

**ELECTION 2012 — THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE**

## DFL TAKES BOTH STATE HOUSE AND SENATE

by ACR staff

No two people on the street seem to agree as to why it happened, or how. Some saw it coming but many others didn't. Some predicted the Republicans would lose their majority in the State Senate but would keep the House. Many predicted the Voter ID amendment would pass easily.

As the November 6 election turned out, there was very little that was predictable. Both constitutional amendments were soundly defeated, and both houses of the Minnesota Legislature were overtaken by DFL candidates by large margins.

Nine seats in the Senate were taken by the DFL, giving the party a 39-28 majority. Eleven seats were turned over in the House, with the DFL now having a 73-61 majority there.

Minnesota Republican Party chair Pat Shortridge said in a statement, "we have to hold the DFL accountable for their ideas and their votes. They made a bunch of promises, let's track how well they keep them."

The illustration on the right shows the new legislative districts after redistricting, which has left Anoka County with five fewer House seats and two fewer Senate seats.

Prior to the general election, there were 15 House seats located in all or a portion of Anoka County. Of those 15, 10 were held by Republican legislators. There were 8 Senate seats, and 7 of those were held by Republicans.

For 2013, the number of House seats was reduced to 11, and Senate seats to 6. The result of the general election was a split of the House seats to 6 for the DFL and 5 for the GOP, and the Senate seats were evenly split 3-3.

2012 legislators who will not be returning for the coming session include Republican Sen. Mike Jungbauer, Sen. Ray Vandever, Rep. Carol McFarlane, and Democrats Rep. Kate Knuth, Rep. Tom Tillberry and Rep. Denise Dittrich, all of whom did not seek re-election to their own or a new seat. Sen. Benjamin Kruse and Sen. Pam Wolf, both Republicans, lost re-election bids. Two other Republican legislators, Rep. Bob Dettmer and Rep. Matt Dean, won re-election but their new districts now do not include any portion of Anoka County.

Sen. Michelle Benson (R) easily won re-election to the new **Senate District 31**, which covers a larger piece of the northern half of the county, as well as the Zimmerman area (Sherburne County) and a small portion of Isanti County. Benson led her opponent, Mike Starr (DFL) in every precinct except Starr won Bethel by 10 votes. The final tally showed Benson with 59% of the vote and Starr with 41%.

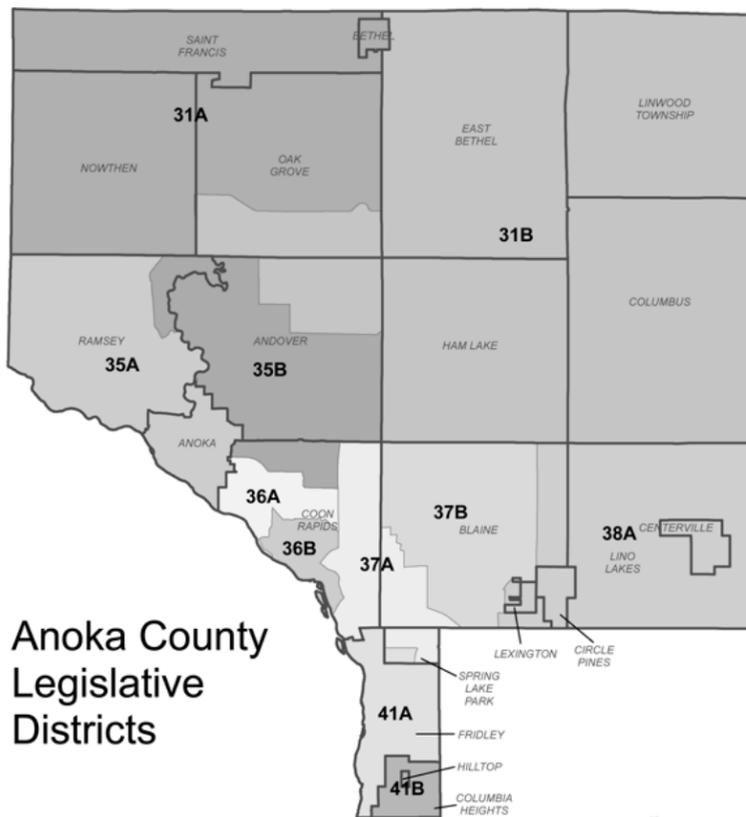
Also returning to the legislature in the new **House District 31A** is Rep. Kurt Daudt (R), who won his race against DFLer Ryan Fiereck, with a 60%-39% split. Daudt has been named House Minority Leader for the coming session, taking over that responsibility from Rep. Matt Dean. Daudt's district covers St. Francis, Nowthen, Bethel and most of Oak Grove.

