. To identify a registered animal, the back of the certificate included a chart on which to draw the animal’s markings.

Inspections were important—and necessary—to sell milk. Diseases in cattle appeared in milk and inspections by state officials certified that animals remained disease free. Farmers expected to receive these kinds of certificates when they purchased cattle. The Grant collection includes a certificate from the Minnesota State Livestock Sanitary Board in 1924. Inspectors tested and certified the bull calf in question before the sale to Logan Grant. The certificate listed the sire and dam of the calf, as well as its breed and notation that it was a “pure bred.”



Logan Grant actively bought cattle to add to the quantity and quality of his herd, watching sale ads and making inquiries. A letter addressed to Logan on March 26, 1929 describes the breeding behind the calves that the seller, Guy C. Ridler, offered. The letter also stated the asking price for the calves—bull calves were \$100 and a heifer calf was \$65.

Another document in the collection indicates Grant did buy at least one calf from Ridler. A registered calf named Oakwood Pontiac Ormsby Walker was sold to Logan Grant two days after the date on the letter.

This collection of papers and documents from the Grant family tells many stories about their life, their expectations, and their hopes through receipts, certificates, forms, and charts. They saved agricultural bulletins about better feeding of dairy cows and how to improve their herd. While the collection doesn't contain personal stories of great drama, those

everyday stories of a family working to improve their farm in Linwood are the sort we can relate to as ordinary tales much like our own. Maybe that is history's greatest appeal—it tells stories of people not so different than ourselves despite the distance in time.

Assuming you finished your milk and cookies while reading this, how about taking some time to think about the papers, charts, certificates, and forms you will leave behind? What will they tell the future about your life?

Collections Corner

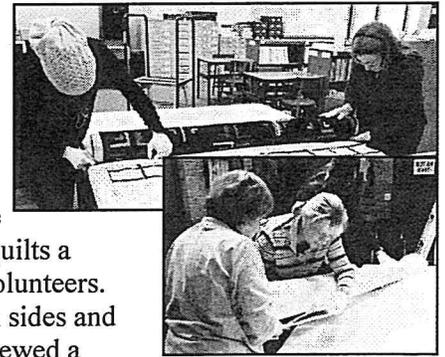
By Audra Hilse, ACHS Archivist

It's wonderful that we can provide a good home for every new artifact that walks in our door, preserving it for future use. Equally wonderful is when we can look at the artifacts already in the collection, make sure they're doing all right, and (sometimes) to update our preservation techniques. As with any profession, archivists and curators are growing our knowledge and discovering better ways to do our jobs. When we learn of newer techniques that will be even better at preserving items in our care, we find the time and resources to apply those improved techniques as soon as possible. We've given our quilts a thorough check-up in one of these preservation updates with the help of some amazing volunteers.

Volunteers took out every quilt, double-checked its measurements, photographed both sides and any damaged areas (camera technology is another thing that has progressed!), and hand-sewed a number on the quilt using our new numbering system for the collections. We also checked past and present condition of the quilts; I'm pleased to say that all are stable, so our preservation efforts seem successful. Volunteers folded larger quilts, though along different lines from the past to avoid stressing the same areas of fabric. They then padded the folds with acid-free tissue to avoid creating sharp folds and slid the quilts back into their acid-free boxes to protect them from light exposure and dust.

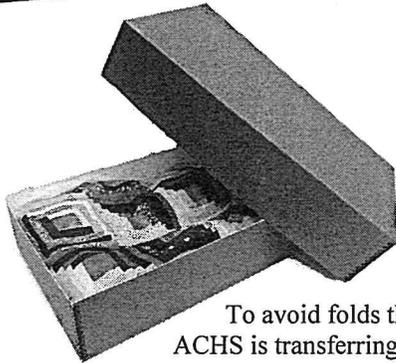
If the quilt was under 70", we housed it in our new textile rack built by a staff member. Each of these smaller quilts were rolled with acid-free tissue paper around a 4" diameter plastic pipe to prevent the fabric from rubbing against itself. Once rolled, the quilt received a cover of unbleached muslin fabric, which volunteers gently tied in place. A tag with the quilt's accession number was tied around the outside of the roll for easy identification and a dowel rod put through the middle of the pipe. After all this documentation and rolling, the quilt finally came to rest on the new rack! We're glad to roll so many of our quilts using this preservation technique that eliminates the stress of folds in textiles. We still have plenty of room on the rack, so we'll use this same technique on other textiles in the collection. The ACHS has many amazing quilts, and having so much volunteer help allowed us to do a thorough check of them and to improve our storage of many. Just as importantly, it gives us a greater chance to appreciate these quilts, know their stories, and see how they fit into the history of our county.

To help with the continued preservation needs of the collection, and highlight some of the amazing artifacts at the ACHS, we are instituting an Adopt-an-Artifact program, beginning with our quilts. Check out the details of the program below. Perhaps you are interested in adopting a quilt yourself, or gifting an adoption to a special quilter in your life. We'll keep you posted on all the efforts and any new preservation techniques in the history world.



Adopt- A- quilt

Help ACHS rehouse the quilts in our collection to meet new standards in fabric preservation by adopting a quilt.



To avoid folds that put stress on fabrics, ACHS is transferring quilts stored in boxes to a rolled storage rack. Each quilt will be rolled on preservation quality plastic with acid free tissue paper and covered with unbleached muslin to keep the quilts protected from dust and light. After being rolled, each quilt will be placed in a specially built rolled storage rack.

Contact the ACHS Archivist, Audra Hilse, to adopt your own Quilt.

Phone: 763-421-0600

Email Audra@AnokaCountyHistory.org

Quilt Adoption Levels:

Log Cabin Level—\$50

- Your name acknowledged in ACHS Newsletter and Adoption board at History Center
- Thank you Letter from ACHS Director
- Certificate of adoption with history of your quilt
- 5 X7 photographic print of your quilt
- *Quilts and their Stories* booklet about ACHS Quilts

Star Quilt Level—\$100

- All of the above PLUS
- 8X10 photographic print of your quilt (instead of 5X7)
- ACHS Quilt Pattern Book

Crazy Quilt Level—\$200

- All of the above PLUS
- A 45 minute chat with ACHS Program Manager Vickie Wendel for you and up to 25 of your friends. See your quilt in person, and talk to Vickie about preserving your quilts and other textiles.

* Adoption levels for one full year

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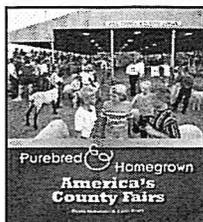
ACHS Remembers

To those members, volunteers, friends and neighbors who are no longer with us —you will be missed.

Sheryl Lockwood
January 13, 2016

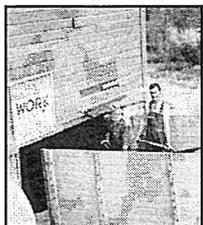
Cindy Torfin
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Programs, Events & Reminders



ACHS Annual Meeting
America's County Fairs by Carol Kratz and Drake Hokanson
March 13, 2—4 p.m.
Location: Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Dr. NE, Blaine, 55434

Recall your own memories from County Fair time at this event as author-photographers Drake Hokanson and Carol Kratz share the history and depth of traditions still alive and well across America. You'll have a chance to meet the authors, view a display of Anoka County's Fair, and enjoy light refreshments. This event is open to the public and will include a brief membership meeting. Tickets available until March 10. See page 3 for full details
Cost: \$5/members \$7 non-members



Library Program
Depression Era
April 9
Time: Program at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Scanning Event 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
Location: Northtown Library
711 County Rd 10 NE, Blaine, 55434

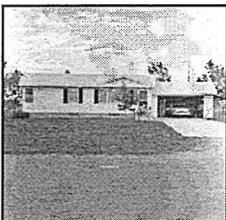
The Era of the Great Depression (1930-1940) brought many hardships to the people of the United States and across the world as a result of a decade which saw a stock market crash that left people in complete ruin. Millions of people were unemployed with almost no social safety nets to provide even the basic necessities of life. With a focus on Anoka County, Minnesota, these stories bring home the people and the programs that got America through the tough years of the Great Depression and points out the echoes of those programs that still remain today.

This program is offered in partnership with Anoka County Library and is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

No registration required for this free program but seating may be limited.

For more information call 763-576-4695.

Cost: FREE



Library Program
Suburban Homes
April 30
Time: Program at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Scanning Event 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
Location: Crooked Lake Library
11440 Crooked Lake Blvd, Coon Rapids, 55433

Anoka County was largely a rural county with a population of just over 35,000 people in 1950. By 1960, there were more than 85,000 people calling it home. Almost overnight, the face of Anoka County changed from one of farms to sprawling Suburbia. Come explore the first local ideas of suburbanization in Anoka County and how those ideas were replayed decades later to build the communities we know and live in today. This slide show looks at the challenges (roads, schools, safety) and pleasures (country clubs, big yards) of building and living in Anoka County's suburbs.

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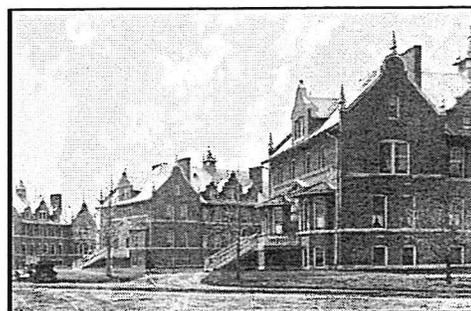
Cost: FREE



Exhibit Hall Changes
Wedding Belles & Beaus
Closing April
Location: Anoka County History Center

Visit the History Center for a final chance to visit the wedding dress exhibit *Wedding Belles & Beaus* in the exhibit hall. These beautiful wedding dresses will be packed away this April to protect the fabric and make way for a new Suburbia exhibit set to open this summer.

Cost: Free for members, \$3/non-members



Library Program & Digital
Preservation Event
The History of the Anoka State
Hospital
March 12

Time: Program at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Scanning Event 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
Location: Rum River Library
4201 6th Ave, Anoka, 55303

Mental hospitals bring lots of imagery to mind, much of which is based on pop culture and ignorance. What was life really like for patients and staff? Join us for this thought provoking and informative program. Learn about the history of the Anoka State Hospital which opened its doors over 100 years ago. Back by popular demand, this program on the history of the Anoka State Hospital will be given twice. Programs are offered in partnership with Anoka County Library and are funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

Cost: FREE

Digital Preservation Days

Time: 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
March 12—Rum River Library
April 9—Northtown Library
April 30—Crooked Lake Library

Preserve your favorite old photographs, negatives or documents at one of our Digital Preservation Events. Scanning equipment provided by Minitex and the Minnesota Digital Library. Scanning is free but may be limited to 3-10 items per person.

Wondering what to bring? We'd be especially interested in anything to do with your connections to the Anoka State Hospital, the Depression in the 1930's, and the boom of Suburbanization. Preserve your memories and important history with professional quality digital scans, and then enjoy the day's history program.

Cost: FREE

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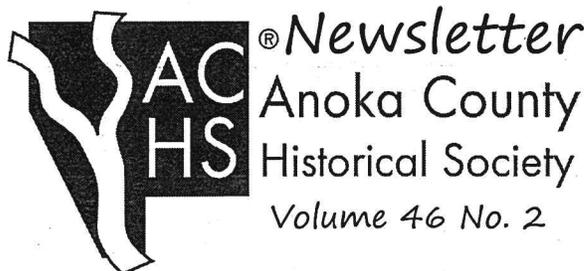
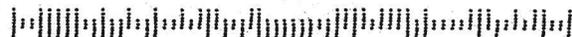
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Dayton's Supplemental Budget

Gov. Mark Dayton released his supplemental budget proposal this week. During his announcement, he stated that his top priority for this budget proposal was securing future fiscal integrity for the state budget — a theme he brought up at his State of the State address. While many of his 2015 priorities have drastically reduced funding proposals this year, there are still a number of projects he hopes to complete this year.

Here are the highlights of [Gov. Dayton's supplemental budget](#):

Economic Development

The governor's proposed supplemental budget calls for critical investments in a number of projects across the state. These programs are all part of his larger plan to create an economy that "works for all of Minnesota" by creating long-term fiscal stability while providing the citizens of Minnesota with the

tools and securities they need to drive the local economy. A few key initiatives of Gov. Dayton's budget proposal include:

- **Broadband Funding:** Proposed \$100 million investment to jumpstart expansion efforts and ensure that Greater Minnesota is connected to the 21st century economy.
- **Infrastructure and Jobs:** [Gov. Dayton's Jobs Bill](#) would invest \$1.4 billion in more than 200 infrastructure projects statewide, creating more than 39,900 Minnesota jobs.
- **Clean, Affordable Drinking Water:** Proposed \$220 million plan to modernize Minnesota's aging water infrastructure and protect groundwater from contamination. The proposal would allocate \$167 million to assist communities across the state that cannot afford to invest in aging water infrastructure. The plan also would invest an additional \$53 million for water quality protection initiatives to help leverage millions of federal dollars to implement conservation practices to restore and protect water quality across the state.
- **Closing Economic Disparities:** The proposal creates a \$100 million investment to

They said it:

"[Gov. Dayton's budget] prioritizes many of the same goals the Senate DFL Caucus has this session, particularly his dedication to bringing equity for workers and families, expanding education opportunities, and building Minnesota."

– Tom Bakk, Senate Majority Leader (DFL-Cook).

"[Gov. Dayton] is proposing to spend about \$7 for every \$1 he's giving back in tax relief — obviously out of whack with what I think Minnesotans' expectations are."

– Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the House (R-Crown).

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expand economic opportunities and eliminate disparities for Minnesotans of color from across the state.

