

Anoka County RECORD

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NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO BE HIRED IN COON RAPIDS

by ACR Staff

Coon Rapids City Hall is taking applications until tomorrow, Oct. 14, for a newly created position that carries the title Assistant City Manager. The pay range will fall between \$81,286 and \$101,628, based on qualifications.

Leaving city employ is Joyce Hottinger, who had served as the city's Human Resources Coordinator, and will continue in a similar capacity with the League of Minnesota Cities, a private firm in St. Paul that lobbies for city governments.

The changes proposed by city manager Matt Fulton were described as a "modification" in the city council meeting packet of Sept. 20.

Fulton's description for the city council reads as follows:

"The current Human Resources position is responsible for the oversight and daily administration of the organizational human resources needs. This includes supervision and management of personnel recruitments and records management, administration and management of personnel benefits such as health life and other insurance benefits timely and effective management of daily personnel issues that arise, oversight and general management of the organizational wellness program and employee training, administration of the Minnesota Pay Equity Act and providing leadership with the Collective Bargaining process involving the City's four labor groups."

"The current staffing levels for handling these functions include the Human Resource Coordinator, the Assistant Human Resources Coordinator, and recently, a portion of a part-time position established as part of the City Clerk Reorganization effort.

"The proposed position would continue to serve in this capacity although over the past year some of the responsibilities have shifted to the Assistant Coordinator in order to allow more opportunity for the Coordinator to become more involved in general management activities such as the process improvement program and in the development and management of workload and success measures. These are activities that have been discussed with Council and are anticipated in the 2012 budget.

"...To accommodate these additional responsibilities I am proposing to adjust the pay classification from a Grade 26 (\$6,105 to \$7,634/month) to Grade 27 (\$6,774-\$8,469/month)... The position title would be changed to Assistant City Manager, and, while not a department director, would be part of my management team.

"This action supports the council's long term strategy of providing Excellence in Governance. Over 70% of the city's budget relates to personnel. This position plays a critical part in supporting the organizational needs of our employees. The modified position will also provide primary management leadership in helping to ensure and quantify performance excellence and accountability with the services provided by the community."

The position was posted in a document dated Sept. 23, which read, in part:

"Responsibilities generally include overseeing and managing all day-to-day Human Resources activities; maintaining the City's compensation program; researching, developing and implementing Process Improvement policies and programs; general supervision of cable television activities; coordinating efforts in utilizing social networking tools, and providing operational and administrative direction to administration department staff members.

"The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in human resources, labor



Coon Rapids City Manager Matt Fulton

AFSCME union representative for Lino Lakes, files for Lino Lakes council seat

by ACR Staff

The Oct. 27 issue of the Anoka County Record will present a listing of all candidates and races that will be on the ballot Election Day Nov. 8.

In the city of Lino Lakes, the mayor's seat and two council seats are up for election.

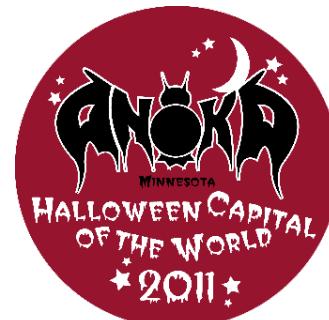
Tim Henderson, an AFSCME union business agent, filed for one of the seats. He currently represents employees in the Cities of Lino Lakes, Ramsey, Champlin, Dayton, Mounds View, and Lexington, and employees with the state Department of Corrections.

Henderson supports sending out citizen surveys with city newsletters, addressing resident needs by offering a warm welcome feeling to City Hall, and focusing on long range goals. Henderson is endorsed by AFSCME Council 5, 49ers Public Works Employees Union, and Local 82 Minneapolis Fire Fighters.

Incumbent Dave Roeser, and challengers Matthew Kassner, Sam Larson, Byron Roland and Dale Stoesz make up the field for the council seats.

First-term mayor Jeff Reinert will face opposition from Ivy Cavegn, a 6-year resident of the city and a member of its Community Emergency Response Team.

Kathi Gallup, who was the sole "no" vote on the 2010 resolution that made English the city's official language, chose not to run for re-election.



