PAC FORMED TO CAMPAIGN FOR SELECT CITY AND COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES

by ACR Staff

Documents creating a new business corporation, Citizens for Responsible Government, Inc., were filed May 22 with the Secretary of State’s office by Alfred M. Sannerud acting as the registered agent. The office address given was 1207 Constance Boulevard N.E. in Ham Lake.

A financial report was received July 16 by the Anoka County Elections Department and signed by Al Sannerud, identified as the Co-Secretary of the corporation. A cover letter to the county was signed by William A. Erhart, 4740 154th Lane N.W., in Ramsey.

The report listed the candidates that the corporation will be supporting, none of which are state or federal candidates. The candidates that meet the corporation’s criteria are: John Letourneau and Chris Riley. All three were the top vote-getters in their respective races in the primary election. (See page 4 for more detail on the Ramsey primary election results).

The report covered the time frame of July 6 to July 16, with $4,607.83 received in contributions and $3,342.83 of that amount expended. Apart from the $135 corporate filing fee required by the Secretary of State’s office, the remainder of the expended monies were for campaign signs, lumber for the signs, and gasoline/mileage to post the signs.

There were three contributors listed in the report, with the largest donor being William A. Erhart, described as a “self-employed attorney” contributing $3,207.83. Two other retired donors were purchased, one for $500 and another for $517.12.

Erhart is the brother of 30-year incumbent Dan Erhart who is running for re-election to the District 7 seat of the Anoka County Board. Steffen was elected to the County Board in 1982 and tried to make a comeback to that position in 2010 but was defeated by Matt Look.

Citizens for Responsible Government later filed another report which covered July 17 through Aug. 3. No expenditures were made according to the report, but it had $1265.00 in its coffers. According to the report, but it had $1265.00 in its coffers.

At least three websites are asking questions about the connections of the principals involved and the intentions of this PAC. One is a Twitter page and another is an anonymous web site titled “Reflections in Ramsey” and Colin McGlone, Ramsey city council incumbent and candidate for re-election, shares his opinions on his campaign web site. A search of campaign finance documents has not revealed any other political action committees being involved in local-level campaigns; it appears that only Citizens for Responsible Government has been formed for this purpose.

Campaign financial reports can be accessed via the web page, http://pa-elect.prod.co.anoka.mn.us.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

PRINCIPAL ELECTIONS BRING SURPRISE RESULTS

by ACR staff

One of the more striking and surprise results in the local primary elections of Aug. 14 was the upset in the Ramsey County Commissioner’s race in District 1. Longtime incumbent Tony Bennett was ousted, coming in third place in a tight three-way race. Former Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher came in a distant fourth and last place.

The top vote-getter was Shoreview city councilman Blake Huffman, who was able to take that slot by 21 votes over #2 rival Frank Mabley, an attorney endorsed by the DFL. Mabley ran for a house seat in 1982 but was defeated by Bennett.

Over his political career, Bennett served a total of 6 terms in the State House of Representatives and was defeated by Fletcher in 1994 in a campaign for Ramsey County Sheriff. Bennett was elected to the Ramsey County Board in 1996 by defeating incumbent Dick Weddel by 2 points. In that election, four incumbents seeking reelection were turned out.

Over the last couple years Bennett made headlines with his promotion of a stadium for the Vikings football team that would have been built on the vacant TCAP land in Arden Hills. The plans had a very fluid, always-changing aspect to them, often focusing on taxing county residents for most of the costs. Many forms of sales taxes were proposed, which led to protests from residents in and outside of the county. The debate on whether a voter referendum would be required to impose such taxes became a hailed of controversy which resulted in the Ramsey County Charter Commission taking up the issue. The Commission ultimately voted down motions that would have put the question on an election ballot. Citizens later mounted an unsuccessful petition drive which would have required over 15,000 signatures to put the sales tax question to an election.

After expending an estimated $1 million of county dollars toward the project, the stadium location was steered to downtown Minneapolis.

Huffman and Mabley will face each other in the general election Nov. 6. District 1 includes the northern portion of Ramsey County, extending from Mounds View to White Bear Township.