Education

Gov. Dayton's E-12 recommendations include two significant priorities – voluntary pre-Kindergarten and expanding the teacher workforce. His voluntary pre-Kindergarten initiative includes \$25 million for a grant program to public schools and would be awarded based on poverty rates and the lack of high rating under the state's quality rating system. Gov. Dayton also proposes to invest \$12.3 million in an initiative to diversify and increase the teacher workforce by lowering tuition for candidates who agree to work in shortage areas, and creating pathways for paraprofessionals to pursue teacher licensure.

Health & Human Services

In the area of health and human services, Gov. Dayton has proposed an increase to the Department of Health of \$28 million as well as an increase of \$191 million to the Department of Human Services. Gov. Dayton is looking to pursue a federal waiver in order to expand MinnesotaCare up to the 275th percentile of the federal poverty guidelines. A number of high-profile provisions include:

- Increasing the Minnesota Family Investment Program cash grant by \$100 per month that totals \$12.3 million in state spending along with federal matching funds.
- \$559,000 for home visits of nurses to families with infants.
- \$94 million to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to the 50th percentile.
- \$33 million to implement the federal Child Care Development Block Grant passed by Congress in 2014.
- \$39 million for increased inpatient psychiatric beds.

Transportation

Gov. Dayton's supplemental budget includes his 2015 transportation plan, which seeks to invest \$6 billion over the next 10 years. While he supports a 6.5 percent excise tax on gasoline and several other fee and tax increases, he also stated he would support any transportation package that provides sustainable, long-term funding. Last year, Republicans vowed they will not pass a gas tax increase,

leaving this year's negotiations between Senate Democrats and House Republicans to focus on finding funding sources that do not rely on an increase to the gas tax.

Taxes

"Tax Relief" has been a very popular buzzword in St. Paul for the past two sessions, and Gov. Dayton provided targeted tax cuts aimed at increasing income for 400,000 Minnesota families in his supplemental budget. Included in the cuts would be an expanded child care tax credit, increased working family tax credits, and tax cuts for education expenses. Gov. Dayton's supplemental budget provides just over \$261 million in tax relief over the next four years.

Senate Democrats Renew Push for Transportation Plan

Last year, legislators failed to reach an agreement on a comprehensive transportation funding package. Both the House and the Senate passed omnibus transportation bills, but significant differences remained between the two bills that could not be worked out by the end of the 2015 session. This week, Senate Democrats renewed their efforts for long-term funding by increasing the gas tax and other transportation-related service fees. Sen. Scott Dibble (DFL-Minneapolis) stated that "at a minimum, we need to be putting \$600 million more per year" into the state's transportation system. While House Republicans are opposed to any increase in taxes, Sen. Dibble has stated they may be willing to make some concessions, as long as the funding package does not rely on shifting existing revenue from one area to fund transportation.

The transportation conference committee has resumed negotiations, and will likely be meeting until a final product is produced or until session is close to ending.

Committees Begin Hearing Bills

Following the record-breaking turnout of the March 1 presidential primaries, Rep. Tim Sanders (R-Blaine) has proposed a bill that would transition Minnesota to an open primary system. [HF 2735](#) would not replace the caucus system, so if a local political party unit chose to keep the precinct caucus



system, a presidential primary would also be held. The bill doesn't have a Senate companion, so there is still work to be done in a short amount of time for this bill to have a chance at being signed into law this year.

Over the interim, a joint House and Senate working group was created to address the issue of REAL ID compliance for Minnesota driver licenses. This week the House Transportation committee heard [HF 1732](#), authored by Rep. Dennis Smith (R-Maple Grove) that would repeal the law forbidding REAL ID compliance that was passed in 2005, and charge

the Department of Public Safety with finding the necessary actions to allow the state to meet the more stringent federal ID requirements. The Senate companion, [SF 1646](#), has passed through the Transportation committees. Both bills have been passed on to the Ways and Means/Finance committees, and may be passed into law before the end of the month.

March 25, 2016



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Session Is Moving Quickly

One-third of the legislative session is behind us, and legislators are set to go home for a long weekend. There is typically a one-week break in the middle of session to recognize the Easter and Passover holidays, but this year the House and Senate will have Friday, March 25 through Monday, March 28 off for Easter, and then Friday, April 22 through Monday, April 25 off for Passover. When legislators return next week, they will only have until April 1 to pass any policy bills from their respective chambers. As of today the legislature has just 59 days until May 23, when the legislature must adjourn for the rest of the year.

Unemployment Insurance

The Iron Range is experiencing a significant downturn in production at its steel plants due to a number of factors, including a global increase in supply, a decrease in the amount of steel the United States is exporting, and a decrease in demand for steel in the energy sector. This has caused temporary layoffs for thousands of miners. Their unemployment benefits were set to expire this month, mean-

ing many families would cease to receive weekly income. House and Senate leadership have stated it is a top priority to pass legislation as soon as possible, even hinting that it would be passed the first day of session. That did not come to fruition due to a lack of agreement between House Republicans and Senate Democrats surrounding the issue of providing businesses with relief from mandatory payments to the unemployment insurance fund. While Senate Democrats wanted the unemployment relief to be passed on a stand-alone bill, House Republicans supported passing legislation that would provide the necessary unemployment benefits and tax relief to businesses.

On March 21, the Senate passed [SF 1006](#), authored by Sen. David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm) that would allow for the extension of unemployment insurance to the Iron Range miners, and then proceeded to pass [SF 2891](#) authored by Sen. Lyle Koenen (DFL-Clara City), which contained the unemployment tax modification, on Thursday, March 24. Both measures were ultimately passed Thursday afternoon by the House members. Gov. Dayton signed both pieces of legislation into

They said it:

“These past few months have been dark days on the Range, with money drying up and food getting harder to put on the table every day. The passage of 26 weeks of unemployment insurance is a much-needed lifeline that families are grateful for.”

– Sen. David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm)

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law that same evening. As expected, the Iron Range unemployment extension was the first piece of legislation signed into law this year.

REAL ID Compliance

The United States Department of Homeland Security passed comprehensive security-tightening measures for airport travelers in the wake of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

One of those measures was REAL ID, which created new standards for drivers licenses to be used in domestic airports. Seven years ago, a bill was passed that would prohibit the compliance of Minnesota IDs to the REAL ID standard, and with the deadline approaching in 2018, there was a risk that Minnesotans would not be able to use their license to board a plane for domestic travel. The Senate passed [SF 1646](#) off the floor on March 21, and it now awaits action by the House, which will hear the bill on the floor on Tuesday, March 29. The law would direct the Department of Public Safety commissioner to evaluate the path forward to meet REAL ID compliance, and then the legislature would pass legislation to achieve those steps later this year.

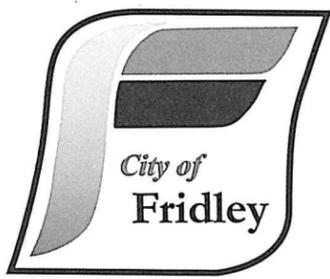
Senate Details Education Priorities

On March 21, the Senate Education Committee's DFL members held a press conference where they announced their

priorities for this year. Chief among their priorities is working to end the teacher shortage in the state, expanding pre-Kindergarten for 4-year-olds, and addressing the student-to-counselor ratio. Senate Democrats have created a package of bills to address the teacher shortage by offering loan forgiveness and grants to help pay for student teaching and incentives for teachers to relocate to high-demand areas. There is a bill to establish a \$20 million grant program to help schools to bring in more school counselors and proposals to incentivize students to go into agricultural careers, funding teacher training, and promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses.

Road to the 2016 Election

Rep. Dave Hancock (R-Bemidji), a two-term legislator for District 2A who served non-consecutive terms, announced that he would not seek reelection this year. Currently the vice chair of the Veterans Affairs Division, Rep. Hancock cited spending more time with his family as the primary reason for stepping down from public office.



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Lunchtime Gets Exciting with Cops in the Café

Who is having more fun – the kids or the cops? When Fridley Police Officers invade lunchtime at Hayes and Stevenson Schools, everyone smiles.

It is a special treat when a parent gets to eat lunch at school with their child, but not every parent has that flexibility. Jennie Marquardt, a paraprofessional at Hayes Elementary, noticed and came to the staff at Fridley Police with a unique idea.

“I work in the cafeteria, and I am one of the few staff fortunate enough to see all of our students each day,” said Jennie Marquardt. “We have parents that come to dine in our cafeteria with students each week. I see how students love this, and I also see many who could greatly benefit from a few minutes of friendship, leadership and mentoring.”

The idea took shape and grew from there. Now, twice a month students at Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools get to eat lunch with a very special guest – a Fridley police officer.



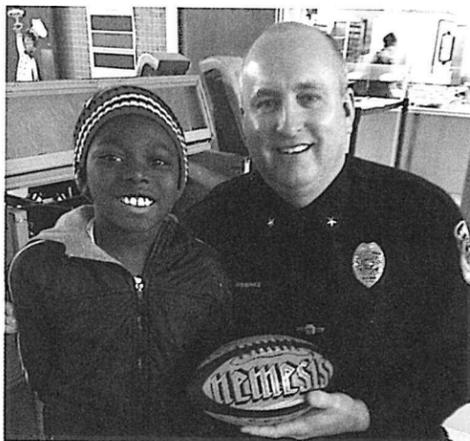
Officer Mark Mickelson joins the lunch crowd at Hayes.



Kids get a chance for an informal Q & A during officer lunch visits.

A small group of students is selected each time by teachers to sit at the cop table, but the excitement is shared by the entire 3rd and 4th grade student body. This is a chance for students to ask questions, one-on-one at the lunch table for those select students or during an informal Q&A that gives the other students a chance to learn more.

“Cops in the Café” launched this year, and is already a popular event at both Hayes and Stevenson Elementary Schools. Fridley Police hope to continue growing the program and making those personal, positive connections with kids in our community.



Director of Public Safety Brian Weierke connects with a student over football.

Join Fridley Police, Fire and Recreation for 2 fun-filled days of learning and friendship!

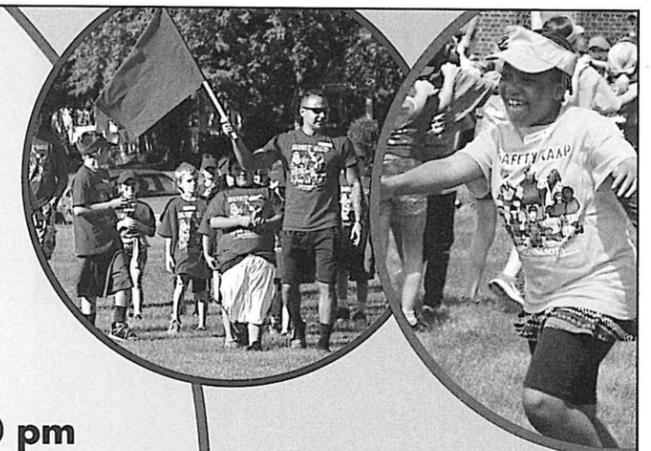
2016 safety camp!

**Tuesday & Wednesday
June 21 & 22, 2016 • 8 am - 4:30 pm
\$30.00 (Hurry! Registration required and spots fill fast!)
Commons Park, rain or shine**

For youth completing grades 2-3

Questions: Call Liz at (763) 572-3626 or liz.chevalier@FridleyMN.gov

To Register: (763) 572-3570 or online at FridleyMN.gov



Safety topics and games include:

- Fire safety
- Seat belts
- Animals
- Bicycle
- First aid
- Outdoors
- Electrical
- Personal and water safety, bullying & more

Snacks and lunch served daily. The event concludes with a family graduation ceremony at Fridley Middle School the evening of June 22.

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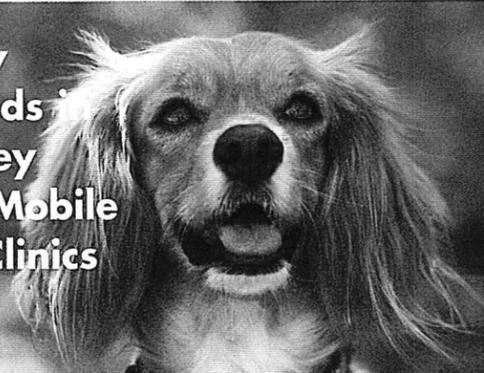
City Hall Update

The Fridley City Council continues to look at all options for determining the best way to address deteriorating conditions, safety concerns and accessibility with city buildings. The most recent step is the hiring of a firm to evaluate the costs and options of building a civic center as part of a larger development at the former Columbia Arena location.

We had a very positive response to our Requests For Proposals (RFP). There were 59 requests for information, and 38 firms attended a mandatory meeting to view the site and ask questions. In total, we received 10 responses and have begun scoring the proposals and interviewing top candidates. Proposals include a mix of architectural and engineering firms, and some of these are teaming up to address different specialties. We hope to select a firm for recommendation to the Council meeting at the April 11 meeting.

There has been a tremendous amount of positive commentary from interested parties, including comments on the site, the location and the civic campus future potential. To learn more, visit the project online at FridleyMN.gov/city-hall-update.

Furry Friends at Fridley MN Mobile Pet Clinics



Affordable vaccinations, wellness exams and reduced fee pet licenses.

Saturday, April 23 and May 21
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Fridley Public Works Garage: 400 71st Ave
(behind old Columbia Arena)

Save \$10 and get your lifetime dog license for only \$15 at this event. Questions on Fridley pet ordinances or pet health? Experts will be on hand to help you out. Bring proof of a rabies vaccination from your own vet if applying for a license at this event. Documentation will be provided at the event for dogs getting vaccinated onsite.

No need to register: first come, first served.

Monica Sheets, artist-in-residence at Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, would like to meet you.

Monica takes a unique approach to her art; she creates it from public conversations. She wants to hear your stories. *What are Fridley's untold stories? Who is the Fridley community? Why did you move here? Why do you stay?* From historical accounts passed down through generations to the hidden gems of the city, Monica wants to see the city through your eyes.