Rep. Tom Hackbarth also cruised to victory with 61% of the vote against DFL opponent Louise Fay Woodberry in the new **House District 31B**. The new district is much larger than Hackbarth's present 48A, and has been moved easterly. It now includes one precinct each of Andover and Oak Grove; Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake and Linwood Township.

Rep. Branden Petersen, just finishing his first term in House District 49B, successfully made the jump to the new **Senate District 35**. Petersen had 54% of the vote; Peter Perovich (DFL) had 46%.

First elected to the House in 1998, Rep. Jim Abeler (R) won the **35A** seat with 59% of the 3-way vote. Andy Hillebregt (DFL) had 33%, and Justin Boals of the Independence Party, had slightly under 8%.

Rep. Peggy Scott won her third term to the House, in the new **District 35B**. Her first two terms were representing District 49A, which was comprised of Andover and Ham Lake. The new district excludes Ham Lake and now has Andover in its entirety, plus three precincts of Coon Rapids and one precinct of Ramsey. Scott led her DFL opponent, Sam Scott, in all precincts with 59% of the vote.



Campaign signs in Anoka

## WINNERS OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS AND OAK GROVE CITY RACES SURVIVE HAND RECOUNT



by Bryan Olson — Special to the Anoka County Record

The Anoka County courthouse was the locale for a hand recount of the Columbia Heights and Oak Grove city council races, which was accomplished in a little more than four hours on November 15.

Two council seats in Columbia Heights were on the general election ballot, with the first seat going to incumbent Robert "Bobby" Williams, and the second to incumbent Bruce Nawrocki.

Nawrocki's second place showing however was only by a margin of 13 votes over third-place candidate Catherine Vesley.

Columbia Heights city clerk Tori Leonhardt said Vesley made a written request for a recount on Thursday, Nov. 8, two days after the election.

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## ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING IN RUSTAD CASE

by Bryan Olson — Special to the Anoka County Record

Another step in the complaint against St. Francis ISD 15 school board member Matthew Rustad was taken Nov. 14 at the school district offices.

Rustad has admitted that he plagiarized an article he found on the internet by submitting it under his own name for publication in *The Courier*, a general newspaper published by the school district.

Attorney Jim Martin, acting as an independent administrative hearing officer, conducted a special public meeting of the school board to take testimony and legal arguments. A majority of the school board members have pressed to remove Rustad from the board.

After Martin made opening remarks about the procedures that would be used for the hearing, including the use of a court reporter to take a transcription, the line of questioning of the school district's attorney, Amy Mace of the Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney law firm, centered around Rustad's actions after the plagiarism was discovered.

A chronology of events was laid out, beginning with the distribution of the newspaper on Wednesday, September 5, which is mailed to 14,000 homes in the area and posted on the internet.

ISD 15 superintendent Ed Saxton testified that he received a combined total of seven telephone calls and e-mails on September 6 and 7, once the public had seen Rustad's article.

School board members are expected to submit articles on a rotating basis to the newspaper. Rustad testified that this was his second submission since taking office in January of this year.