PARADE
SAT.
OCT. 29
1 PM
Downtown
Anoka

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TAKE BACK DAY SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal

10 AM - 2 PM
COON RAPIDS POLICE DEPT.
11155 Robinson Dr NW

10 AM - 2 PM
ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
13301 Hanson Blvd NW, ANDOVER
(763) 323-5000

NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
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relations, communications and marketing; researching, writing, and implementing policies and programs; and developing and leading process improvement initiatives. Thorough knowledge of federal and state laws and regulations governing human resources and labor/employee relations in Minnesota required. Knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration as applied to governmental activities, social media, communications and marketing also required.

"A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Human Resources Management or closely related field required, with a Master's Degree in one of these fields preferred. Five years of governmental administrative experience with particular emphasis in human resources and general administration preferred. Two years of supervisory experience required."

SIDOTI RESIGNS FROM COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL

VACANT SEAT TO BE APPOINTED

by ACR Staff

Joe Sidoti, the Ward Four representative on the Coon Rapids City Council, has resigned, effective immediately after the Sept. 20 meeting of the council.

Sidoti cited a move to Florida and business and health reasons for his resignation. His second term has 14 months remaining, ending Dec. 31, 2012. The city council will make an appointment.

While on the city council in early 2006, Sidoti led a movement to change the name of Coon Rapids. Newspaper accounts at the time said that many people were embarrassed by the word "coon" and Sidoti said that upscale restaurants were not locating in the city because of its name. It was also often said that businesses used "Minneapolis" as their address. Sidoti later removed the item from council consideration since there was no support for it from the other members.

A referendum to change the name of the city was held in 1968 and was defeated by over a 3 to 1 margin.

Minnesota Statutes 412.02 only requires an election for a vacant seat if 2 years or more remain on the term. If less than 2 years, the city council may appoint.

The Coon Rapids city clerk (763-767-6493) is taking letters of interest from any registered voter of Ward Four wishing to be considered for the council seat. The deadline is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19. Letters should include a description of their participation and activities within the city.

Applicants will meet with the City Council in a special meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The appointment will be made no later than Nov. 1.

Blaine Police Warn Elderly of Money Transfer Scam

A scam that has been targeting the elderly for years has been surfacing again.

The "grandparent" scam starts out as a phone call to a senior from "their favorite grandchild" claiming to be in jail, whose car is broken down or is in immediate need of money. The caller asks the person to not tell their parents for fear of getting into trouble. The victim needs to verify the caller by asking who they are. Talk to family members to see if the person calling is indeed who they say they are and if they are truly not in the country.

The callers are very convincing at talking a person out of their money and can be persistent. Typically the caller is fast talking and tries to confuse the person.

The scam has been around for many years and comes in many different forms. The caller typically asks the victim to wire transfer the money to through a wire transfer service offered at many stores.

Once the victim sends the money, it is unrecoverable. If you are a victim of this crime, please report it by calling 763-427-1212. If you have received phone calls of this nature but are not a victim, please report it by calling 1-866-347-0911 to report a scam. This is a voice message mailbox only, please leave your name and a daytime callback number as instructed.

FRIDLEY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AS POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS

The Police Reserve Unit of Fridley is seeking volunteers. A reserve officer gains law enforcement experience and a great addition to a resume.

The Fridley Police Reserve Unit on average donates over 5,000 hours annually to the City of Fridley. In 2010 the Reserve Unit donated 5,678 hours, a monetary value of \$105,037 to the City of Fridley.

What is a Reserve Officer?

A reserve officer's main role is to support the sworn patrol officers in the field. A reserve officer is a non-licensed position, with NO arrest powers. A reserve officer is issued a police uniform, and carries a full duty-belt (minus the firearm). A reserve officer drives a marked patrol car complete with police radio, red flashing lights, and computer. Reserve officers are allowed to ride-along with licensed, uniformed Fridley Police officers.