The conversation does not stop there. She also wants to take a look into the future. *What do you want to see in Fridley? What does Fridley need? In what ways do you get involved in the community?*

Monica's background is in photography and mixed media sculpture, and she identifies as a visual artist.

For the past decade or so, her work has been in public space. She began her residency with Banfill-Locke last September, and her work will eventually progress into a not-yet-defined work of art to be showcased in January and February 2017. This display will take its form based on her research and the community conversations shared.

Look for Monica out and about at community events over the next several months. She also invites you to stop by Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts to share your stories. Monica holds open office hours at the art center on Tuesdays from Noon until 2 p.m. — stop in and say hello. She is also happy to set up a time to meet that works best for you. Give her a call at (612) 205-7363 or email monica@banfill-locke.org.

Congratulations Shelly Peterson New Finance Director

Shelly has been serving as Fridley Assistant Finance Director since January 2013. She is well-respected as a positive and capable leader who has made many contributions to our City. She brings an extensive background in finance operations, as well as in-depth knowledge of utility billing, accounts payable and accounts receivable operations.

Shelly is the treasurer for the Anoka County Historical Society and is an active member of both the national and Minnesota Government Finance Officers Association. Prior to working for Fridley, she was the Assistant Finance Director for the City of Anoka, and also spent several years in finance with Maple Grove and Anoka County. She has a B.A. degree in Business Management and a minor in Economics from Bethel University.

We are excited to have her expertise and leadership in this new role.



Filing Dates for City Council

The offices of Mayor and Councilmember-at-Large will be on the ballot in 2016. Filing for these two offices begins Tuesday, May 17, and ends Tuesday, May 31. City offices will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through May 27, closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on May 30, and open until 5:00 p.m. on May 31.

At the time of filing, candidates for office must provide to the City Clerk a Nomination Petition circulated and signed by at least 10 registered voters during the filing period and a \$10 application fee. If more than two candidates file for one office, a Primary Election will be held on August 9 to determine which

two candidates move forward to the November General Election.

To run for one of these four-year terms, candidates must be a registered voter, 21 years of age or more upon assuming office, a resident of the city for at least thirty days by election day, and not have filed for any other office during this election cycle.

For additional information regarding the requirements or for a copy of filing materials, please call the City Clerk at (763) 572-3523 or e-mail your questions to deb.skogen@FridleyMN.gov.

Sunshine, Blooms and Reappraisals?

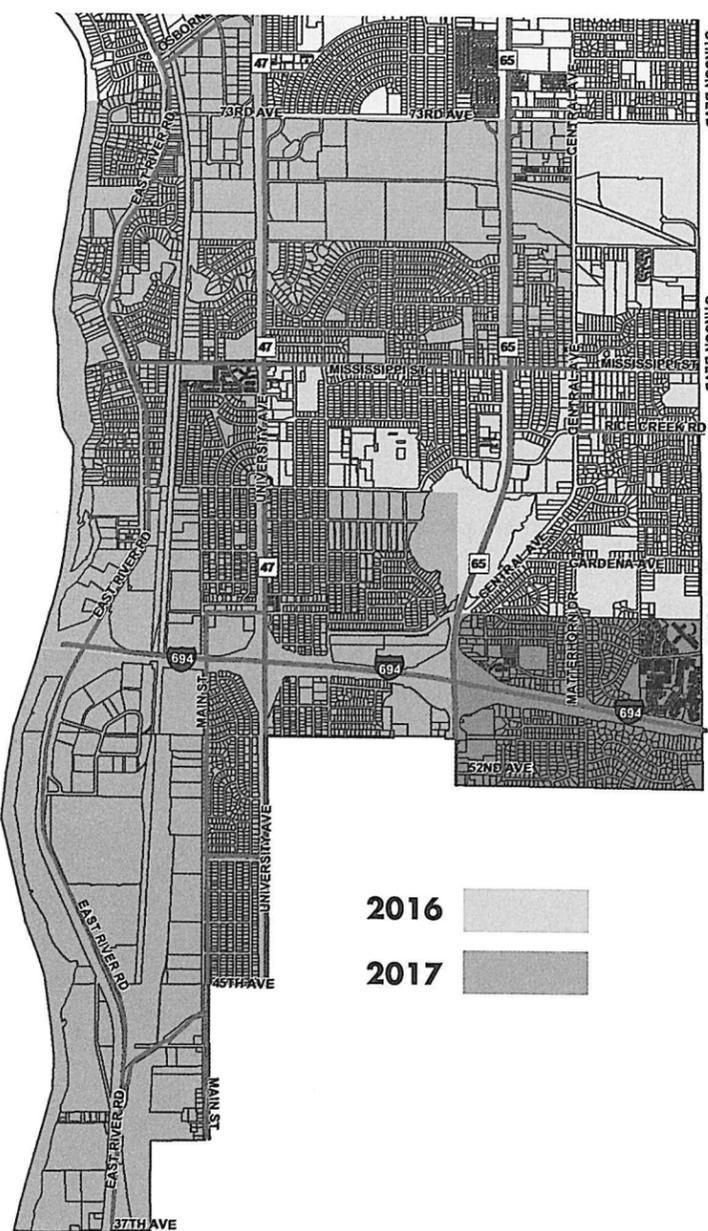
Among the many sure signs of spring, you can expect to see our appraisal staff out and about visiting about 1,650 homes. Visits begin in April and continue through September. Each year, a section of the city is scheduled for reappraisal (as seen on the color coded map below). This year we will be in the eastern side of the City:

- Between University Avenue and Highway 65 and bounded by 61st Avenue to the south and Mississippi Street to the north.
- East of Highway 65 to the city limits and bounded by 69th Avenue to the north and Hathaway Lane to the south.
- Commercial, industrial and apartment properties in various locations will also be visited.

What to expect:

Residents will receive a blue postcard one to two weeks prior to our arrival. This postcard explains the process and includes telephone numbers to contact us with questions or to schedule an appointment in advance.

- We conduct inspections Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



- If you are home, we will show City of Fridley identification and request either a brief visual inspection of the inside of your home or simply an exterior look around.
- If no one is home, we will leave a tag on the door letting you know that we stopped by for the appraisal. If an interior inspection is needed, the tag will request that you call to schedule an appointment.
- If we get no response, an estimate of what is typical for the neighborhood will be made for the property. If you disagree with the value assigned on your tax statement next spring, you may file an appeal which will require an interior inspection.

The purpose of the visit is simply to verify home information such as the number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and to gather information on the condition of your property. We do this in order to accurately describe the property and ensure values are reliably estimated.

Your rights:

- You will receive a notice of valuation and classification each spring with the appraiser's estimated market value.
- If you disagree with this value, you may appeal with your local assessor.
- If you cannot resolve issues with the assessor, you can appeal to the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization at the City.
- If issues still remain unresolved, you may then move on to the County Board of Appeal & Equalization.

Approximately 20 percent of Fridley residences are reappraised each year. The data collected this year will be used for the January 2, 2017, assessment for taxes payable in 2018. There is always a two-year lag between the time the data on values are collected and the time they are reflected in property taxes. We hope this information will help you understand your tax statements.

Please note: City staff always carry photo identification. Be safe and ask to see it. We look forward to working with you in updating your property values and making the process as easy as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Smith, City Assessor at (763) 572-3537, or Patrick Maghrak, Senior Residential Appraiser at (763) 572-3536.

2016 Street Project

Timeline: Spring through September 2016

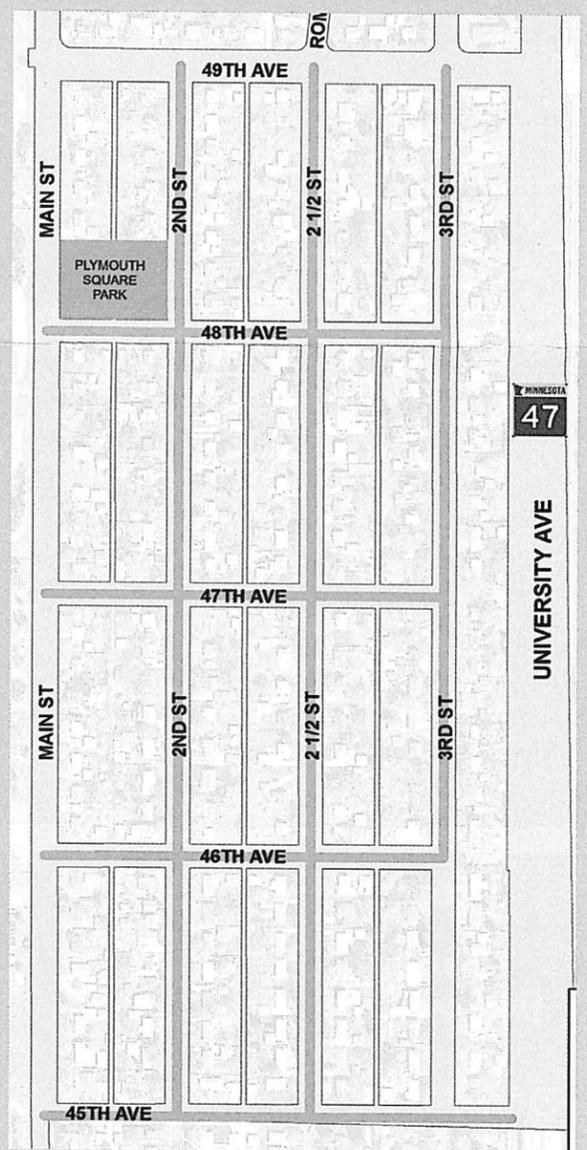
Where: 45th – 49th Avenue between Main Street and University Avenue

What to expect:

- new paving
- spot curb replacement
- replacement of gas mains
- water main replacement on select streets
- minor sanitary and storm sewer repairs
- storm water quality improvements

Streets and driveways will be closed at times. We will coordinate access with residents who are affected by this construction.

Questions? Fridley Engineering staff can help at (763) 572-3554, or find updates online at FridleyMN.gov/streetproject.



SUMMER ROCKS

Recreation Opportunities for Creative Kids in the Summer

Make this summer ROCK with Fridley Recreation!
Join us for up to 10 weeks of fun and adventure
for those completing grades K-7.

\$130/week (\$30 daily fee available)
Fridley Community Center & Commons Park



For youth who have completed grades K-7.
7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday • June 13 - August 19



MN GreenCorps member
Erika Van Krevelen evaluating Fridley trees.

Getting Shady in Fridley

Did you know?

Trees do more than just offer shade in the summer and brilliant colors in the fall. They also improve air and water quality and lower energy costs.

Trees Work Hard!

What can one well-placed shade tree planted on your property today do for your home and your community in the future?

When that tree is 25 years old, it will provide these environmental benefits every single year:

- Reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the air by 371 pounds, helping us breathe easy
- Intercept 1,394 gallons of stormwater, reducing the amount of runoff and pollutants that enter our local waterways
- Provide \$32 in energy savings, keeping your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter

Trees are an investment, and these benefits will continue to grow with the tree. Celebrate trees by planting one in your yard today!

Planting for the Future

Everyone benefits from trees! They clean our air and improve our water quality. We hang our swings and birdfeeders from their branches. They provide homes and food for the wildlife we love.

But history hasn't been kind to Fridley's urban forest.

- Tornadoes
- Dutch Elm Disease
- Straight-Line Winds

Fridley's canopy cover has suffered major blows in the past 50 years. This means fewer trees are filling our sky, lining our streets, and shading our buildings. Pest threats like the Emerald Ash Borer could mean even greater losses. The time for action is now. Fridley is taking proactive steps to plant for the future.

The New Threat: EAB

Like many cities, green ash trees (*Fraxinus Pennsylvanica*) make up too much of Fridley's urban forest—approximately 1 in 5 trees on city streets and in parks. This statistic is troubling because of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a destructive insect that has been decimating Minnesota ash trees since 2009. EAB continues to spread throughout the state, and has been found as close as Shoreview and Arden Hills. It is likely that EAB will be found in Fridley in the near future. Fridley is preparing for its arrival by

updating the city tree inventory to record the current size and health of all street and park trees. Knowing where the ash trees are and their condition will aid in the development of Fridley's Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan. MN GreenCorps member Erika Van Krevelen is currently working on this project and anticipates a summer completion.

Long Term Solution = Diversity

Increasing species diversity is one of the best strategies for long-term urban forest health and resiliency. By increasing species diversity, we can prevent major canopy losses due to insects and diseases that wipe out entire populations of overused trees. In doing so, we avoid the common pitfall of "putting too many eggs in one basket." This means we must move away from planting ash, maple, and spruce species that together make up 59% of our trees. Instead, we should plant species like basswood, hackberry, honeylocust, and more uncommon trees like the northern catalpa and Kentucky coffee tree.

You can help! As the buds begin to burst and the ground thaws, homeowners should think about helping restore Fridley's canopy cover by planting a shade tree (or two) in their own yards.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now." —Chinese proverb



Time for Spring Cleaning!

Let us help!

Spring Residential Recycling Day is Saturday, May 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rain or Shine
Fridley Public Works, 400 71st Avenue (behind old Columbia Arena)

What we take for FREE:

- Paper for Secure Shredding
- Carpeting and Pads (tied in 6-ft rolls, no scraps)
- Up to 3 appliances
- Small electronics and TVs 20" or smaller: first 3 FREE!
- Keyboards/mouse
- Cell phones
- Handheld games
- Circuit boards and similar items
- Small engines (lawn mowers, snow blowers, weed whips – drain all fluids)
- Scrap metal
- Bicycles
- Fluorescent bulbs (limit 10/household)
- Batteries
- Cardboard
- One tire (passenger/light truck only)

What we take for a small fee (cash or check only):

- New!! Tires, first one free, remainder \$1 each (passenger/light truck only accepted)
- Air Conditioners: \$10 each
- Appliances (after first 3 free): \$5 each
- Electronics (after first 3 free): \$5 each (except TVs over 20")
- TVs 21-25": \$10.00; Flat panel TVs (LCD/LED/Plasma): \$10
- TVs CRT 26 or larger: \$20
- Jumbo monitors: \$20
- TVs, Consoles or Rear Projection (larger than 30"): \$20 each
- Mattresses and Box Springs: \$10 per piece

Open to all Fridley residents, bring a recycling postcard and photo ID if you are paying by check. Look for the drop-off event postcard in your mail soon.