Saxton was asked by Rustad's counsel, Luke Enno, how he came to be informed of the plagiarism. Saxton said a school district employee had read the article, thought it sounded familiar, and searched the internet to find the original source, upon which the employee telephoned Saxton about it. No one was identified by name at the hearing regarding their input to the superintendent.

Rustad's source material was written by Vernon Smith and Elayne Evans — an opinion piece about the value of schools eliminating their use of paper.

**RESULTS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES** *continued from A-1*

Sen. Benjamin Kruse (R-Dist. 47) lost his bid for a second term in the new **Senate District 36** to John Hoffman (DFL) in a 53-47 split. Kruse carried two precincts, one each in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, and narrowly lost three other precincts (one in Coon Rapids, two in Brooklyn Park) by only a handful of votes. The district encompasses 10 precincts in Coon Rapids, 10 in Brooklyn Park and 4 in Champlin.

A number of articles and editorials regarding the election outcome have said a large number of voters split their ticket. The failing of the two constitutional amendments, coupled with Romney's pockets of success in certain precincts and counties, were among the facts that seem to bear out the ticket-splitting theories.

A case in point can be found in SD 36. In one House portion of the district, **36A**, Republican Mark Uglen was able to manage a narrow 51-49% win over DFL opponent Grace Baltich, by 456 votes (10,691 to 10,235). Uglen has been mayor of Champlin since 2006.

In this race, the battleground was Champlin, and being that Uglen had name recognition as the mayor, put him over the top in the final result. The House district has 6 precincts in Coon Rapids and the votes for Kruse and Uglen were nearly identical with only a handful of votes difference. In 4 precincts of Champlin the vote was split, where Uglen garnered 683 more votes than incumbent senator Kruse. On the DFL side, Baltich had 466 fewer votes in the Champlin precincts than Kruse's opponent John Hoffman.

The splitting of the vote in Champlin resulted in Uglen winning the House seat and Hoffman the Senate seat. Hoffman is currently on the Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11 school board, which has announced that applications for appointment to the District 6 seat are being taken until 4:00 p.m. Dec. 14. The school board will interview candidates in early January and is expected to make the appointment Jan. 19. The seat will be up for its regularly scheduled election in the fall of 2013. Application forms are available on the district's website, [www.anoka.k12.mn.us](http://www.anoka.k12.mn.us), or by calling 763-506-1002.

DFL incumbent Rep. Melissa Hortman (47B) won the redistricted House seat **36B**, which is mostly in Brooklyn Park (10 precincts) and 4 precincts in Coon Rapids. Challenger Andrew Reinhardt (R) trailed in all precincts and tallied 40% of the vote. Independence Party candidate Andrew Kratoska had 4.2%. (Kratoska was also a candidate for the Senate 47 seat in 2010, netting just over 5%.)

Sen. Pam Wolf (R-Dist. 51) won her seat in 2010 but was redistricted in 2012, and filed for the new **Senate District 37** seat. The changes from old to new meant dropping the Fridley and Mounds View precincts that SD 51 had, and replacing them with 9 precincts in Coon Rapids. The majority of the district was located in Blaine, and the new district has 21 of Blaine's 25 precincts, while also keeping a sliver of Spring Lake Park. Wolf's opponent was a former State Representative of the same area, Alice Johnson, who was able to make a strong comeback and take 53% of the vote. Johnson was a Spring Lake Park city councilor in the early 1980s and was in the House from 1987 to 2001. Wolf carried 6 of the district's 32 precincts, with her strongest support coming from Wards 2 and 3 in Blaine. Wolf lost Ward 1, P-5 by one vote. The addition of Coon Rapids to the new district threw icy cold water on the GOP's hopes of taking this seat, as Wolf carried only one of the 9 precincts, and was not able to manage a win in Spring Lake Park — her home area and that of her opponent. The final tally was 22,814 votes for Johnson and 19,962 for Wolf, with 84 write-ins.