Primary Functions of a Reserve Officer

A reserve officer's primary functions are to assist the sworn police officers. Some of a reserve's duties are as follows:

- Patrol Fridley in a marked police car including all public street, parks, highways and interstate
- Be another set of eyes to spot criminal activity and report it to the licensed officers
- Transport prisoners to jail, juvenile detention, or detox
- Perform house and business checks looking for open/unsecured doors
- Patrol identified problem areas
- Provided traffic control at accidents or city functions
- Provide security at city functions
- Assist disabled motorist in need of aid

Requirements of a Reserve Officer

Reserve officers are required to attend monthly meetings. Reserves also must be able to volunteer 8 additional hours a month to help with special functions, transport duty, or city patrol. Reserves must have a clean criminal and driving history,

confirmed by a background check. Reserves must be at least 20-years-old and living in the Fridley area.

Reserve officers also must complete a 10-week (one night-a-week) training academy offered for all reserve officers in Anoka County.

No previous law enforcement experience is necessary, nor do reserves need to be a law enforcement student.

Contact Information

Sergeant Jeff Guest, Reserve Program Coordinator 763-502-1965

Detective Andrew Todd, Reserve Unit Advisor 763-572-3639

Officer Chris McClish, Reserve Unit Advisor 763-502-1905

Officer Mark Mickelson, Reserve Unit Advisor 763-502-1933

STATE DEMOGRAPHER TOM GILLASPY TO KEYNOTE FALL FAITH FORUM

Tom Gillaspy, Minnesota state demographer with 31 years' experience will highlight current population trends and how these trends will impact the Anoka County communities during the next decade at the annual Fall Faith Forum to be held Oct. 26 at Coon Rapids Evangelical Free Church, 2650 128th Ave. N. E.

Beyond the statistics, Mr. Gillaspy will cite examples of how the aging of Minnesotans, the increasingly diverse population of Anoka County and state wide economic factors will change how faith communities, non-profits and local government look and function. His keynote presentation, "How Emerging Population Trends Will Impact How We Work Together Meeting Community Needs", will begin at 8:45 a.m.; doors open at 8:00 for registration and continental breakfast. The presentation will be followed by breakout sessions and lunch. For more information call (763) 767-4111. Admission at the door is \$30.

**ANOKA CO. LIBRARIES NEW HOURS
ON FRIDAYS 12 NOON - 6PM
SUNDAY HOURS ONLY AT
NORTHTOWN LIBRARY 1-5 PM
All Libraries Closed Nov 11 Veterans Day**

THE PROPAGANDA MACHINE ROARS TO LIFE

from The Anoka County Watchdog

How predictable. Just like the setting of the sun and the migration of the geese, the Anoka-Hennepin School District has unleashed the taxpayer-financed propaganda machine to gin up folks to pass another property tax levy on November 8.

Watchdogs across the district report their children coming home with propaganda stuffed into backpacks.

Meanwhile, Watchdog teachers in the district report being subjected to propaganda videos during staff meetings.

Sounds like North Korea.

You can review your tax dollars at work on the taxpayer-financed web site that hosts the taxpayer-financed propaganda, <http://tinyurl.com/4yxvu6f>.

The top video doesn't need to be parsed word for word, but it's worth watching.

The district claims that state funding hasn't kept pace with inflation. What inflation? Inflation has been low since the economy tanked. It's more a matter that funding hasn't kept pace with the district's big spending habits.

The video also tells that the district has a declining student population, which means less money. Yes, but it also means fewer expenses.

We were told for years that excess levies were needed because the district was growing (we just built a new high school in Andover ten years ago).

Now we're told that we need an excess levy because the district is *shrinking*.

Isn't that the way of government? No matter the circumstances, they just don't have enough cash.

Next, the video tells of the tough decisions the school board has made, including a wage freeze. Let's make sure we're defining our terms about a "freeze" (more on that later).

And in what is destined to become a Watchdog classic, the district actually brags that district standardized test scores "exceed state averages." Whoopee! We're above average! All hail the mighty B- !!!!!!! That's worth paying for.

Isn't that just how you go about selecting other professionals who support your children?

Doctor, this is serious surgery for my child. What are your credentials? Will Johnny be okay? Don't worry, maam. My success rate exceeds the average.

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COON RAPIDS GAS STATIONS HIT BY "NO PAYS" POLICE CHIEF ASKS CITY COUNCIL FOR ORDINANCE

Drivers pumping gas at Coon Rapids gas stations may have to "Pre-Pay" if a city ordinance being proposed by Police Chief Brad Wise is approved.