Furniture and household goods not accepted. Please bring those items to the local Goodwill or Salvation Army if in good condition. Otherwise, please contact your own garbage hauler for bulky item pickup. Old prescription medications can be dropped off Monday - Friday during normal business hours at the convenient drop box in the lower level of City Hall.

Questions? Visit www.FridleyMN.gov or call (763) 572-3594.

Are You Throwing Away Dollars?

Four years ago, the City rolled out a single-sort recycling program through Republic Services. Easy – just throw recyclables into one bin and roll it out every other week. A year after the program launch, we had about 80-85% of homes participating. Today that number is slipping.

The cost of throwing away recyclables

Check what's in your weekly trash. Are you throwing away things like cardboard, cans and bottles, and plastic yogurt cups? How empty is your bin when you remove these items? Is it time to downsize? With a smaller garbage container and a larger recycling cart, you can create substantial savings. Did you know... waste haulers add a State tax of 9.75% to your garbage bill, but recycling services are tax-free! For every \$100 in garbage charges, you pay about another \$10 in state tax. That adds up.

Create more jobs

Recycling helps create jobs right here! By choosing to recycle which takes only a few extra seconds of our time, we create jobs in Minnesota for companies that, for instance, convert recycled plastic into useful plastic timbers for yard projects. Plus, we conserve natural resources—great news for Minnesota's citizens, businesses and wildlife!

Fit or flabby?

Have we gotten flabby with our recycling efforts? Looking at the numbers from last year, the answer is yes. Recycling in single family homes through 12-unit apartments has slipped to only 74.3%. At the same time, the State and Anoka County have increased the number of pounds each of us must recycle because,

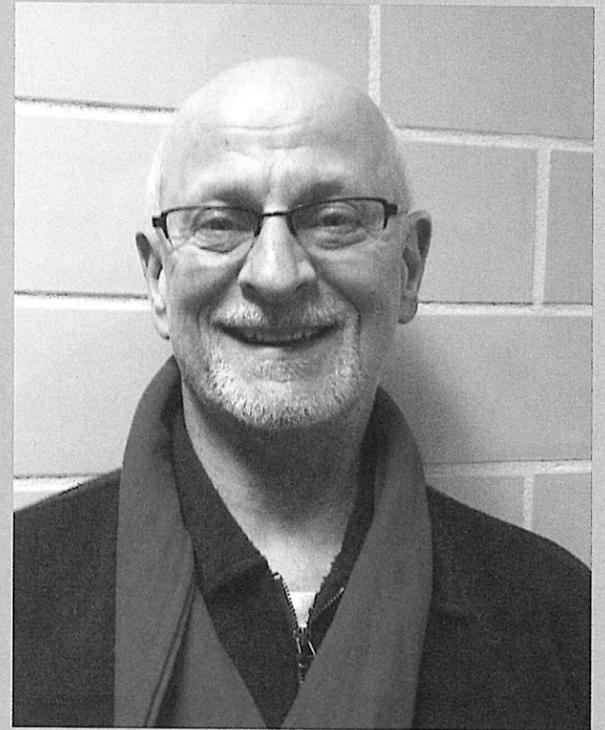
1. More items are recyclable
2. Landfills are very limited

In 2016, the expected recycling amount per year is 195 pounds per person in a single family home and 170 pounds per person if you live in an apartment. Currently, apartment residents only recycle about 40 pounds per unit (even less per person). A recent apartment study showed tossing cardboard into the garbage is a major factor. Cardboard is one of the easiest things to recycle – reuse or recycle those moving boxes. Remember, household and apartment costs increase by not recycling!

In 2016, let's get our recycling efforts back into shape! Help the environment – help your pocketbook: Boost Recycling!

Start today. Republic offers a free upgrade to a 96-gallon recycling cart (the largest container). Call customer service at (952) 941-5174. Challenge your neighbors. Make it a block party theme or share recycling tips at Night to Unite.

You can make a difference.



EQEC Member Paul Westby is accepted into the Master Water Steward Program.

Stormwater Pollution, Watershed and You!

Rain washes leaves, debris, even chemicals off our lawns and driveways, into the street and down the storm drain. Every storm drain in the City washes directly into the Mississippi River. We need to protect this precious natural resource.

Watershed: the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place.

In Fridley, our watershed is the Mississippi River. Some areas are connected directly to the river; others are first connected to Rice Creek or Coon Creek; but in the end, we are linked by a common water course, the Mighty Mississippi. Every time we add a rain barrel, a rain garden or change our landscaping to increase the water that soaks into the ground instead of running off into the waters, we make a difference!

The Fridley Environmental Quality and Energy Commission advises the City Council on a broad range of environmental policies and programs, including stormwater pollution. They work closely with the three Fridley watershed district organizations to help protect our waters, and their efforts go the extra mile.

Paul Westby, EQEC member, is a great example. Paul was recently accepted into the Master Water Steward Program (masterwaterstewards.org), launched this year by the Rice Creek Watershed District. This is not your average volunteer program. By the end of this year, Paul will have participated in more than a dozen classes, as well as developed and implemented an education campaign and hands-on project to reduce water pollution in Fridley. He will work closely with Rice Creek Watershed staff to develop outreach and project plans that meet the needs of both the community and Rice Creek.

There are three watershed management districts in Fridley, and each offers education and programs to help protect our water resource. Visit their websites to learn more about how you can get involved.

Rice Creek Watershed: www.ricecreek.org

Coon Creek Watershed: www.cooncreekwd.org

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization: mwmo.org

RECYCLE

Cardboard • Glass • Metal
Mail/Paper • Plastic

- NO - Garbage
- NO - Styrofoam
- NO - Plastic Wrap/Bags
- NO - Food Waste
- NO - Pizza Boxes
- NO - Plates/Napkins/Foil

Fridley's Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Sale

Join us Saturday, April 30 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Commons Park to celebrate trees and all the hard work they do!

Get ready for spring with pruning and planting demonstrations from Anoka Master Gardeners and educational booths. Plus enjoy children's activities and tree plantings. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

While you are there, purchase a bare root tree to plant in your yard! A variety of species will be available — come find the perfect tree for you! Quantities are limited.

Meet the New Fridley Firefighters



Adam Hopp: Project Manager. Fisherman. Firefighter.

Adam graduated from Elk River High School and Dunwoody College of Technology. He currently works at Egan Company, and has recently certified as a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician. He will respond out of Station 3.



Kate Olaf: EMT. Weightlifter. Firefighter.

Kate is from Maple, Wisconsin and earned a Bachelor of Music Education and Music Performance from the University of Wisconsin Superior. She will respond out of Station 2.



Katie Sivanich: Nurse. Roller Girl. Firefighter.

Katie earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the U of M Duluth, and in Nursing from the College of St. Scholastica. She is a Registered Nurse and a member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She will respond out of Station 3.

All three firefighter recruits graduated from the Anoka County Fire Academy last fall. We are excited to have them join us at Fridley.

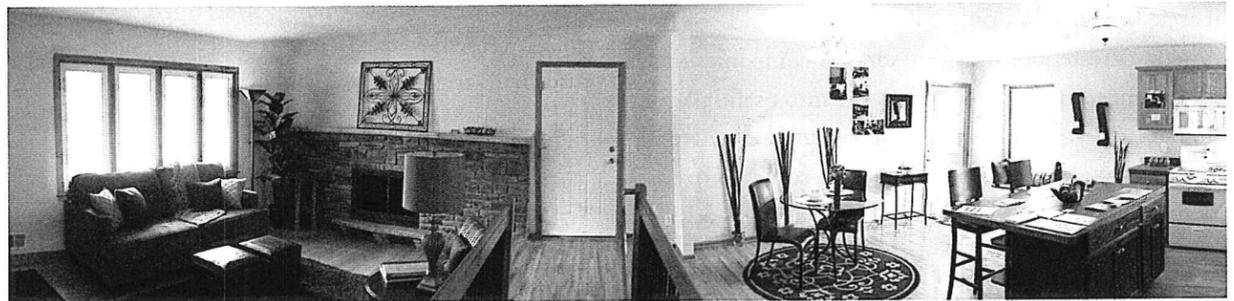
Fred's Fun Rewards! only at Fridley Liquor



Easy and Free!

*Earn 1 point per \$1 spent on most purchases. *some restrictions apply.

100 points = \$5 credit
You deserve a reward!
Stop in Today!



What Can \$25,000 Do For Your Home?

- Keep heating/cooling costs down with energy-efficient windows
- Finish that ugly basement bathroom
- Replace a splintering deck with a maintenance-free one
- Design your dream kitchen

Let Fridley's Home Improvement Loans help you reinvest in your home. Imagine the possibilities!

- No income limits
- Loan amounts from \$1,000-\$50,000 to fit any project
- Low interest rates
- Affordable payments with terms up to 20 years.

We also have loans for mobile home improvements, multi-family (2-4 units) exterior improvements, and an emergency deferred loan program. Not sure where to start? A free remodeling advisor visit can help.

Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/homeloans or call (612) 335-5884.



Now Recruiting Fridley Police Reserves

Interested in law enforcement? Want to make a difference in the community? Join Fridley Police as a Police Reserve!

A Fridley Police Reserve is a volunteer, civilian member of the police department. They assist officers on patrol by transporting prisoners, helping with traffic control at events and accidents, park patrol, animal calls and to be our "extra eyes" on the street.

Reserves wear a uniform and patrol in marked squad car. They do not carry a firearm.

You must be 20 years or older, live in Fridley, and have a clean criminal record and driving history. We ask for a commitment of at least 10 hours per month and the ability to attend monthly meetings. To learn more, contact Sergeant Zak Chlebeck at (763) 502-1950 or Zak.Chlebeck@FridleyMn.gov.

Don't Miss... The Fridley Historical Society's Lasagna Dinner!

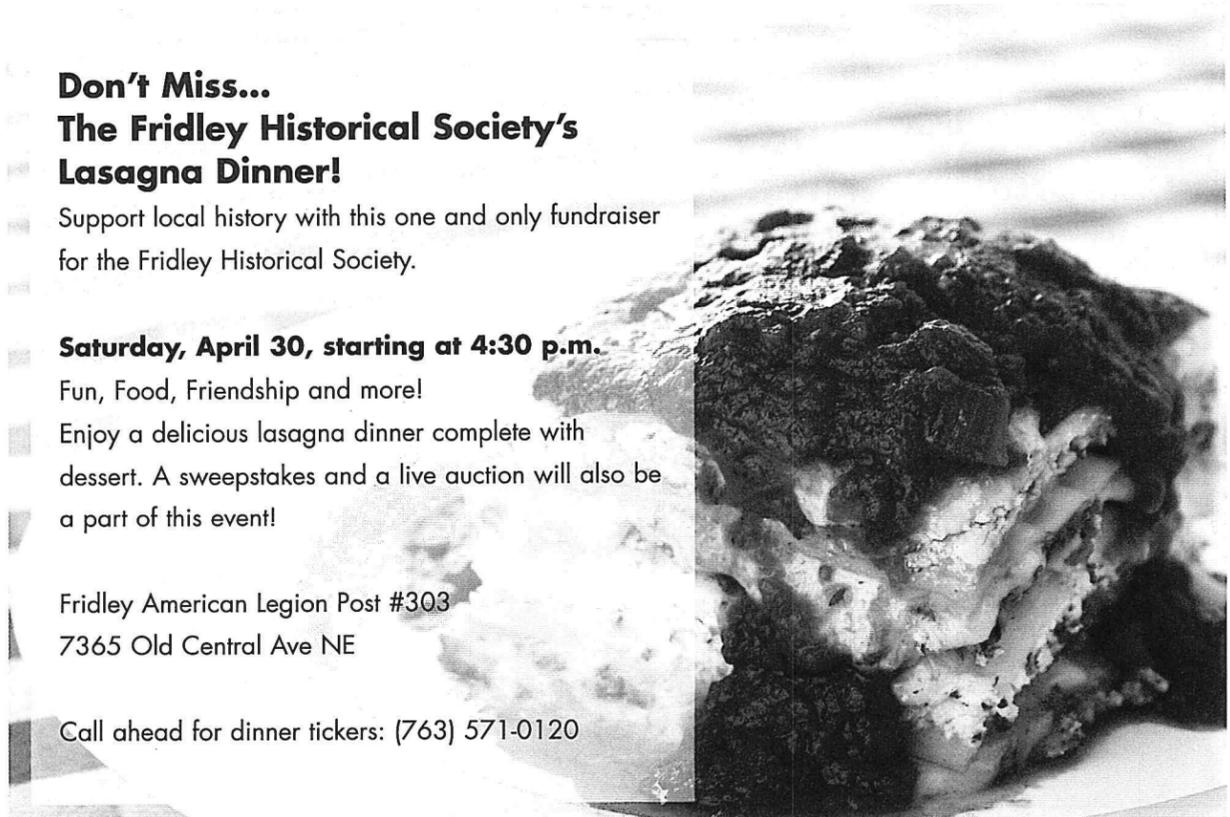
Support local history with this one and only fundraiser for the Fridley Historical Society.

Saturday, April 30, starting at 4:30 p.m.

Fun, Food, Friendship and more!
Enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner complete with dessert. A sweepstakes and a live auction will also be a part of this event!