TWO PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD FOR ANOKA COUNTY BOARD

In November, it will be incumbent Matt Look vs. challenger Allison Listler for the District 1 Anoka County Commissioner seat, and incumbent Andy Westerberg will be opposed by former city councilor Julie Braastad in the District 2 race. The other four races for the Anoka County Board were uncontested and primary elections were not needed.

Look, who is seeking his second term on the County Board, was the top vote-getter at 1399 votes, with a 2 to 1 margin over Listler, who had 727 votes. In third place was Tom Gamec, former mayor of Ramsey, with 548; and fourth was Dan Denno, an Oak Grove city councilor, with 511.

Westerberg also seeks a second term in District 2. He came in first with 1027 votes. Braastad placed second with 707. In third place was Dan Denno, an Oak Grove city councilor, with 471.

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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

In the Columbia Heights mayoral race, three candidates filed and one had to be eliminated in the primary. Incumbent Gary Peterson placed first with 858 votes and Bob Odden, who has run for mayor and council previously, had 299. Gregory K. Sloat was taken out of the running after placing last with 205 votes.

The council race played out the same as it has the last four election cycles, with incumbents Bobby Williams and Bruce Nawrocki being the top two vote-getters. Only a handful of votes separated them — 531 and 522.

Surviving the primary election cut were Stan Houim, who ran unsuccessfully for a council seat in 2010 but made a strong showing this year with 482 votes. Placing fourth was Catherine Vesley with 433 votes.

Eliminated in the primary were Kaye Meyer (246 votes), Ramona Anderson (178), Adrian Durand (117) and Jimmy Edworthy (83).

ONLY ONE ELIMINATED IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT PRIMARY

The Columbia Heights School District (ISD #13) has three seats up for election in November and six candidates having filed, only one needed to be eliminated in the primary election. That candidate was Jon M. Foss, who placed seventh with 299 votes.

The top three vote-getters were closely spaced, with incumbent Ted Landwehr taking 699 votes, Lori Meyer had 652 and John Larkin had 627 votes. Incumbent Keith S. Roberts placed fourth with 575 votes, and seven candidates ran, who will advance to the general election were Grant Nichols (448 votes) and Mike Peterson (387).

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Three council races in Coon Rapids required primary elections. The candidates for the At-Large seat, the mayor and city treasurer will be Steve Weis (1211 votes) and Roger Johnson (750). Eliminated were Sean Novack (710) and Ethan Pierce, who both ran for the mayor's seat.

Ward 1 incumbent Denise Klint will face challenger Chad Knoll. Klint received 347 votes and Newman won 224. A third candidate, Jerry Pierce, who often speaks during the public comment period of city council meetings, had 90 votes.

Ward 2 is an open seat due to incumbent Melissa Williams and Bruce Nawrocki being put to elections this fall, see our editions of June 21 and July 5.

For previous coverage of candidates and offices being put to elections this fall, see our editions of June 21 and July 5.

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NEW FILINGS OF CANDIDACY FOR CITY RACES

For cities in Anoka County that do not have a primary election for city races, the filing period for candidates closed on Aug. 14. We preview the races below:

Andover: Mayor Mike Garmache will run in the general election unopposed. City Council (At-Large, 2 seats). Incumbents Sheri Bukkila and Michael Knight have declared. Former councilor and developer David Forsberg. City Council (Special Election, At-Large seat, 2-year term). Due to the resignation of city councilor Don Jacobson in August 2011, Tony Howard was appointed by the council to the vacant seat. Jacobson had been re-elected in 2010. The remaining part of his term is being put up for special election this November as a 2-year term. Filing for the seat was Howard and Valerie Holthus, who is serving on the Planning Commission. She applied for the appointment in January and previously ran for a city council seat in 2006.

Bethel: Mayor Todd Miller is running for re-election unopposed; 2 council seats will also be on the ballot — Kristi Bottema (an incumbent) and David L. Merrill have filed.

Centerville: Mayor Tom Wilbarher is unopposed; 3 candidates will vie for 2 council seats — Ben Feherbacher, Jeff Paar (both incumbents) and Matthew Montain.

Columbia: Mayor Dave Povolny is unopposed; 2 council seats are up for election — two incumbents, Denny Peterson and Jeff Duranne are seeking re-election, challenged by Glenn D. Kothe.