Jerry Newton will return to the House after losing his seat by a thin margin in the Republican wave of 2010. The DFLer coasted to an easy victory in the new **37A**, which includes 6 precincts in Blaine (in Wards 1 and 2), 9 precincts in Coon Rapids (mostly Wards 2 and 5) and two Anoka County precincts of Spring Lake Park. The old seat, 49B was nearly all comprised of Coon Rapids precincts and about half of the city. Newton has been a city councilor in Coon Rapids and an Anoka-Hennepin School Board member. Newton led in all precincts over newcomer Mandy Benz (R), and chalked up 57% of the vote.



Jerry Newton

The *ACR* has analyzed random precincts in the election to find how many voters don't mark a ballot completely. Looking at the voting in two Spring Lake Park precincts, P-1A and P-3, the typical "drop off" can be seen here as well. Benz received 40 fewer votes than the Senate incumbent Republican candidate Pam Wolf. Newton received 52 fewer votes than DFL senate candidate Alice Johnson. There were 2,492 persons voting in these SLP precincts combined, but 83 of them did not vote in the Senate race (3.3%) and 172 (7%) did not vote in the House race. There were 4 write-ins for Senate and 7 for House. The *ACR*'s small samplings have shown drop-offs after the Presidential vote to be 5 to 10% for the federal and state races, and for county and city races about 30% of voters leave their ballots blank.

Rep. Tim Sanders (R) won re-election to **House District 37B**, a new district that is still contained solely in Blaine, and does not depart much from the boundaries of the 51A seat Sanders won in 2008. Sanders defeated DFL challenger Jon Chlebeck, 54-46%.

Sen. Roger Chamberlain also won re-election. He won the SD 53 seat in 2010 and due to redistricting, filed for **Senate District 38** this year. His 2012 margin of victory was identical to his 2010 run, capturing 53% of the vote. Chamberlain's opponent was Tim Henderson (DFL), an AFSCME official who also made an unsuccessful run for Lino Lakes city council in 2011. Henderson won Circle Pines with 52% of the vote and Lexington with 56%, however trailed in Centerville and Lino Lakes (both 44%), Hugo (43%) and North Oaks (36%). Veteran legislator Linda Runbeck (R) won re-election to the new House seat **38A**, which includes all of Centerville, Lexington, Circle Pines and Lino Lakes, and 3 precincts in Blaine and 2 in Hugo. She won the contest with 58% of the vote over DFL opponent Patrick Davern.

**RESULTS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES** *continued on B-1*

**PLAGIARISM COMPLAINT** *continued from page A-1*

The article can be seen on a website for the International Society for Technology in Education, ([iste.org](http://iste.org)).

Rustad claimed he unintentionally submitted the Smith article as his own to *The Courier* and that he had saved it on his computer for research purposes. He later produced what he said was his intended article, one that he had written.

During the course of the hearing, a number of different accounts of Rustad's various explanations were discussed. After the plagiarism was discovered, Rustad met with Superintendent Saxton, David Lindberg, Director of Human Resources, and *Courier* publisher Troy Ferguson.

Both Lindberg and Saxton said during questioning that they didn't find Rustad's explanations credible. They didn't understand why a text file being saved for research purposes had a few words changed. The testimony against Rustad inferred that an accidental submission of the text of the Smith article would have been identical to Smith's original text; that it would not have had any minor changes. No testifiers at the hearing could say they had a copy of the article Rustad said he intended to submit, although Saxton and Lindberg said they had seen it and a letter of apology from Rustad.

Much was made by the school district's counsel Amy Mace about Rustad not apologizing to the school board members directly, and that he made statements to the Star Tribune that he did not make to the school board or school district officials.

The statement that has attracted the most attention has to do with the 22-year old Rustad admitting he was home schooled and that he was not well versed about plagiarism. (This reporter has found opinions given on the internet, which are often cloaked in anonymity, that assert Rustad is not qualified to be on any school board because he was home schooled.)