Fridley American Legion Post #303
7365 Old Central Ave NE

Call ahead for dinner tickers: (763) 571-0120





Yard Sign Reminders

As warm weather approaches and starts us thinking about spring cleaning, here are a few reminders about putting up garage sale signs.

Garage Sale Signs – a temporary sign which advertises or directs the public to the sale of used merchandise sold from a private residence.

Rules related to display:

- Maximum size of 3 square feet
- Need to be removed within 3 days following the sale
- No more than 3 garage sales of no more than 3 consecutive days per sales event may be conducted on a property in a 12-month period

These types of signs do not require a permit. Additional information on yard signs and Fridley city code can be found online at FridleyMN.gov/citycode.

Tips for Garage Sale Success

- Combine with neighbors or family members for more quantity, variety and help.
- Clean items before the sale.
- Keep your sale items organized. Hang up clothes and display books on a shelf when possible for easier browsing.
- Play some nice music at a comfortable volume.
- Use a cute apron or toolbelt to store small bills and a note pad to make checkout a breeze.
- Don't overprice or complicate price – \$2 not \$1.80, 25¢ not 15¢. Round numbers work best.

Severe Weather Awareness Week April 13 - 17

Tornado Drills: April 14 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

Fridley is no stranger to severe weather: tornadoes, straight-line winds, hail, heavy rains, lightning. Be prepared and know what to do when severe weather strikes.

Common Tornado Myths:

Myth #1: Lakes and rivers protect areas from tornadoes.

Fact: No geographic location is safe from tornadoes.

Myth #2: It is safe to take shelter in the bathroom, hallway or closet of a mobile home.

Fact: Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes! Seek shelter in a sturdy building immediately. If you live in a mobile home, have a plan in advance.

Myth #3: Highway overpasses provide safe shelter from tornadoes.

Fact: This is one of the most dangerous places to be if a tornado hits. If possible, immediately exit your vehicle and seek shelter in a sturdy building. As a last resort, stay in your vehicle with your seat belt on and your head below the windows covering with your hands or a blanket. If you can safely get lower than the roadway, such as lying in a ditch, exit your car, get low and cover your head.

Tornadoes can develop any time of day. Signs of an approaching tornado include a dark, greenish sky, large hail or a loud roar similar to a freight train. The safest place in your home is the basement, or a small, windowless interior room or hallway on the lowest level.

Learn more about severe weather online at weather.gov.



Get Out & Ride: Bike Helmet Clinic

Wednesday, April 27 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Fridley City Hall: lower level
6431 University Ave NE

ANSI certified bike helmets for sale, only \$10 each, plus proper fitting and safety tips.

Questions? Contact Liz with Fridley Police at (763) 572-3626 or Liz.Chevalier@FridleyMN.gov.

Fridley Community Calendar

April

- 4 Charter Commission
- 4 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 7 HRA Meeting
- 11 City Council Meeting
- 12 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 20 Planning Commission
- 25 City Council Meeting

May

- 2 Charter Commission
- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission
- 4 Appeals Commission
- 5 HRA Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 18 Planning Commission
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 30 City offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Municipal Center, 6431 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at (763) 572-3500 at least one week in advance.



Construction Strides at Springbrook Nature Center

Excitement is building, along with walls and windows, as the new interpretive center, started last October, starts to take shape. Visitors will enjoy new classrooms, new exhibits, incredible rental spaces and a larger restroom.

This new building is designed with many sustainable features. One of the first things you notice when you enter the center is all the windows. These windows help connect guests to nature – even indoors. The glass is bird-friendly. An etched pattern will help prevent birds from accidentally flying into the glass.

Convenient access is another important part of the new building. The entrance will provide quick access to restrooms, vending, way-finding maps and other orientation guides. Visitors can stop in, get their bearings and head right back out to the trails. Classrooms will offer convenient access with doors leading both into the interpretive building for exhibits or directly outdoors to the trails.

Live animal exhibits have always been a popular part of Springbrook. There will be new exhibits throughout the building including the return of our snakes, turtles and other live animals.

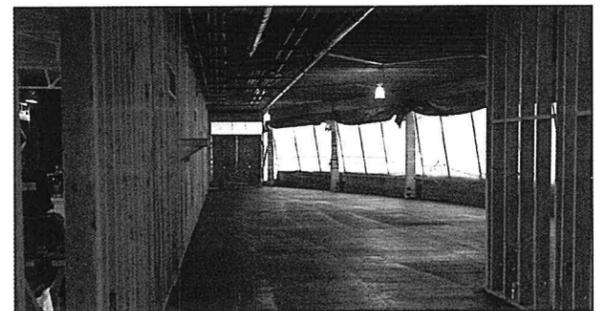
As the frame now shows the shape of the center, one of most notable changes is the overall size of the building. This interpretive center will grow from the previous 5,000 square feet to 13,000 square feet. Included in that growth will be a beautiful new community rental space boasting 18 foot windows



looking out to the prairie; perfect for wedding receptions, business retreats and a variety of gatherings. Plus, the room will have dividers that allow us to separate it into 4 separate classrooms. There will also be a lounge room with a fireplace and comfortable seating for visitors to simply relax and enjoy nature.

The current construction is part of a larger project called the SPRING Project (Sanctuary Protection and Renewal Into the Next Generation). With the help of the Springbrook Foundation, we are currently raising funds for additional amenities including a nature-based play area, community amphitheater and a new picnic pavilion, as well as new trails to connect it all together.

“This has truly been a community project,” says Springbrook Director Mike Maher. Springbrook has



been fortunate to have amazing business support. Recent donations include a workman utility vehicle from Toro to help maintain the grounds, a \$25,000 gift from Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and significant in-kind product contributions from Vision Woodworking.

“It will all come together to create a facility that educates our children, and provides incredible recreation and education opportunities for the City of Fridley,” says Maher.

The new Nature Center building is on schedule to open later this year.

Camp Springbrook – Register Now Be the first to experience the new Springbrook!

Offering 11 weeks of day camp
for ages 5-12

Fridley residents: \$140/week
Non-residents: \$150/week

Register by phone at
(763) 572-3588 or
online at **FridleyMN.gov**

A different theme each week! Come once, come all summer!

- Immerse yourself in Zombie Survival, Superhero Training or Nature Your Way
- Explore your love of animals at Animal Adventures
- Learn about science and nature during H2O Adventures and the Science Challenge
- Share moments that matter during the popular Gramp Camp

JOB FAIR

APRIL 20

Come see what opportunities
are available for you.

Wednesday, April 20 • 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Fridley Community Center
6085 7th St NE, Fridley

Fridley is home to the largest numbers
of employees in Anoka County and some
of the most important industries
in the Midwest, nation and the world.
Fridley has partnered with Anoka County and
DEED to connect you with local employers.



Labor Shortage Project Summary

March 2016

The Lexington Fayette Urban County Government in Lexington, Ky. is looking for a HVAC inspector with six years in the field as a journeyman and a certification from the International Code Council (ICC) for mechanical inspections of one- and two-family dwellings. They can't find anyone. "We're going to have to drop one of those requirements ... in order to get somebody to qualify for the job," says Alex Olszowy III, Lexington Fayette's building inspection manager for residential construction and president of the ICC Board of Directors. "We've had to get a little innovative in [human resources]."

Lexington Fayette is not the only jurisdiction that has had trouble filling vacant jobs for building inspectors, plan reviewers and code department managers since residential and commercial construction started ramping back up. "We're seeing a shortage all over the country," notes Henry Green, president of the National Institute of Building Sciences. "Just about all of the code officials I talk to say they're seeing a greater demand in their communities, but they don't have the resources for the projects."

Dominic Sims, the ICC's chief executive officer, says the labor shortage is most acute in California, Florida, Colorado and "wherever there's a resurgence" in construction. "Our members are all feeling the effects." The makings of the shortage of code officials began in 2007 at the start of the housing crash, when home prices took a nosedive, foreclosures spiked, mortgage financing started to dry up, and one construction firm after another shuttered its job sites. City governments, with fewer buildings to inspect and construction plans to review, followed suit, laying off inspectors. Lexington Fayette, for example, whittled its staff of 36 inspectors to 28 between 2005 and 2010, Olszowy recalls, and still hasn't replaced the eight it let go.



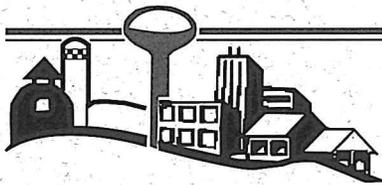
It's unlikely the city could replace them, at least with inspectors who have deep backgrounds in the construction trades, even if government leaders wanted to. Many of those former code officials retired early or found jobs outside of the industry. Any experienced, qualified trades who remain are in high demand by other cities, by privately owned, third-party inspection companies, by residential and commercial builders, and by engineering and architecture firms. So competition for employees is fierce. And it's about to get fiercer. A summer 2014 survey by the ICC and NIBS forecast a mass exodus of building officials over the next 15 years: More than 80% of existing code professionals plan to retire by 2029, the study of 3,850 code administration and enforcement specialists revealed. Almost one-third will leave within five years.

One reason: Nearly 85% of those professionals are older than 45, the survey noted. And too few young replacements—especially those with experience in the building trades—are lining up behind them. In fact, jobs in code enforcement historically have attracted experienced trades who either can't find construction work or who want to ease into a less physically demanding occupation as they age. At a time when construction jobs are plentiful—and pay substantially more than government work—fewer trades are making the switch. The ICC/NIBS survey noted that the bulk of code professionals earn between \$50,000 and \$74,000 a year. Still, starting salaries could be lower. Olszowy notes that Lexington Fayette starts its newcomers at \$40,000.

Like Olszowy, Jay Elbettar, regional director for the third-party inspection service Charles Abbott Associates, says his Mission Viejo, California, shop is revising its hiring requirements. "We would prefer to hire experienced building officials who could hit the ground faster," says Elbettar, who doubles as secretary/treasurer of the ICC Board of Directors. "Newbies need six months of training. ... That's a drain on our resources." That's if the company—and city code departments—can find people to hire. In the meantime, Elbettar says, cities run the risk of falling behind on permitting and inspections. And in the worst cases, they could rush through inspections, or skip them altogether.

The solution, says Green: "We're going to have to have an infusion of new inspection personnel." Green says cities may have to start recruiting their next inspectors directly from engineering and architectural schools. And the ICC has launched a mini-training course for high school and technical school students, just to make them aware that opportunities in the construction industry exist for young adults without college degrees. "Getting exposure is an important step to solving the problem," notes Sims, whose organization has 58,000 members. About one-third of them are building officials and inspectors.

The ICC also is enticing former code officials to come back to the field. For them, the ICC will expedite the renewal of lapsed certifications. Sims also points to an increase in the number of cities that are sharing code officials with other jurisdictions, using third-party inspectors or contracting inspections out to engineering firms. "We're really trying to ramp up what we're doing in regard to inspectors," Green says.



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NEWS AND INFORMATION

FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS IN MINNESOTA

2016 Metro School

Registrations to be Capped at 240

The Metro District of the Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) and Minnesota Department of Health will hold its 2016 school Tuesday to Thursday, April 5 to 7 at the Ramada Plaza in northeast Minneapolis.

The school has been alternating between the Ramada Mall of America (formerly the Thunderbird) in Bloomington and the Ramada Plaza in northeast Minneapolis. However, the Ramada Plaza is limited in size; as a result, the 2016 school will be limited to the first 240 people to register. Please register early (form on page 7). The Metro District will no longer hold its annual training at the Ramada Plaza in Minneapolis after 2016.

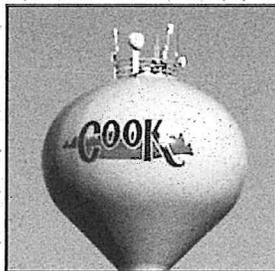
A tentative agenda for the Metro school, as well as the Southeast school, is on page 6.

Advanced Treatment Technologies Workshop Scheduled for Day before Metro School

In advance of the Metro District School, Minnesota American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Minnesota Department of Health will hold an all-day Advanced Treatment Technologies Workshop at the Ramada Plaza in Minneapolis on Monday, April 4, the day before the Metro School begins. The training is geared toward operators in lime-softening plants and will also be useful for those preparing for the Class A or B exams. Topics for the workshop are lime softening, coagulation/flocculation, treatment plant instrumentation, chlorine safety, advanced treatment technology pilot studies, and sanitary surveys of treatment plants. Participants will receive six credit hours. The workshop is \$60 (\$70 after March 21). A registration form is on page 7 as well as through the websites for Minnesota AWWA and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Cook Mayor and Council Work for Free to Keep Water Rates from Rising

The *Star Tribune* of Minneapolis reported in its November 29, 2015 edition that the mayor and all four city councilors in the northern Minnesota town of Cook have agreed to forego their salaries in 2016 rather than have the city raise its water rates.



Cook has constructed a new plant and water tower and put in water and sewer lines in recent years. Maintenance supervisor Bud Ranta said they had 27 main breaks in the winter before the new lines and haven't had one since. The city also built a new plant (iron removal with horizontal sand filters, the same as the old plant) when it relocated two wells. Much of the work was covered by grants from U. S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. "We're proud of the funds we've secured," said Ranta. "We're ahead of most other cities in Minnesota."

"We've done a lot of work in this town."

Governor Dayton Calls for Water Quality Summit

Continuing his mission to protect Minnesota waters, Governor Mark Dayton announced he will convene a water quality summit.

Last spring Dayton held a press conference with Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Ed Ehlinger to introduce the department's drinking water annual report (available at <http://tinyurl.com/pp4bmz5>), which contained a special section on the impact of nitrate on Minnesota waters. Dayton referred to the report's findings to call for agricultural best management practices, including buffer strips near streams.