Chief Wise reported to the council Sept. 6 that "No Pays", where drivers take off without paying for their gasoline, have gone up dramatically in recent years.

The unsurprising statistics, granted the economy and high fuel prices, show 314 gasoline thefts in 2009, 492 in 2000 and as of Sept. 1 of this year, the number was 374.

The chief contends the thefts are often by vehicle owners not from Coon Rapids and that "a criminal element has recognized the opportunity to enter our city and commit this crime at the handful of retail fuel businesses that do not require (pre-pay)".

Also cited as reasons to pass an ordinance requiring gas customers to pre-pay, were the large amounts of time and manpower used by the Coon Rapids Police Department to investigate and document these crimes.

The chief's Sept. 6 memorandum to the council expressed concern that gas stations needed to have one policy, and that mandating customer pre-pay would solve the problem of some gas stations not using pre-pay while others do. He opined that the larger gasoline dealers want to encourage customers to come into the store to buy other items, so they tend to not enforce pre-pay, while other smaller gas stations may do the opposite.

Mayor Tim Howe said he thought the ordinance would be a mistake. He asked Chief Wise if any city in the state had such an ordinance in effect. The chief replied in the negative. Councilors Sidoti, Johnson and Schulte had positive comments about the ordinance, while Councilor Sanders remained skeptical due to not having enough information to form an opinion. Mayor Howe said he wanted to get input from gas station owners in the city.

The City Council, after giving the ordinance its first reading, chose to take the matter up for further discussion at its Oct. 11 work session. The next issue of the Anoka County Record will follow up on any developments.

The proposed ordinance and change to the city code are given below:

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 84500 PREPAYMENT FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL AT RETAIL FUEL BUSINESSES AND THEREBY AMENDING REVISED CITY CODE 1982 TITLE 8 HEALTH SAFETY AND SANITATION

PREAMBLE:

- A. A significant number of motorists in the City of Coon Rapids are driving into business establishments with gasoline and/or diesel fuel pumps located thereon filling their vehicles and/or containers with gasoline and driving off without paying for same; and
- B. For the last several years the City of Coon Rapids Police Department utilized many man hours responding to and investigating thefts as a result of drive offs without paying for gasoline and/or diesel fuel; and
- C. The time spent by the City of Coon Rapids Police Department investigating these thefts detracts from proactive policing opportunities in regard to other community matters and time better spent investigating and/or preventing more serious crimes; and
- D. The frequency of these crimes results in real and significant costs that are borne by the citizens in the City of Coon Rapids; and
- E. These crimes seriously and significantly adversely impact revenues of owners of those business establishments in the City of Coon Rapids involving the sale of gasoline and/or diesel fuel; and
- F. The City of Coon Rapids finds that gasoline and/or diesel fuel thefts are of serious concern, and should be eliminated.

The City of Coon Rapids does ordain:

Section 1 Revised City Code 1982 Title 8 is hereby amended by adding Chapter 8-1500, Prepayment for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel at Retail Fuel Business as follows: (additions underlined)

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GAS STATIONS *continued from B-1*CHAPTER 8PREPAYMENT FOR GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL
AT RETAIL FUEL BUSINESSES

8-1501 Purpose. The City Council finds that reports of theft as a result of gas/diesel fuel drive offs without paying are on the increase. Council further finds that the man hours spent by the Police Department along with administrative backup associated therewith detracts from proactive policing opportunities in regard to other community matters and more serious crimes. The City Council therefore determines that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to provide for the prepayment for gasoline and diesel fuel at retail fuel businesses.

8-1502 Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter the following definitions apply:

(1) "Employee" means the person(s), other than the owner or manager/supervisor, employed to perform services on the premises of a retail fuel business and who have no supervisory responsibilities.

(2) "Manager/supervisor" means the person(s) granted authority or responsibility by the owner for the operations of the retail fuel business.

(3) "Owner" means the individual, group, corporation, partnership, joint venture or other group or entity that owns a retail fuel business.

(4) "Payment" means payment by any legal means, including cash, credit card, debit card, check, or otherwise. Presenting a form of payment to be finalized at the conclusion of the transaction shall be considered payment in full.