East Bethel: Mayor Richard Lawrence has filed his candidacy for a second 2-year term, and is running against challenger and city councilor, Tanner Balfany, who had run against Lawrence in his first election.

Mound: Mayor Tim Walz, who was first elected in 2006, is facing a re-election challenge this fall.

New Prague: Mayor Tom Johnson and Gary Kirkide.

HiItop: 2 council seats are up for election and both incumbents have filed, David Cartwright and Mary Halloway.

Lexington: Mayor Mike Pitchford will square off against Mark A. Kurth. Incumbent city councilors Russ Baker and Jack Plasch have two challengers: Carin Payment and Tim A. Schirch.

Linwood Township: Seats B, C and E, as well as the Town Clerk positions are up for election. All incumbents have filed. For Seat B, incumbent Philip Osterhus will face Jeffery Schipper; Seat C: incumbent Mary Kolar will be challenged by Carol Seuring; Seat E: incumbent Michael L. Budde has two opponents, Edward Kramer and Mark Olson. The Town Clerk, Judith K. Hanna is being challenged by Carol Seuring; other three plots seats will be up for election in 2014.


Oak Grove: 2 council seats will be up for election.

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2011 to complete the council term of Mark Korin who had won the mayoral race in the 2010 election.

St. Francis: Mayor Jerry Tveit has filed for re-election to a third 2-year term and his opponent will be incumbent Amy Lazere. Gardner listed in his filing that he maintains a website called StFrancisSchoolDistrictFacts.com, but we couldn’t find any facts or information about the school district or his run for city council.

Three city council seats will be on the ballot. Incumbent Jeff Sandoval has filed for re-election but incumbent Steve Kane did not, so his is an open seat. The third seat is a special election to fill the unexpired term of Lou Schaffer, who resigned his council seat in July 2011.

Council veteran Tim Brown was appointed to Schaffer’s seat until it could be put to this year’s election. Brown has filed for Kane’s seat, a 4-year term, so Schaffer’s seat (a 2-year term) is also open.

Besides Brown and Sandoval filing for the two 4-year seats, Richard Orpen, who sits on the St. Francis EDA, and Mike Haggard have also filed. The candidates for the 2-year seat include Jesse James Jones, who is on the St. Francis Parks Commission, and Dan Sherburne, who is a police officer working in Big Lake.

The third candidate for the seat was someone who wanted to oust Schaffer from the council long before he eventually resigned. Amy Lazere, a realtor, along with Sandoval, were among the group calling for the recall of Schaffer due to his erratic, politically incorrect behavior. Their petition effort was at first stymied by not submitting the required number of signatures in time for the question to appear on the November 2008 ballot. Some 300 signatures were tossed out of the more than 800 submitted because the signatures were not of registered voters. The signatures needed were then collected but not in time for the general election—a special election had to be called in December.

Schaffer kept his seat by 41 votes, defeating the recall effort. Lazere then told the Star Tribune, “I’m ready to take that the city of St. Francis is on his side.”

Spring Lake Park: There are two council seats on the general election ballot. Barbara Carlson, first elected to the council in 1990, decided to retire and here will be an open seat. Carlson was unopposed in her last election bid in 2008. The second seat is held by Bill Nash, who filed for re-election.

Both seats will be for four-year terms, however Nash won his seat in 2010 as a two-year stint, to complete the term of Bill Loeisch, who resigned in February 2010. Robert L. White, who had been an unsuccessful candidate for council in 2006, was appointed to fill the Loeisch vacancy but came in second place to Nash when the seat was put up for election in the 2010 general election.

Three candidates from the 2010 elections have filed for the city council seats: Jason Letourneau, who ran for mayor in a three-way race, and Dan Lambert who ran for a council seat. Letourneau is on the city’s Planning Commission and Lambert is on both the Planning and Parks commissions.

Former city councilor and mayor Bob Nelson is also running again this year. He lost his bid for re-election as mayor in 2010 to newcomer Cindy Hansen.

Two others, Tony Easter and Larry Raymond, make it a six-candidate field for the two council seats. The general election will be held Nov. 6.