His announcement of the water quality summit came at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Farm Bureau last November 21. A descendant of dairy farmers in southwestern Hennepin County, Dayton referred to his dad, Bruce Dayton, who had recently died and quoted the philosophy that had been passed on to him: "Stewardship is a profound responsibility of each of us."

Dayton told the group he believes farmers are excellent stewards of their farmlands, adding, "Many may not fully

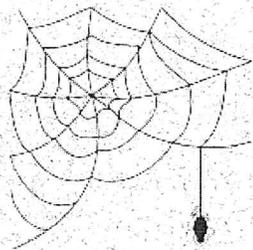
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Cool Web Sites

At the Minnesota Water Research Digital Library (<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/toolstechnology/mnwrl>), you can find publications ranging from Glacial Sediment Causing Regional-Scale Elevated Arsenic in Drinking Water to the 197th St Ravine Feasibility Study for the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District.

The web site for 10 States Standards (<http://www.10statesstandards.com>) has manuals on water, wastewater, and swimming pools.

More Cool Sites



Summary of the Safe Drinking Water Act:
<http://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-safe-drinking-water-act>

Characterizing Nitrates in Private Drinking Water Wells:
<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/protecting/cleanwaterfund/gwdwprotection/characterizingnitrates.aspx>

Alcor Life Extension Foundation:
<http://www.alcor.org>

Where Your Favourite Bottled Water Comes From:
<http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/gallery/2015/jul/09/where-does-your-bottled-water-come-from-in-pictures>

Smithsonian Exhibit on Water Coming to Minnesota

During 2016 and 2017 the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, focusing on drinking water, is coming to six sites in Minnesota: Red Wing, New London-Spicer, Lonsdale, Sandstone-Pine City, Detroit Lakes, and St. Peter.

Minnesota was one of five states selected by the Smithsonian Institution to launch these traveling exhibits. The local partners will host the exhibit for six weeks at a time starting this June and extending to April of 2017.

The program is led by the Minnesota Humanities Center, and the center's Jennifer Tonko says, "What really makes us special, at least from the Smithsonian's perspective, is the broad group of partners who are part of the project." The partners include the Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association, and the Minnesota Historical Society.

The host communities will embark on an exploration of water and their identity, history, and culture. These communities will tell their local water stories and envision the future of water through companion exhibitions, community events, and educational programming intended to engage thousands of Minnesotans.

Plan Review Submittal Guidance

By David Weum, Minnesota Department of Health engineer

The Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) plan review authority comes from Minnesota Rule 4720.0010, which can be paraphrased by: "no system of public water supply shall be installed, materially altered, or extended until complete plans and specifications with any additional required information are submitted to and approved by the Department of Health."

Field review has been allowed as an option in some cases. If the field review option is used, it is at the discretion of the system's MDH district engineer who will then review the work on-site.

Most municipal drinking water projects are required to be submitted by a licensed professional engineer, registered in Minnesota. Some specific projects are allowed to be submitted by other representatives, but they must be submitted by the licensed contractor performing the work, the owner, or a professional engineer. Non-municipal public water suppliers are encouraged to use the services of professional engineers but are not required to do so.

A table with this information is available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/planreview/subguidance.html>.

****Late Breaking News****

Bacteriological Laboratory Assignment Update

The Winter 2015-2016 issue of the *Waterline* included notice that, beginning January 1 2016, community public water systems (PWSs) serving fewer than 1,000 people will be assigned the Minnesota Department of Health Public Health Laboratory (PHL) in St. Paul for quarterly bacteriological analyses.

Please note there has been a very late change to this plan. All contract laboratories assignments will remain the same as in 2015 except one: Pace Analytical Services – Minneapolis. PWSs that sent samples to Pace Analytical Services – Minneapolis in 2015 will be assigned the MDH PHL in 2016. A cover letter describing these assignments (including laboratory names) was included with sample supply kits shipped to each community PWS. In addition, a contact phone number was included in the cover letters.

As before, PWSs are free to choose to use (and pay for) a private, certified laboratory instead of their MDH-assigned laboratory. In those cases, the chosen labs must have the ability to report results *electronically* to MDH.

Finally, shipping costs will continue to be the responsibilities of PWSs. Overnight shipping will be necessary to ensure samples arrive at any laboratory within 24 hours of sample collection so they can be analyzed within the required 30-hour hold time. In anticipation of increased risks of sample rejection, small (population less than 1,000) community PWSs are encouraged to take the following steps:

- Determine a shipping method *that can deliver samples to the assigned laboratory within 30 hours.*
- Prepare for occasional replacement samples in schedules and budgets.

Stuff Sought for Minnesota AWWA Museum

In conjunction with its 100th anniversary, the Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) will feature a water museum at its annual conference in Duluth this September.

The section is seeking such items as old hydrants, pumps, valves, meters, pipes (including wooden ones), maps, plans, photos, and equipment as well as historic manuals.

WATER BORNE TYPHOID FEVER STILL A MENACE

ABEL WOLMAN, F. A. P. H. A.
Chief Engineer, Maryland State Department of Health

and

ARTHUR E. GORMAN, F. A. P. H. A.
Wallace & Tiernan Co., Inc.

To contribute, contact Steve Schneider (steve.schneider@ci.stpaul.mn.us) with a description, including dimensions and weight, a photo, and information of its significance.

Seasoned or retired water professionals are invited to help at the conference as curators. Regardless of seasoning, interested pros may contact Carol Kaszynski at ckszynski@bloomingtonmn.gov.

Accidental Chlorine Release Emergency Notifications

How Soon Must They Be Made?

By Jon Groethe, Minnesota Health Department Engineer

A critical piece of pre-planning for any water system emergency is having a complete list of emergency contact notifications readily available to you. Certain emergency notifications must be made immediately, being governed by strength of statute or historic legislative policy. Notifications that are required at the onset of an accidental chlorine release fall within that category.

The purpose of this article is to share with you three important and basic notifications that must be made when you are facing a chlorine release at your water plant, as well as the time frame in which they are expected to be completed. This article is not meant to address operations or all post-incident communications that take place.

For chlorine, the reportable quantity (RQ) is defined by two federal statutes (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) as being a release of 10 pounds or greater occurring in a 24-hour time window.

If you believe you have exceeded this amount but are unsure of the exact amount that has been released, it is better to go ahead and make the necessary notifications and establish a firm quantity later. There are no penalties associated with over-reporting.

Three immediate emergency notification calls must then be made. The first call is made at the local level of government (Emergency 911), which alerts local emergency responders. The second notification call occurs at the state level of government. This is the call you will make to the Minnesota State Duty Officer (800-422-0798). The duty officer will share information you have provided among state agencies having emergency response roles through both phone calls and email transmissions. On-call personnel at various state and local agencies will coordinate a field response based on regional resources. The third call occurs at the federal level.

This is the notification call you will make to the National Response Center (1-800-424-8802). This notification is equally critical because a hazardous chemical release may bear impacts with federal considerations (state and national borders, an immediate need for deployment of federal resources, etc.).

If you have leaked and are absolutely certain that the amount released is less than the RQ, you are still required to make a single call to the Minnesota State Duty Officer to satisfy Minnesota Statute 115.061 (Duty to Notify). But if you're not sure of the amount released, you need to go ahead and make all three calls. Remember: if in doubt, report.

What is the allowable time-frame in which all three notification calls need to be made? Superfund legislative history states that ordinarily "delays in making the required notifications should not exceed 15 minutes after the person in charge has knowledge of the release. Immediate notice requires shorter delays whenever practicable." Therefore, the time frame that would be considered allowable and prompt is 15 minutes. All three notification calls should be completed consecutively, one following another. Although there may be competing priorities around you, making these notifications should be prioritized and accomplished.

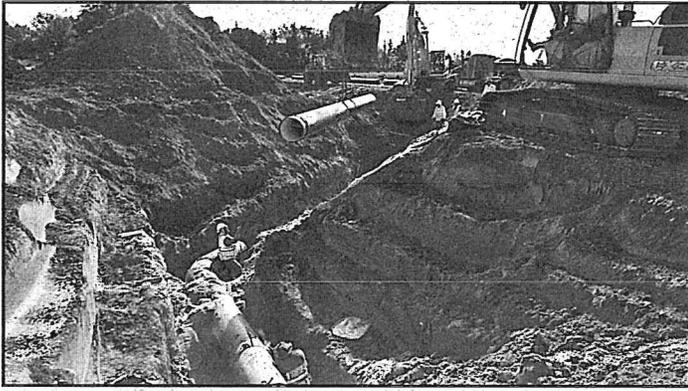
An important note: The person in charge of the utility must always be the one directly making the emergency notification calls. This requirement is explicitly stated in the Federal Register, Part 302.69. Remember, as the person in charge, you cannot delegate notification calls to others. You must always personally notify, even when a notification call has previously been made by your local fire chief.

Within 30 days, an emergency release follow-up report must be submitted to Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The Emergency Release Follow-up Report can be downloaded using a link located on the DPS website under Resources: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/epcra/Pages/regulated-facilities.aspx>.

The completed report should be emailed directly to Steve Tomlyanovich at the Minnesota Department of Public Safety at steve.tomlyanovich@state.mn.us.

To boil all of this down, there are three calls the person in charge must make during an accidental chlorine release, and they correspond to the three levels of government—local, state and federal. Once you have knowledge that a reportable release has occurred, you then have a 15-minute window to make all three calls. Completion of these actions will go a long ways toward keeping your utility on course relative to prevailing emergency notification requirements.

What's New with Lewis & Clark?



Lewis and Clark the explorers are dead and have been for a long time.

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, however, is as alive as ever and continuing its progress through a tri-state area.

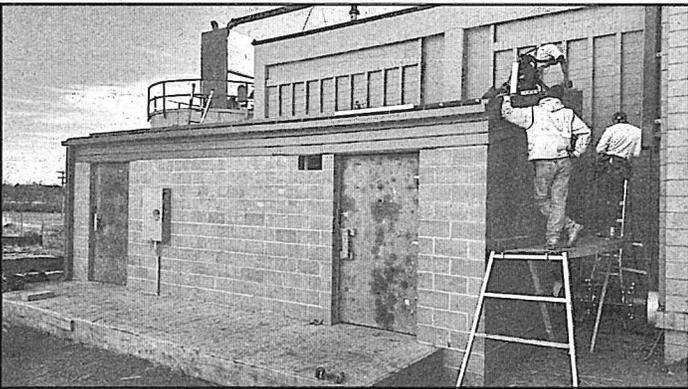
Conceived in 1988 as a way of serving water-challenged areas in South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota, the project takes water from beneath the Missouri River at Vermillion, South Dakota, to communities as far as 60 miles away. The project will serve approximately 300,000 people when it is completed.

The pipes crossed into Minnesota last May and began serving Rock County Rural Water District, the first project partner in the state to receive water.

Luverne will become the next after the completion of an 18-mile section of 24-inch pipe (shown above), installed by Carstensen Contracting of Pipestone, Minnesota. Robert L. Carr Company of Marshall, Minnesota, constructed meter buildings in Luverne (below) as well as in Magnolia.

In December the Lewis & Clark board of directors awarded another contract, this one for \$5.2 million, to Carstensen Contracting for the segment of pipe between Luverne and Magnolia. Executive director Troy Larson said the Carstensen bid was about 30 percent less than what was budgeted.

This section of pipe is expected to begin this spring and be completed by the end of the year. Magnolia is a connection point for both Rock County Rural Water District and Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System.



Translate This:

A red fruit every 24 hours wards off the physician.

Where Are They Now?



Water operator schools around the state have been blessed with appearances from some of the top local sports stars. The 1993 Metro school featured former world heavyweight wrestling champion Nick Bockwinkel (above). Ten years later, Baron Von Raschke (the good-looking one in the photo below) was the guest speaker. The Baron still lives in the state, but Nick Bockwinkel died November 14, 2015.



St. John's University football coach John Gagliardi (below) gave a motivational speech to the Central District operators in 1993. Gags, who began at St. John's in 1953, still had nearly another 20 years worth of coaching in him. He retired after the 2012 season, having won four national championships and having been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The day before his speech to the water operators, the award for the most outstanding Division III college football player had been renamed the Gagliardi Award.



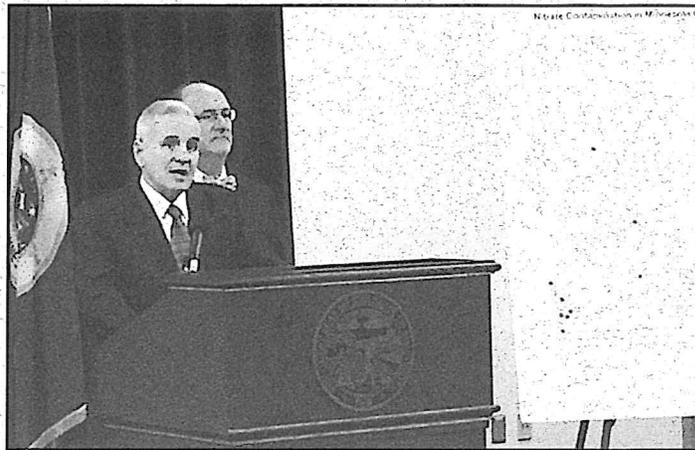
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understand the extent that farming practices, as well as other practices, affect not only your lands but the waters that run along those lands and underneath those lands.

“Modern farming practices, especially the use of nitrogen fertilizers—both chemical and animal manure—are among the contributors to the serious and in some areas critical water quality problems that we face.”

Dayton said some cities are spending millions of dollars for water treatment systems. At the press conference with the governor last spring, Ehlinger called treatment systems “an expensive last resort” and recommended emphasis on strong source water protection efforts as a better means of keeping water safe to drink.