8-1503 Prohibited Conduct. No retail fuel business owner, manager/supervisor or employee shall:

(1) Activate any gasoline or diesel fuel pumping device prior to receiving payment in full for the gasoline or diesel fuel; or

(2) Allow or permit any person to dispense gasoline or diesel fuel from a pumping device at a retail fuel business unless the person has first made payment in full.

8-1504 Violation. Any person or business establishment who violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Introduced this 6th day of September 2011

Adopted this day of _____

ATTEST

Tim Howe, Mayor

Catherine M. Sorensen, City Clerk

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That's a relief.

Here are four questions to ask the school board. If they can't answer these three questions to your satisfaction, then a "no" vote on the levy is in order.

Question #1: Labor costs are by far the biggest driver of school district expenses. Thus, holding down labor costs is critical to managing district finances.

Name the last time that district teachers had their pay reduced. Not frozen, but reduced. Moreover, define what you mean by a wage "freeze."

This is where Watchdogs must know a little about school finances and how school districts dupe taxpayers.

Teachers receive pay raises through three, yes three, mechanisms.

First, there is the COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment). This is a raise that is applied to the whole teacher pay grid. Every square on the grid is boosted by the COLA.

Second, there are "step increases." Teachers vertically on the pay scale and receive a pay increase for every "step" they take. A step increase is usually done once a year. There is no requirement to advance other than avoiding being fired. If you survived the school year without being fired, you get a step increase.

Third, there is a "lane" increase. A lane increase moves teachers across the pay grid horizontally. Teachers move "lanes" and get pay raises for every lane, by accumulating education credits towards a master's or PhD level of education.

Now here's what's important!

School districts will often freeze the COLA but still offer step and lane increases.

They call this a pay freeze, but it isn't a pay freeze like the real world thinks of a pay freeze.

In the world of labor relations, this is called a "soft" freeze.

A "hard" freeze is one in which all three pay enhancement mechanisms are frozen.

Beware, because Anoka-Hennepin pulled a "soft" freeze in a previous contract negotiation, which was settled this past January.

And just this week, the district settled its latest contract with the teachers.

The details haven't been released, but Watchdog sources report this is another "soft" freeze.

So beware the district poohbahs who proclaim that wages have been frozen.

Odds are that teachers are still getting pay raises.

So when was the last time teacher wages were cut?

So when was the last time teacher wages were subjected to a hard freeze?

If the district has money for pay raises, they don't need a levy.

Question #2: About ten years ago, the district offered a levy campaign that talked about "excellence." The district now speaks of results that merely "exceed" the average.

On average, only 78% of district students are proficient in reading. On average, only 59% of district students are proficient in math.

When 2 out of ten don't read to grade level and 4 in 10 aren't proficient in math, it's nothing to brag about.

Moreover, the district as a whole is not making adequate yearly progress under federal law.

Some 26 schools in the district aren't making adequate yearly progress as well.

How will a successful levy guarantee better test scores?

What is the specific return on levy investment taxpayers will see?

What is the consequence if those goals aren't met? What changes will be made? Who will be held accountable?

We always hear about the need for money. Money goes up, yet the results never materialize.

More money doesn't equal better results. Just ask the private inner city schools that do so much more with so few resources.

Question #3: Contrary to all the hype, K-12 funding was increased this past legislative session, despite the massive budget deficit.

For example, the per pupil funding formula was increased by \$50 per student.

Explain how this increased funding will be used. Moreover, what reserves does the district have? How will they be used?

Question #4: While others may not want to acknowledge it, there is a major problem with a certain employee.

The Watchdog wrote recently about an employee who was relieved of his principal duties but was still on the district payroll, facing allegations for paying for sex with an underage girl and downloading pornography on a taxpayer-reimbursed cell phone.

The employee still has not cooperated with law enforcement.

The county attorney concluded there was probable cause to charge the employee but not enough to prove criminal guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, in part because the underage witness was deemed unreliable.

The school board in August voted 4-2 against a motion to terminate the employee.

The school board needs to explain exactly why it refused to terminate this employee and why he is still on the payroll.

Thus far, the school board has given taxpayers no reason to feel good about this employee remaining on the payroll.