The city recently hired a new city administrator and a report was published in the Aug. 2 edition of the Anoka County Record.

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SEMI-TRUCK FIRE SHUTS DOWN I-694 IN NEW BRIGHTON

A semi-truck ran over a mattress on I-694 near Long Lake Road in New Brighton, shearing off its fuel pump and causing the rig to go up in flames on the evening of August 12.

TwinCitiesFirewire.com reported on its website that the New Brighton Fire Department, dispatched to the scene at 8:41 p.m. The fire fully engulfed the refrigerated trailer; the Lake Johanna Fire Dept. also assisted by providing additional water. It was reported by Trevor Han- dorf, spokesman for the New Brighton Fire Dept., that over 6,500 gallons of water had to be used on the fire.

The driver said the truck was engulfed in flames before he could bring it to a stop. There were no reported injuries. It took approximately 30 minutes for firefighters to contain the blaze.

Photos courtesy New Brighton Fire Dept. and TwinCitiesFirewire.com

QCTV HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Karen George, formerly a 17-year employee of the Anoka-Hennepin School District has replaced retiring Terry O’Connell as the Executive Director of QCTV. George’s most recent job with the school district was as the Communications-Marketing-Elections manager. O’Connell had been with QCTV for 28 years.

QCTV’s (Quad Cities Community Television) studios are located in Champlin. The quasi-government organization is operated under a joint powers agreement between the city governments of Anoka, Champlin, Andover and Ramsey. Two representatives from each of these cities serve on an oversight commission.

QCTV features government meetings and programs as well as community programming and is made available on Comcast cable systems.

The position was posted in May. The job description said that the Executive Director would prepare and administer a $2 million budget, and supervise a staff of six full-time and 40 part-time employees.” The posting stated the salary would be “$65,000 to $75,000 commensurate with experience, and competitive benefits include health and participation in [the] Public Employees Retirement Association [pension plan].”

The search firm Springsted, Inc. was retained to facilitate the hiring process. George’s hiring was formalized at the late afternoon meeting of the QCTV board/cable commission on July 12, at Anoka City Hall.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS AND AUG. 21 MTG.

Secretary of State Mark Ritchie has announced the members of the State Canvassing Board whose responsibility it will be to canvass and certify the results of the State Primary Election held on August 14.

Minnesota Statutes 204C.31 requires the Secretary of State to name members of state canvassing board. By law members of the board must be the secretary of state, two judges from the Minnesota Supreme Court and two judges of the district court.

Members of the 2012 State Primary Election State Canvassing Board include:

• The Honorable Mark Ritchie, Minnesota Secretary of State
• The Honorable Alan C. Page, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court
• The Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen, Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court
• The Honorable Rosanne Nathanson, District Court Judge, Second Judicial District
• The Honorable David C. Higgins, District Court Judge, Second Judicial District

The State Canvassing Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 21 in Room 10 of the State Office Building located at 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota.

In other business, the Secretary announced that new business filings for 2012 are up, compared period the same period last year. LC filings (Limited Liability Company), the most common legal structure for new businesses in Minnesota, are up 21% over the same period a year ago.

Overall, business filings are up 16%.

State agencies and legislators will be at the State Fair starting Aug. 23. The Secretary of State’s office will have a booth at the Minnesota State Fair in the Education Building. Fairgoers will be able to vote for their Minnesota Fair Favorite (which can run the gamut from these curds to chocolate chip cookies) and participate in the Vote in Honor of a Veteran program.

Military Appreciation Day will be Aug. 28 at the fair.

On Saturday, Aug. 25 and the following Saturday Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the SOS booth will be hosting Civics Saturday at the fair. Information about online educational services for youth will be available.

Notary Public renewals. Secretary of State Ritchie reminds notaries whose commissions will expire in 2013 to renew their commissions online at: https://notary.sos.state.mn.us. The notary commission renewal period begins Aug. 1 and ends Jan. 31, 2013.

Notaries public are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state senate after filing both the SOS and the county. Notaries public are required to renew every five years. Their commission expires on January 31 in the fifth year after the commission was issued. Once a notary public is commissioned or renews their commission, they must also register their commission in the county where they reside.