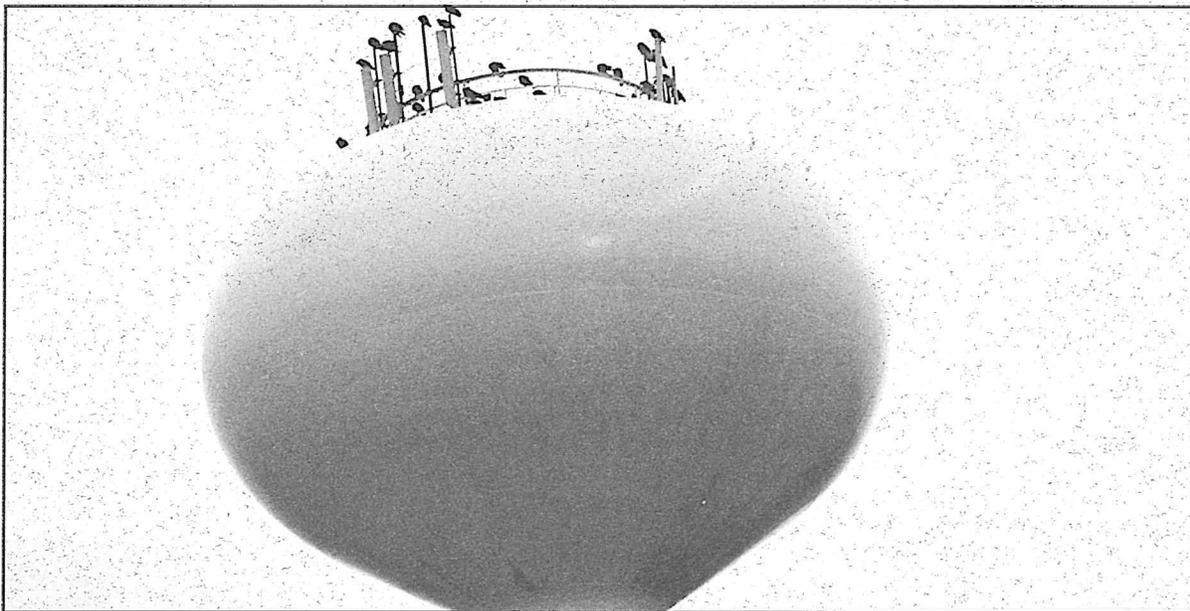
At the farm bureau meeting, Dayton also referred to a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency study that warned of high levels of nitrate and bacteria in southwestern Minnesota waterways. He told the group, “To focus public attention on this serious problem and the urgency to face up to it, and to continue the dialogue on the steps we must take to deal with it, I will convene a Minnesota water quality summit next February.



Governor Dayton, with MDH Commissioner Ed Ehlinger to his left, introduced the MDH drinking water annual report last spring with a call for attention and action directed toward the challenges of water quality in Minnesota.

“It’s everyone’s challenge and everyone’s responsibility. If we work together, our children and grandchildren can tell us that we, too, were wise stewards of the land and water they inherited from us.”

Rochester Public Utilities Solves Messy Problem in Economical and Environmentally Friendly Way



Turkey vultures found a comfortable perch in Rochester a few years ago—atop the city’s Apache water tower. Todd Osweiler, the coordinator of environmental and regulatory affairs for Rochester Public Utilities, pointed out the obvious problem created by the squatters: “Lots of cleaning.” The mess moved to the utility’s Baihly tower, up the hill from Apache, when the latter was taken out of service for painting. That job complete, the city found that the turkey vultures not only returned to the Apache tower but also kept their quarters at Baihly.

Tired of bird excrement, the utility looked for ways to evict the freeloaders. A radio blaring Laser 101.7’s classical rock got the vultures to move, but only for a short time. “They’re smart birds,” said Osweiler. “They figured out there was nothing to harm them.” An internet search produced other ideas, but not all were legal, including the hanging of a dead turkey vulture on the towers since it would require getting a dead turkey vulture, which is a protected migratory bird.

Water operations manager Cary Johnson said they could have gotten stuffed artificial turkey vultures, at a cost of \$800 each. Johnson balked at the price as well as the thought of two water towers permanently adorned by a fake dead bird. Other solutions offered on-line were just as expensive.

Finally, one of the utility’s operators tried an inflatable Christmas decoration, and the results were effective. Johnson then ordered two air dancers, similar to those used for car dealers to attract attention, for \$200 each. No more turkey vultures.

“Pretty cheap solution,” said Johnson, happy that their water towers are now poop-free.

Southeast School

Here is the agenda for the Southeast Water Operators School at the Kahler Apache Hotel, 1517 16th Street SW, Rochester 55902-1075, 800-552-7224.

Participants in the school will receive 16 credit hours for their attendance.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. on March 9 with the sessions beginning at 7:30 on Wednesday, 7:45 on Thursday, and 8:00 on Friday.

The certification exams will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at the Minnesota Department of Health, 18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester 55904-5306.

Wednesday, March 9

7:30 to noon

- Breakfast with guest speaker Michael Monroe Keifer
- Groundwater Sustainability
- Evolution of Trace Wire Specifications

1:00 to 3:45

- Product Show with Water Taste Test, Hydrant Hysteria
- Operator Interface following Product Show

Thursday, March 10

Exam prep will be held in the morning and afternoon.

7:45 to 11:30

- Eradicating Turkey Vultures from Towers
- Drones and Towers
- Contaminant Coatings
- Smart Dosing Chemical Feed Technology

12:30 to 3:00

- Closing the Gap
- Cybersecurity
- Utility Safety

Friday, March 11

8:00 to noon

- Southeast District Business Meeting
- Minnesota Department of Health Update
- Water Loss and Conservation
- Hands-on Sessions at Minnesota Pipe

Metro School

Here is the agenda for the 2016 Metro Waterworks Operators School at the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis, 1330 Industrial Boulevard NE, Minneapolis 55413, 612-331-1900.

Participants in the school will receive 16 credit hours for their attendance.

Registration will begin at 6:45 a.m. on April 5 with the sessions beginning at 8:00 on Tuesday and 7:30 on Wednesday and Thursday. Sign-ups will take place during registration on Tuesday for the off-site tours on Wednesday.

Tuesday, April 5

8:00 to 11:30

- Water Reuse
- Succession Planning
- Security
- Drones and Towers

12:15 to 3:30

Distribution

- Slip Lining of Pipes
- Watermain Rehabs
- Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe Condition Assessment
- Cross Connection Hazards and Best Practices

or

Source Water

- Contaminants
- Monitoring
- New Brighton Wells

Wednesday, April 6

7:30

Breakfast with featured speaker Ron Schara

Exam prep (separate sessions for A-B and C-D licenses) will be held in the morning and afternoon.

8:45 to 11:30

Off-site tours of the Target Field Water Treatment System, Waterous, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, and Minneapolis Water Works

12:45 to 3:15

Distribution

- St. Paul Light Rail Construction
- Southwest Light Rail Construction

or

Source Water

- Impact of Nitrates on Groundwater
- Nitrate Mapping

Thursday, April 7

- Product Exposition with mini-sessions, Hydrant Hysteria, TopOps
- Certification exams begin at 12:30.

The Southwest District will hold a one-day school April 14 in Redwood Falls, and the Northeast District will hold its spring school May 11-13 in Two Harbors.

Information on all district schools is at
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REGISTRATION FORM FOR OPERATOR SCHOOLS

You may combine fees on one check if more than one person is attending a school; however, please make a copy of this form for each person. For questions regarding registration, contact Jeanette Boothe at 651-201-4697.

To request an exam application, contact Noel Hansen at 651-201-4690 or Mark Sloan at 651-201-4652.

- Southeast School, March 9-11, 2016, Ramada Hotel, Rochester. Fee: \$135 (\$145 after February 22).
- Advanced Treatment Technologies Workshop, April 4, 2016, Ramada Plaza, Minneapolis. Fee: \$60 (\$70 after March 21).
- Metro School, April 5-7, 2016, Ramada Plaza, Minneapolis. Fee: \$175 (\$210 after March 21).
- Southwest School, April 14, 2016, Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls. Fee: \$30 (\$35 after March 30).
- Northeast School, May 11-13, 2016, Superior Shores Resort, Two Harbors. Fee: \$135 (\$145 after April 26).

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When submitting water samples for analyses, remember to do the following:

- Take coliform samples on the distribution system, not at the wells or entry points.
- Write the Date Collected, Time Collected, and Collector's Name on the laboratory request form.
- Write the Sample Point on the laboratory request form.
- Attach the label to each bottle (do not attach labels to the lab form).
- Include laboratory request forms with submitted samples; make sure the information on the bottle label and the lab form is the same.
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Minnesota Section, American Water Works Association

*March 9-11, Southeast Water Operators School, Kahler Apache Hotel, Rochester, Contact Bob Stark, 651-385-5112.

April 4, Advanced Treatment Technologies Workshop, Ramada Plaza, Minneapolis. Contact Jeanette Boothe, 651-201-4697

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April 14, Southwest Water Operators School, Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls. Contact Eric Roos, 507-372-8696.

*May 11-13, Northeast Water Operators School, Superior Shores Resort, Two Harbors. Contact Mark Proulx, 952-240-2023.

*June 22-24, Central Water Operators School, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria. Contact Bill Schluenz, 320-252-6822.

Information for all district schools, including agendas:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/water/wateroperator/trng/schoolagendas.html>

Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA)

Contact Kyle Kedrowski, 800-367-6792.

*March 1-3, Technical Conference, St. Cloud

***Includes a water operator certification exam.**

Surface Water Treatment Workshop

Contact Sarah Volk, sarah.volk@ae2s.com.

April 25-27, Holiday Inn, Fargo

For an up-to-date list of events, see the training calendar on the MDH web site:
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CAPITOL UPDATE REPORT

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Liquor Issues Update

MLBA/MMBA Legislative Day: This past week was MLBA/MMBA Legislative Day and it was a great success. We had over 70 members attend and participate in the day, learning about legislative issues, meeting with legislators and hearing from committee leaders talk about the session. The day ended with a tasting reception hosted by several vendors and attended by legislators and members. Thank you to everyone who attended – your presence makes a difference!

Liquor Bills: Many bills have been introduced this session addressing various changes to the liquor law. A handful of bills would authorize new liquor licenses for cities, stadiums and local venues. Some bills would make changes to the limits on microdistillers production caps, catering permits, taxes paid by farm wineries, and small brewery issues. Plus, one bill would allow a sensory testing facility to purchase and serve alcohol as part of their research. Plus, the bills which were introduced last year and still “alive” for this session; including bills to authorize Sunday sales of alcohol. At this point, a few of the licensing bills have been scheduled for a hearing in the House, together with the sensory testing facility bill. We will be watching these bills closely as they are considered in committee next week.

General Legislative Update

At the end of week three of a ten week session, the 2016 Legislative session is 30% completed. There is no legislative activity on Friday and there will be no activity on Monday in honor of the Easter holiday.

Extended Unemployment Benefits & Tax Reduction: After months of political debate, from the Governor requesting a special session to political games for the first weeks of session, the bill to extend unemployment benefits has become law. The bill

provides a 26-week extension of unemployment benefits to laid off Iron Range workers. The controversy arose when House Republicans linked the unemployment benefits to a provision changing the state's unemployment insurance fund. In the end, the House and Senate addressed both issues, but in two separate bills. One bill provides the extended unemployment benefits; the other lowers the taxes paid by employers into the trust fund, but ensures the fund's solvency in future years.

Broadband Funding: State funding for broadband is one issue that the Governor, House and Senate agree will be a priority this session. Proposals were heard in both the House and Senate this week that provide funding to the state's broadband grant fund and address different policy issues. In the Senate, the bill provides \$100 million to the broadband grant fund which matches Governor Dayton's proposal in his supplemental budget recommendations. In the House, the bill appropriates \$35 million to the grant fund and the bill amends the grant application process. Among the policy issues being debated is the definition of "unserved" and "underserved" when addressing border-to-border broadband coverage, plus the upload/download speed goals. Additionally, some legislators feel the state may not need to invest as much due to the expectation of significant federal funds. This issue will be a key component of a supplemental budget as the legislature begins to narrow the funding priorities in the coming weeks.

Private Prison Debate: The state faces a prison overcrowding situation and some officials think the answer is to reopen a privately owned 1,600-bed prison in Appleton, Minnesota. Local residents and officials also think it would help the local area economy. The state's prisons now hold about 560 inmates over capacity and that gap is forecasted to double by 2022. Local economic development directors stated that the area's unemployment rate exceeds the state's unemployment rate and the median wage is below the state average. Opening the prison to address the state's problem would also help the local economic problems. However, the proposal is strongly opposed by many who spoke of racism, a lack of effort to address racial disparities and perceived immortality of private prisons. The hearing was interrupted several times by opponents reading prepared states and disrupting testifiers. The hearing had to be delayed for 45-minutes while the hearing room was cleared and later re-started with proponent and opponents being seating in separate areas. Although the bill passed the House Public Safety committee along party lines, Governor Dayton has vowed to veto the bill should it reach his desk this session.

Farm Safety: The House Agriculture Policy Committee took up a series of bills focused on addressing farm safety issues and aimed at reducing farm work-related deaths. In the past decade, farm work-related deaths have risen 30% over the previous decade. One of the bills would establish a program that would work like as a clearinghouse of safety information for Minnesota farmers, their families and their workers. The Department of Agriculture would actively promote it to farmers and farmer organizations. Another bill seeks to assist Minnesota farmers to afford installation of roll bars in their tractors. The bill would establish a pilot program aimed at subsidizing some of the costs through state funds and leveraging private dollars. Several major agricultural and food companies have expressed strong interest in supporting the program.