If the school board can't manage its employees, there is no reason for us to support a levy.

Get educated and don't be afraid to ask the tough questions!



Anoka County**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS****Anoka County Board**

Anoka County Government Center
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-5024
Ph.: 763-323-5700
www.co.anoka.mn.us

Tues. Oct. 25

Management Cmte. — 8:30 am
County Board reg. mtg. — 9:30 am
(both meetings to be held at Anoka Co.
Government Center, Room 705)

Wed. Oct. 26

Anoka Co. Joint Law Enforcement Council —
2:00 pm, Blaine Police Dept., 10801
Town Square, Blaine

Fri. Oct. 28

Anoka Co. Board members may attend Corrosion
Control meeting, 8 am, Rm 772 ACGC

Mon. Oct. 31

Public Works Cmte — 9 am, Rm 772 ACGC

Andover

Andover City Hall
1685 Crosstown Blvd NW
Andover, MN 55304
Ph: 763-755-5100
www.ci.andover.mn.us

Tues. Oct. 18 & Nov. 1

City Council — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20 & Nov. 3

Parks Comm. — 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 25

Special City Council Workshop — 7 pm

Anoka

Anoka City Hall
2015 1st Ave. N.
Anoka, MN 55303-2270
Ph: 763-576-2700
www.ci.anoka.mn.us

Mon. Oct. 17 & Nov. 7

City Council — 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 18

Park Board — 7 pm

Wed. Oct. 19

Parking Advisory Board — 7:15 am

Thurs. Oct. 20

Lower Rum River WMO — 8:30 am

Tues. Nov. 1

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Applications now being taken until Nov. 1 or until positions are filled, on City of Anoka commissions: Charter; EDA; Heritage Prsrv; Parking Adv. Bd; Parks Bd; Planning Comm; Utility Advisory Bd; Waste Reduct./Recycling Bd; Information from City Clerk's Office at: 763-576-2712, or email aohlers@ci.anoka.mn.us.

Bethel

Bethel City Hall
165 Main St. / PO Box 64
Bethel, MN 55005
Ph: 763-434-4366
www.bethelmn.govoffice2.com

Tues. Nov. 1

Planning & Zoning Comm. — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20 & Nov. 3

City Council — 7 pm

Blaine

Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Dr NE
Blaine, MN 55449
Ph: 763-784-6700
www.ci.blaine.mn.us

Thurs. Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Nov. 3

City Council — 6:30 pm (Workshop);
7:30 pm (meeting)

Tues. Oct. 25

Park Board — 7 pm

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS**Centerville**

Centerville City Hall
1880 Main St
Centerville, MN 55038
Ph: 651-429-3232
centervillemn.com

Wed. Oct. 26

City Council — 6:30 pm

Wed. Nov. 2

Parks & Rec. Cmte. — 6:30 pm

Circle Pines

Circle Pines City Hall
200 Civic Heights Circle
Circle Pines, MN 55014
Ph: 763-784-5898
www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us

Mon. Oct. 17

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Wed. Oct. 19

Utilities Comm. — 4:30 pm

Tues. Oct. 25

City Council — 7 pm

Columbia Heights

Columbia Heights City Hall
590 40th Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
Ph: 763-706-3600
www.ci.columbia-heights.mn.us

City Council meetings

2nd and 4th Mondays — 7 pm

Library Board

1st Wednesdays — 6:30 pm, Library

Parks & Rec. Commission

4th Wednesdays — 5:30 pm, Murzyn Hall

Planning Commission

1st Tuesday — 7 pm

Traffic Commission

1st Monday — 6:00 pm

Charter Commission

Thurs. Oct. 20 — 7 pm

HRA

Tues. Oct. 25 — 7 pm

Columbus

Columbus City Hall
16319 Kettle River Blvd.
Columbus, MN 55025
Ph: 651-464-3120
www.ci.columbus.mn.us

Wed. Oct. 19

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20

Park Board — 6:30 pm

Wed. Oct. 26

City Council — 7 pm

Wed. Nov. 2

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Coon Rapids

Coon Rapids City Hall
11155 Robinson Dr.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Ph: 763-755-2880
www.coonrapidsmn.gov

Tues. Oct. 18 & Nov. 1

City Council — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20

Planning Comm. — 6:30 pm

Thurs. Nov. 3

Board of Adjustmt. & Appeals — 6:30 pm

NEXT IN THE ANOKA COUNTY RECORD — a look at the candidates for the Nov. 8 election. Candidates are invited to send their statements to us for publication.