The cost of a commission or for renewing a commission is $120 payable to the state plus a $20 fee to register with the county. Notaries who are unable to file online, may submit renewal filings by mail to: Minnesota Secretary of State, 60 Empire Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103.

If a notary public expires, a notary must seek reappointment by submitting a completed Notary Public Application. Application forms are available online by visiting https://notary.sos.state.mn.us, or by contacting the office at 651-296-2803.
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MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
“SAFE AT HOME” PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS GIVEN
Secretary of State Mark Ritchie presented four Minnesotans with 2012 National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award for their work with the Safe at Home address confidentiality program. The award is presented by a Secretary of State to recognize extraordinary public service in promoting the goals of NASS in the areas of elections, civic education, service to state government and philanthropy. The 2012 NASS Medalist Award recipients are:
• Sue Kendrick, Department of Public Safety—Division of Motor and Vehicle Services
Sue Kendrick went above and beyond to help Safe at Home participants who were experiencing problems with Driver and Vehicle Services. She promptly responded to participants and took the initiative to educate other department staff about the importance of following procedures for Safe at Home participants.
• Patti Jo Kewatt, Xcel Energy
For the past four years, Patti Jo Kewatt was the Xcel Energy contact person for all Safe at Home participants. She took on this responsibility shortly after Safe at Home began in 2007, and has done a terrific job making Safe at Home participants feel comfortable and confident that their account information was confidentially handled. Patti Jo has recently taken a new position at Xcel. We thank her for the work she has done to assist people in need.
• Melinda Hugdahl, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance
Melinda Hugdahl has been instrumental in passing important legislation that further ensures participants’ addresses remain confidential when they are involved with ongoing legal actions. Her dedication and leadership at the legislature made Safe at Home an even better safety measure for participants.
• Susan Anderson, Anoka County
Susan Anderson has made Safe at Home a more effective program by raising awareness about the public nature of marriage records and the potential safety issues program participants may encounter. She worked diligently to help other county record offices understand the importance of privacy and confidentiality when maintaining records of Safe at Home participants.
Sue Kendrick and Patti Jo Kewatt were presented their awards on July 18 at the State Office Building in St. Paul. Melinda Hugdahl received her award on July 20 at the Legal Services Partners meeting being held at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Susan Anderson’s award was presented at the Association of Metropolitan Counties meeting at Edinburgh in Brooklyn Park, on August 1.
The Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program was established by the legislature almost five years ago to help protect Minnesotans who fear for their safety. This program protects the physical location of program participants so that they can resume their daily routines without the risk of their abusers discovering their actual address. Additional information about the Safe at Home program is available at www.sos.state.mn.us.

SPRING LAKE PARK
BLAINE-MOUNDS VIEW
FIRE DEPT.
JUNE 2012 REPORT
104 total calls in June
• 3 cooking fires
• 5 good intent calls
• 5 medical assist
• 5 vehicle fires
• 7 outside fires
• 7 structure fire
• 18 personal injury incidents
• 24 other
• 29 false alarms

The Fire & Life Safety Bureau conducted 58 public education events. Highlights include:
• 5 Child Seats were inspected
• 1 CPR Adult Class
• 3 Event Assist
• 1 Fire Extinguisher Training
• 1 Friends & Family CPR
• 19 Home Surveys
• 3 Juvenile Firesetter Education
• 3 Parade
• 15 Safety Presentation
• 7 Truck Demonstrations

JULY 2012 REPORT
110 total calls in July
• 28 false alarms
• 4 carbon monoxide calls
• 6 structure fire
• 4 outside fires
• 17 personal injury incidents
• 10 gas leaks
• 6 good intent calls
• 2 vehicle fires
• 6 medical assist
• 3 water rescues
• 24 other

The Fire & Life Safety Bureau conducted 52 public education events. Highlights include:
• 3 child seat inspections were made
• 3 event assist
• 3 fire extinguisher trainings
• 1 first aid training
• 2 friends and family CPR
• 13 home surveys
• 2 neighborhood was canvassed
• 10 safety presentation
• 3 station tours
• 11 truck demonstration