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Teacher Assault: The Senate Education Committee debated a bill which would provide for the expulsion of up to one-year for any student who assaults a teacher. The bill comes after a string of teacher assaults over the past months. Students would be removed from the school, but the school board could decide for how long, up to 12-months. The bill was met with fierce opposition from students, teachers, and administrators who argued that the bill doesn't take into effect the underlying issues with the students. They also feel the bill will disproportionately impact students with disabilities and minority students. The committee also considered a bill which would require school officials to use positive behavior interventions and support before moving to expel a student. A vote was not taken on either bill during the committee hearing.

Next Week: There will no committee or Floor activity on Monday, but all activity will resume on Tuesday. Committee schedules will be very full with hearings extending into the evenings as the Legislature works toward the first committee deadline on Friday, April 1st.

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Happenings at the Capitol

This week's news was dominated by the release of Gov. Mark Dayton's supplemental budget recommendations.

Gov. Dayton's Supplemental Budget

Gov. Mark Dayton released his supplemental budget proposal this week. During his announcement, he stated that his top priority for this budget proposal was securing future fiscal integrity for the state budget — a theme he brought up at his State of the State address. While many of his 2015 priorities have drastically reduced funding proposals this year, there are still a number of projects he hopes to complete this year. Some highlights include:

- Proposed \$100 million broadband expansion efforts for outstate Minnesota.
- \$1.4 billion for more than 200 infrastructure projects statewide.
- Proposed \$220 million plan to modernize Minnesota's aging water infrastructure and protect groundwater from contamination. The proposal would allocate \$167 million to assist communities across the state to invest in aging water infrastructure. The plan also spends an additional \$53 million for water quality protection initiatives to help leverage millions of federal dollars to implement conservation practices to restore and protect water quality across the state.
- The governor also proposes spending \$100 million to expand economic opportunities and eliminate disparities for Minnesotans of color.

Governor Dayton also recommends increasing aid to local governments with a one-time \$46.5 million increase. The additional LGA funding for cities would be an increase of a \$21.5 million (4% increase), for this year.

The method of distribution is not specified, and the NMMA will continue to support its position that any funding increase be distributed based on the current LGA distribution formula.

Additional details of the governor's supplemental budget can be found [here](#).

Joint House/Senate Transportation Committee Meeting

A joint House/Senate Transportation Committee listened to Minnesota Legislative Auditor James Nobles and his staff presented the findings in a newly released legislative program evaluation on the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) project selection process.

In the report, the Legislative Auditor reported that MnDOT's process for selecting trunk highway projects lacks transparency, and some decisions have been subjective and provided the following key recommendations:

- MnDOT should increase the transparency of its decision-making process, particularly by providing information to enable comparisons between projects that are selected and those that are not.
- MnDOT should modify its Corridors of Commerce project-selection process to create greater objectivity and transparency.
- The Legislature should require MnDOT to report detailed information about the Corridors of Commerce selection process.
- The Legislature and MnDOT should limit the use of alternative project-selection methods that require projects to start construction less than three years into the future.
- Because the Legislature has frequently directed funding toward projects that create new infrastructure, MnDOT should develop a planning process that enables it to prepare for such projects.
- MnDOT should track spending by local governments on trunk highway improvements.

MnDOT Commissioner Charles Zelle also testified at the meeting, concurred with the findings and advised that work is already underway to address the shortcomings identified. Under questioning, he offered several reasons some 'additions' to the program appear to be 'selective', including unanticipated funds. Other decisions are constrained by fund purpose constraints contained in appropriation language. Further discussion is anticipated as the Session continues.

Copies of the Auditor's report are available at www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us/ped/2016/mndotprojects.htm. You can listen to the audio archive [here](#).

NM I-35W Corridor Coalition

MnDOT today advised the NM I-35W Corridor Coalition that the proposed addition of new lanes along with pavement replacement and other improvements in the I-35W Corridor between TH 36 and Lexington Avenue was, subject to a final review of project scoring and final approval by MnDOT Commissioner Zelle, being submitted for Fast Track funding from the Federal Highway Administration. Assuming final approval, applications are due in April and results of the selection process should be known in June. Success in the application would enable project implementation in 2018. This project is one of the NMMA's priority projects.

Minnesota Transportation Alliance Day at the Capitol

Over 300 transportation industry representatives from every segment attended the Transportation Day 2016 gathering in St. Paul on Wednesday. The program opened with presentations by Lt. Governor Tina Smith and then Gov. Mark

Dayton. Both assured the audience that they placed a very high priority on increasing funding, stating that it must be a sustainable, long term plan that includes roads, bridges and transit services. House Speaker Kurt Daudt and Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk followed with an exchange that illustrates the challenge: while there is general agreement on the scope of the needs, there are major differences on how to secure those funds.

MnDOT Commissioner Charles Zelle commented that trunk highway bonding is not a sufficient source of funding and that \$100 million does not go very far. Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duinck noted that Minnesota needs to act now to provide the transportation services needed for Minnesota's expected growth in population.

After several House members commented, House Transportation Committee Chair Tim Kelly commented that he is "not consumed" about whose plan is adopted and that the House and Senate agree on the scope of Minnesota's transportation needs and the need for a long term plan which includes transit.

The underlying theme of the day was that transportation is the number one priority and that constant contact with legislators is critical to achieving a significant funding bill this session.

Clean Water and Water Infrastructure

The [Senate Capitol Investment Committee](#) heard testimony on state agency initiatives for 'clean water and water infrastructure' on Thursday, March 17th meeting. Included in the discussion was an MPCA initiative to provide \$12 million to remove hazardous waste from a landfill in Andover.

Joint Powers/Special District Sales Tax Exemption

The Senate Tax Reform Division heard legislation authored by Sen. Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope) that proposes to provide a sales tax exemption for most purchases of joint powers entities and special districts, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2016. SF2249 proposes to reverse a one-year delay in the joint powers exemption that was enacted into law during the June 2015 special session.

The House companion bill is scheduled to receive a hearing in the House Tax Committee on [Wednesday](#) next week.

Transportation Funding Conference Committee

The House/Senate Transportation Funding Conference Committee met once this week to review select House and Senate provisions contained in each legislative bodies transportation funding package that failed to pass last session. No action was taken on any items and you can view a side-by-side review of the bills [here](#).

Omnibus Tax Bill Conference Committee

The House/Senate Omnibus Tax Bill Conference Committee did not meet this week.

Metropolitan Council Governance

On Friday, the [House Subcommittee on Metropolitan Council Accountability and Transparency](#) held a hearing on two Met Council related bills:

- [HF2104](#) (Tony Albright, R-Prior Lake) proposes to establish a 13 member Blue Ribbon Commission to study and make recommendations on metropolitan governance. The make-up of the commission would come from legislators, a member appointed by the governor, public members and one representative from each metro county.

- [HF2467](#) (Tony Albright, R-Prior Lake) proposes to add staggered terms for Metropolitan Council members - which is supported by NMMA. The bill also proposes that the Council be composed of county and city officials.

Both bills were recommended to pass and referred to the House Government Operations Committee.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

[Legislation](#) permitting local governments to donate surplus equipment to nonprofit organizations will be heard in a House/Senate conference committee on Monday.

A [bill](#) authorizing planning and implementation of Real ID will be heard in the [House Ways and Means Committee](#) on Monday.

On Tuesday, the [House Capitol Investment Committee](#) will hear Champlin's Mill Pond Restoration Bonding request.

The Legislative Water Commission will meet Tuesday evening. Follow this [link](#) to sign up for email updates and meeting notices.

On Wednesday, the [House Government Operations Committee](#) will hear legislation requiring a presidential primary in Minnesota.

Typically, House and Senate committee schedules add and delete bills from their agendas throughout the week, so this is by no means a comprehensive list of legislative activity for next week.

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Happenings at the Capitol

One-third of the legislative session has passed, and legislators are home for a long weekend. There is typically a one-week break in the middle of session to recognize the Easter and Passover holidays, but this year the House and Senate will have Friday, March 25 through Monday, March 28 off for Easter, and then Friday, April 22 through Monday, April 25 off for Passover. There are no committees scheduled Friday or Monday, and House offices were closed Friday.

When legislators return, they will be working toward the April 1 deadline for committees to act favorably on policy bills in their house of origin. The second committee deadline — when committees must act favorably on bills, or companion bills, that met the first deadline in the other house — is April 8th.

As of today the legislature has just 59 days until May 23, when the legislature is constitutionally bound to adjourn the 2016 legislative session.

LGA

The House Research Department provided a [run](#) this week showing the distribution of certified 2016 LGA and the estimated supplemental city LGA payments in in 2016 under the governor's supplemental budget proposal. The governor proposes providing an additional \$21.5 million in 2016 LGA, above certified aid amounts. The additional money would be distributed through the existing formula and would be a one-time expenditure.

NMMA members who receive LGA have benefitted from the most recent tweaking of the formula and will continue to do so if any additional LGA monies are distributed to cities utilizing the current formula.

Champlin Mill Pond Restoration

On Tuesday last week, Rep. Mark Uglen, Champlin City Manager Bret Heitkamp and Champlin Assist City Engineer Todd Tuominen presented Champlin's [request](#) for \$3.3 million in funds to restore the Champlin Mill Pond to the House Capitol Investment Committee. Troy Olsen also testified in support of the project stressing that the improved water quality and additional recreational opportunities that would be the result of the restoration project provide a regional benefit that is supported by the NMMA.

Hanson Boulevard Rail Grade Separation

On Thursday, Representatives Melissa Hortman, Jerry Newton and Mark Uglen teamed with Coon Rapids Mayor Jerry Koch, Coon Rapids Fire Chief John Piper, Coon Rapids City Manager Matt Stemwedel and Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte to present Coon Rapids' [request](#) for funding for construction of a rail grade crossing separation at Hanson Boulevard to the House Capitol Investment Committee. Described by Gov. Mark Dayton as one of three top rail grade crossing separation priorities in Minnesota, the project is also contained in the governor's bonding recommendations.

As is the custom of the House Capitol Investment Committee, both the Champlin Mill Pond Restoration Project and the Hanson Boulevard Rail Crossing projects were laid over by the committee for possible inclusion in the House Omnibus Capitol Investment bill that is expected to be debated by the committee in the next few weeks.

105th Avenue Improvements

The City of Blaine held a meeting on Friday at Blaine City Hall to outline their bonding request for improvements to 105th Avenue which runs through the heart of the National Sports Center in Blaine. Mayor Tom Ryan and City Manager Clark Arneson outlined how upgrading 105th Avenue would impact Blaine, the National Sports Center and the region. Also attending the meeting was MnDOT Commissioner Charles Zelle, the entire Anoka County Board of Commissioners, NMMA staff and community members.

NM I-35W Corridor Coalition

At the above mentioned meeting in Blaine, Commissioner Zelle presented Minnesota's need for substantial investment in Minnesota's transportation system. Commissioner Zelle also announced that MnDOT will submit for FAST Track funding, the proposed addition of new lanes along with pavement replacement and other improvements in the I-35W Corridor between TH 36 and Lexington Avenue. Commissioner Zelle announced the project competed against many other worthy projects and was selected to be one of only three MnDOT applications for FAST funding. The application is due in April and the results should be known in June.

The NM I-35W Corridor Coalition has invested countless hours of planning and work to put this project in this position.

March Presidential Primary

Last week both the Senate and House Elections Committee's heard [SF2985](#) (Rest) and [HF3549](#) (Sanders) which would create a March Presidential Primary on the first Tuesday in March beginning in 2020. The bills have broad bipartisan support in both chambers are moving as standalone bills. There is a push in the legislature to move to a primary system after hearing about struggles that caucus goes encountered due to high turnout when arriving to caucuses. Both authors are cognizant that the proposed primary would bring additional costs and responsibilities to local units of government and propose that the state provide reimbursement for the expense.

Waste Water Regulatory Certainty

Legislation sponsored by [Rep. Dan Fabian](#) (R-Roseau), [HF3409](#) proposes to give cities upgrading wastewater treatment facilities to meet the phosphorus standard, assurance from the PCA that – provided they also include a biological

nutrient removal technology for nitrogen – the nitrogen standard the agency sets for them now will not be changed during the life of the new facility, or up to 20 years.

While the bill appears to focus on rural Minnesota, it is an indication that some legislators understand the complexity of compliance and the expense to local government that meeting water quality standards can cause.

“Flushable Wipes”

[SF 2525 \(Jensen\)](#) proposes to ban the use of the word “flushable” on the labels of disposable wipes. The bill was heard in and passed by the [Senate Commerce Committee](#) last week.

Joint Powers/Special District Sales Tax Exemption

Last week the House Taxes Committee heard [HF2387](#) (Freiberg) which proposes to provide a sales tax exemption for most purchases of joint powers entities and special districts, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2016. The bill proposes to reverse a one-year delay in the joint powers exemption enacted into law during the June 2015 special session.

The Senate companion bill, [SF2249](#) (Rest), has already received a hearing in the Senate Tax Reform Division. Both bills have been laid over for possible inclusion in a potential omnibus tax bill.

Transportation Funding Conference Committee

The House/Senate Omnibus Transportation Funding Conference Committee did not meet this week. You can view a side-by-side review of the bills [here](#).

Omnibus Tax Bill Conference Committee

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Looking Ahead to Next Week

The [House Capital Investment Committee](#) will hear a presentation by Rep. Smith (Maple Grove) on the progress of Highway 610 on Tuesday, March 29.

The [House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee](#) will hear [legislation](#) to be introduced Tuesday regarding extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail service.

The [House Government Operations and Elections Policy Committee](#) will hear:

- [HF3470](#) (Vogel) on Wednesday. HF3470 proposes to restrict the use of franchise fees by Minnesota’ cities and provide an opportunity for a reverse referendum.
- [HF2104](#) (Albright) proposes to establish a 13 member Blue Ribbon Commission to study and make recommendations on metropolitan governance. The make-up of the commission would come from legislators, a member appointed by the governor, public members and one representative from each metro county.
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