Meetings are subject to change of time or date — call ahead to verify

East Bethel

East Bethel City Hall
2241 - 221st Avenue NE
East Bethel, MN 55011
Ph: 763-367-7840
eastbethel.govoffice.com

Wed. Oct. 19

EDA — 7 pm; City Council — 7:30 pm

Tues. Oct. 25

Planning Commission — 7 pm

Wed. Oct. 26 Town Hall Meeting

City Council Chambers/Senior Center; Open House 6 pm followed by Q & A 7 pm in council chambers

Fridley

Fridley City Hall
6431 University Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432
Ph: 763-571-3450
www.ci.fridley.mn.us

Mon. Oct. 17

Budget Work Session — 6 pm

Wed. Oct. 19

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 24

City Council — 7 pm (pre-meeting); 7:30 pm

Tues. Nov. 1

Environmental Quality & Energy Comm. — 7 pm

Ham Lake

Ham Lake City Hall
15544 Central Ave NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Ph: 763-434-9555
www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us

Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON

Mon. Oct. 17 & Nov. 7

City Council — 6 pm

Wed. Oct 19

Park & Tree Comm. — 6 pm

Mon. Oct. 24

Planning Comm. — 6 pm

Hilltop

Hilltop City Hall
4555 Jackson St. NE
Hilltop, MN 55421
Ph: 763-571-2023

City Council — 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 pm

Lexington

Lexington City Hall
9180 Lexington Av
Lexington, MN 55014
Ph: 763-784-2792
www.ci.lexington.mn.us

Mon. Nov. 7

Park Board — 6:30 pm

Thurs. Oct 20 & Nov. 3

City Council — 7 pm

Lino Lakes

Lino Lakes City Hall
600 Town Center Pkwy
Lino Lakes, MN 55014
Ph: 651-982-2400
www.ci.lino-lakes.mn.us

Thurs. Oct. 13

Charter Comm. — 6:30 pm

Mon. Oct 24

City Council Work Session & Mtg — 5:30 pm

Wed. Oct. 26

Environmental Board — 6:30 pm

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Cinwood Township

Linwood Town Hall
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE
Linwood, MN 55079
Ph: 651-462-2812
linwoodtownship.org

Tues. Oct. 18

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Mon. Oct. 24

Park & Rec. Comm. — 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 25

Town Board Meeting — 6 pm

Next Annual Meeting: March 13, 2012**Nowthen**

Nowthen City Hall
8188 199th Ave. NW
Elk River, MN 55330
Ph: 763-441-1347
www.nowthenmn.govoffice2.com

Mayor's Saturday hours at city hall

2nd Saturdays — 9 am

Call City Hall for meeting dates**Oak Grove**

Oak Grove City Hall
19900 Nightingale St. NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
Ph: 763-404-7000
oakgrove.govoffice.com

Wed. Oct. 19

Park Comm. — 7 pm

Thurs. Oct. 20

Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Mon. Oct. 31

City Council — 7 pm (EDA 8 pm or follows CC)

Ramsey

Ramsey Municipal Center
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW
Ramsey, MN 55303
Ph: 763-427-1410
Fax: 763-427-5543
www.ci.ramsey.mn.us

Tues. Oct. 18

Public Works Cmte — 5:30 pm (followed by city council worksession)

Thurs. Oct. 20

Mayor's Town Hall Mtg. — 7 pm

Special Planning Comm. mtg. — 7 pm

Tues. Oct. 25 & Tues. Nov. 1

City Council worksession — 5:30 pm

City Council mtg. — 7 pm

HRA (Nov. 1) — follows council meeting

St. Francis

St. Francis City Hall
23340 Cree St. NW
St. Francis, MN 55070
Ph: 763-753-2630
stfrancis.govoffice.com

Hours: M-Th 7AM-5:30 PM (Closed Fri)
Meetings held at ISD #15 offices
4115 Ambassador Blvd NW

City Council

1st & 3rd Mondays — 6 pm

Planning Comm.