CITY OF COON RAPIDS
TEMPORARY PART-TIME COON RAPIDS ICE CENTER
SEASONAL ICE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Seasonal position. Duties include working effectively with Coon Rapids Ice Center users; safely and efficiently operating power tools, light equipment, and ice resurfacing equipment; assisting with light maintenance and janitorial duties; handling money and cash register. Eight to 24 hours/week including evenings, weekends and holidays. Must be at least 18 years of age. Salary: $8/hr. DOQ. Apply; visit our website at www.coonrapidsmn.gov or call 763-767-8447. Completed City application form must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, EOE/ADA

RPM FOCUSES ON PUBLIC UNION FUNDING OF DFL
A list of public sector union contributions to the Minnesota DFL in 2012 was released in an Aug. 9 press release by the Republican Party of Minnesota:
• AFSCME AFL-CIO $200,000.00
• AFSCME Council 5 $5,000.00
• EDUCATION MINNESOTA $29,857.22
• M.A.P.E. EDUCATIONAL & POLITICAL FUND $87,500.00
• M.A.P.E. PAC $87,500.00
• MINNESOTA AFL-CIO $26,250.00
• MPLS. FED. OF TEACHERS $1,250.00
• LOCAL 59 $1,250.00
TOTAL $637,357.22

COMMENTARY
FRIDLEY CITY HALL AND MPCA PARTNER TOGETHER IN “HEALTH FAIR” AUG 22
by Bryan Olson — ACR
This public notice was made by Fridley City Hall with Mayor Scott Lund’s name attached:
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a special meeting of the Fridley City Council on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, for the following purpose:
To attend the Health Fair sponsored by the City of Fridley in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Said Health Fair will be held between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fridley Community Center Gymnasium, located at 6085 Seventh Street N.E., Fridley, Minnesota. This event will be open to the public.
SCOTT J. LUND, ACR
This isn’t a “meeting” of the city council but rather a notification that a quorum of the council will be likely present at this event. It has been labeled a “Health Fair” but all communiques prepared by city hall staff seem to suggest that the sole focus is on the water issues raised by the Cancer Cluster group over the past few months. In the July 5 edition of the Anoka County Record, we reported on the town hall meeting that was held by that group with guest speakers Erin Brockovich and Bob Bowcock. The discussion was about the average numbers of Fridley residents who have had cancer and whether there is a connection between the industrial pollution at six Superfund sites and Fridley’s water supply. While this issue went to press, the Fridley Cancer Cluster group was told by City Hall they would not be allowed to have a booth at the “Health Fair”.
The words “Health Fair” imply that one could get information on organic foods, food preparation and growing tips, medical insurance plans, and the like.
Nothing like this has been mentioned in city hall’s advertising of this event. The information providers will be the Fridley Public Works Dept., the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The event apparently will focus only on distributing information about the condition of Fridley’s water from the perspective of the sponsors of the event.

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Tues. Aug. 28
Public Safety Cmte — cancelled
Mon. Aug. 20
Public Works Cmte — 9 am, Rm 772, ACCG
Tues. Aug. 21
Human Services Cmte — 8:30 am, Rm 710, ACCG
Inform, Technology Cmte — 10:30 am, Rm 772, ACCG
Veteran Services Subcom — 1:30 pm, Rm 715, ACCG
Finance & Capital Improvements Cmte — 1 pm, Rm 772, ACCG
Intergovernmental Community Relations Cmte — 3 pm, Rm 772, ACCG
Mon. Aug. 27
Library Board — 5:30 pm, Library
Mon. Sept. 17
City Council 1st & 3rd Mondays — 6 pm
Due to Labor Day holiday, Sept. 3 meeting will be held Tues. 4 Tues.
Planning Comm. — 7 pm

City Council Final Budget Review

Mon. Aug. 27
Reg Mtg 7 pm, Council Chambers
City Council — “Work Session” Budget
Planning Comm. — 5 pm

Tues. Aug. 27
Council Chambers
City Council — 7 pm; followed by HRA after meeting
City Council — “work session” — 6:30 pm, Fire Hall

Wed. Sept. 12
Library Board — 5:30 pm, Library
Mon. Aug. 20 & Sept. 4
City Council — 6 pm
Mon. Aug. 20 & Sept. 4
Bd of Appeals & Adjustments — 7 pm
Mon. Aug. 20 & Sept. 4
City Council canvass election results

Wed. Sept. 5
EDA — 6:30 pm

Thurs. Aug. 23
City Council — 7 pm

Fri. Aug. 24
City Council — 7 pm

Mon. Aug. 27
City Council — 7 pm
City Council — 7:30 pm

Tues. Sept. 11
ACGC
772, ACGC
County Board “Work Session” — Rm
County Board mtg, Rm 705, ACGC
Regional Rail Auth. — 10:30 am or after
ACGC
Management Cmte — 8:30 am, Rm 772,
Tues. Aug. 28
Library Board — 5:30 pm, Library
Mon. Aug. 20
City Council — 6:30 pm

Mon. Aug. 20
City Council — 7:30 am; canvass election results
City Council — 6:30 pm

Wed. Aug. 22
City Council Budget Wickip 6 pm; City Council mtg — 7 pm
Wed. Sept. 5
Planning Comm. — 7 pm

Thurs. Sept. 6
Park & Rec. Comm. — 7 pm

Mon. Aug. 20,
City Council — “Work Session” Budget
5 pm, Council “Work Session” Rm
Reg meeting 7 pm; followed by HRA after meeting
City Council — “work session” — 6:30 pm, Fire Hall

City Council — 7 pm

City Council — 7 pm; followed by “work session”

City Council — 7 pm

Nearby $175,000 in grant funds has been awarded from the state’s Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment funds for ecological restoration work in the City of Anoka’s Anoka Nature Preserve oak forest.

The Anoka Nature Preserve (formerly called the Rum River Nature Area) is a 208-acre site located in Washington County about 5 miles north of the city of Anoka. The nature preserve includes a 40-acre wetland complex located at the northern end of the City of Anoka (north of the Anoka High School by the library). It is owned by the City of Anoka with a conservation easement held by the Anoka Conservation District. Prior to donating the easement to the Anoka Conservation District, the city and the conservation district jointly prepared a management plan for the property that identified the goals for the site, resource concerns, and potential projects to be pursued as funding opportunities allowed.

The newly funded project will begin to restore oak woodland with the treatment of buckthorn and other invasive woody species throughout 130 acres of the property.

Funding for this project is from two grant sources, both applied for by the Anoka Conservation District. A $99,400 grant through the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council will help in achieving the goal of treating invasive trees and shrubs. The project provides funds to kill the woody invasive species but leaves them standing in place. $75,000 in funds received through a DNR grant will accelerate the restoration by removing dead invasive woody species along with selective thinning of larger eastern red cedar trees that have become established on the perimeter of the woodland and in open areas of the property. Where sufficient eastern red cedar can be removed, oak savannah recovery can be achieved. The woody biomass will be marketed to vendors for use as biofuel or other uses.

Other current restoration activities on the property include three years of site preparation in partnership with a local farmer for a prairie restoration on 56 acres of the project site, with a scheduled planting to native grasses in the fall of 2013.

For more information please contact Chris Lord, Anoka Conservation District Manager at chris.lord@anokawcd.org.
**CITY OF EAST BELTHER JULY 2012 SHERIFF’S REPORT**

**Community Service Officers Report**

**AMERICA’S ORIGINAL SINCE 1982 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ANOKA**

**ST. PAUL – Rep. Tom Hackbarth, R-Cedar, announces the Minnesota DNR is in the process of accepting applications for the inaugural wolf hunting/trapping season.**

Applications will be accepted until Sept. 6 and the season will be split into two parts. An early season — coinciding with the firearms deer season — will begin Nov. 3. A late wolf hunting and trapping season will start Nov. 24.

There will be a total of 6,000 licenses issued, with 3,600 in the early season and 2,400 in the late season. The DNR indicates approximately 3,000 applications have been submitted to date. The target harvest will be 400 wolves for both seasons combined, split equally between the early and the late seasons.

“It is crucial for us to have strong participation, especially this first season,” Hackbarth said. “The information we collect this time around will help us assess how the new system is working so we can identify whether changes are needed for upcoming seasons.”

Applications may be submitted through any DNR license agent, by calling (888) 665-4236 or by visiting www.dnr.state.mn.us (following comp S/W plan update).