3rd Wednesday — 7 pm

Spring Lake Park

Spring Lake Park City Hall
1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Ph: 763-784-6491
www.ci.spring-lake-park.mn.us

City Council

1st & 3rd Mondays — 7 pm

SCHOOL DISTRICTS**Anoka-Hennepin School District #11**

11299 Hanson Blvd NW
Coon Rapids MN 55433
Ph.: (763) 506-1000
http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us

School Board mtgs 6:30 pm Oct. 24, Nov. 14

Centennial School District #12

4707 North Rd
Circle Pines, MN 55014
Ph.: (763) 792-6000
isd12.org

School Board Meetings

Mon. Oct. 17 — Special closed mtg 5:30 pm
(Work session to follow)

Mon. Nov. 7 — 6:30 pm**Columbia Heights School Dist. #13**

1440 49th Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
Ph.: (763) 528-4436
columbia.mn.schoolwebpages.com

School Board Meetings

Tues. Oct. 18 5:30 pm (Work Session)**Tues. Oct. 25** 7 pm**Elk River Area School Dist. #728**

815 Hwy 10
Elk River, MN 55330
Ph.: (763) 241-3400

School Board mtgs 2nd and 4th Monday,
“generally at” Elk River City Hall, council
chambers, 13065 Orono Pkwy. — 7 pm
“Listening Sessions” with public, 2nd Mondays
— 6:30 pm

Forest Lake School Dist. #831

6100 N 210th St
Forest Lake, MN 55025
Ph.: (651) 982-8100

School Board meetings: held, with a few
exceptions, at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of
each month in the District Office Boardroom,
6100 N. 210th St., Forest Lake.

Listening Sessions: Residents are invited to
speak informally with representatives of the
board, prior to regular meetings, at 6 p.m.

Fridley School Dist. #14

6000 W Moore Lake Dr
Fridley, MN 55432
Ph.: (763) 502-5000
fridley.k12.mn.us

School Board Meetings held at Fridley City

Hall, 6431 University Ave NE

Work Sessions — 5:30 pm, Public Comment —
7 pm; Meeting — 7:30 pm

Tues. Oct. 18, Nov. 15

Truth in Taxation hearing Dec. 20 — 7 pm

St. Francis School Dist. #15

4115 Ambassador Blvd
St. Francis, MN 55070
Ph.: (763) 753-7040
stfrancis.k12.mn.us

School Board mtgs 2nd & 4th Mondays 6:30 pm
Public comment; Meeting 7 pm

Spring Lake Park School Dist. #16

1415 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Ph.: (763) 786-5570

School Board mtgs 2nd Tuesday 7 pm
4th Tuesday scheduled as needed

White Bear Lake School Dist. #624

4855 Bloom Ave
White Bear Lake, MN 55110-5418
Ph.: (651) 407-7501
whitebear.k12.mn.us

School Board mtgs
Mon. Oct. 24 (Work session) — 5:30 pm
Mon. Nov. 14 — 7 pm

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1318 McKay Dr NE #300
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Ph.: (763) 434-2030
anokaswcd.org

Mon. Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19 — 5:00 pm**VOTE TUESDAY NOV. 8th!
GENERAL ELECTION FOR
SCHOOL BOARDS:**

Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11

Fridley ISD #14

St. Francis ISD #15

Spring Lake Park ISD #16

White Bear Lake ISD #624

Forest Lake ISD #831



Meetings are subject to change of time
or date — call ahead to verify

Conversation Circle**Crooked Lake Library**

11440 Crooked Lake Blvd, Coon Rapids

Phone 763-576-5972

Saturdays 11:00-11:45 am**October 1 - November 19**

If English is not your first language,
come and practice in casual conversation.

A Conversation Circle is...

a weekly gathering of adults who practice
everyday conversational English

Come when you can!

Meet once a week
for 1-2 hours.You need to speak some
English to participate.**Why Join Circle?**

- Practice speaking English in a friendly environment
- Learn new English words and reduce your accent
- Learn about American culture
- Build confidence speaking English
- Learn about the library
- Make new friends and learn from each other