Lindberg testified that he felt Rustad had made a "material misrepresentation" and that he was "lying to school board administrators to cover up his own tracks." Mace asked Lindberg if he thought Rustad had explained his actions with the school board members directly. "I don't believe so," he said.

Another line of questioning during the hearing was why did he do it? Reasons given were that Rustad has been under stress and strain as a working student and time constraints prevented him from writing original material for the newspaper. Mace then asked the Superintendent for a history of his interactions with Rustad, with Saxton emphasizing that as a former English teacher, he has experience with writing and would certainly have helped the school board member if asked. Mace asked how many times since he took office has Rustad asked him for information or help in any way. Saxton replied, "three times," while saying that other school board members have engaged him much more. It was also suggested that under a worst-case scenario, the news-paper could have simply not printed a school board member article that month.



School District counsel Amy Mace (left) takes copies of the defense's exhibits

Rustad's attorney Luke Enno asked Saxton questions about the amount of feedback he has received from school district employees and the public. Saxton said the issue has been a popular community topic for months. (This reporter found something on the internet not mentioned at the hearing, an online petition on Change.Org that

now has 90 names on it, purportedly from 90 different individuals who live in the district, calling for Rustad's resignation).

School Board member David Anderson expressed his frustration that a majority of the board has not been successful in convincing Rustad to resign. Testifiers for the defense said they thought the school board's unanimous vote to censure Rustad at its Sept. 24 meeting would be the end of the matter. Subsequent meetings in October brought calls from school board members for his resignation or expulsion, even after Rustad had voted to censure himself.



Matthew Rustad

Often mentioned during the hearing was Minnesota statute 123B.09, subdivision 9:

**"Removing board members.** The board may remove, for proper cause, any member or officer of the board and fill the vacancy; but such removal must be by a concurrent vote of at least four members, at a meeting of whose time, place, and object the charged member has been duly notified, with the reasons for such proposed removal and after an opportunity to be heard in defense against the removal."

Mace said that "proper cause" had been shown at the hearing; Enno disagreed. The four-hour meeting concluded with Martin outlining the timeline for the next steps in the process. The attorneys are to submit their proposed findings to Martin on Nov. 29, and he will in turn submit his recommendation to counsel on Dec. 5.

School Board chair Marsha Van Denburgh told the *ACR* that she expects the Dec. 10 ISD 15 School Board meeting will have the matter on its agenda barring any unforeseen changes.

**RESULTS OF STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES** *continued from B-2*

**Senate District 41** saw a rematch between Sen. Barb Goodwin (DFL) and Gina Bauman (R), a New Brighton city councilor. The new district removed Arden Hills and one Shoreview precinct from its boundaries, but retained all of Columbia Heights, Hilltop, Fridley, St. Anthony, and added Spring Lake Park's Precinct 2. Bauman did not carry any of the district's 30 precincts, including New Brighton. Goodwin sailed to a 63-37% win. In a three-way race in 2010, Bauman had 41% of the vote and Rae Hart Anderson got 9%.

A similar outcome was seen in **House District 41A** where Republican Dale Helm fought former legislator Connie Bernardy to a 62-38% result. Bernardy (DFL) was first elected to a House seat from the Fridley area in 2000 and served three terms. The DFL stronghold area of Columbia Heights-Fridley-St. Anthony showed no signs of change and the **41B** race was as predictable as usual. Rep. Carolyn Laine (DFL) was re-elected with 58% of the vote. This time it was a three-way race with Republican candidate Laura Palmer (a Columbia Heights school board member) taking 28% and Tim Utz, under the Constitution Party banner, finding 14%. Utz ran against Laine as a Republican in 2010, a 60-40 contest, and in 2008 (63-37%).

**In three contested statewide judicial races**, Anoka County voters showed 56% support for incumbent Lorie S. Gildea for the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court seat. Opponent Dan Griffith had 43%, and there were 478 write-ins. Gildea won the seat 60-40 when the statewide vote was tallied.

Dean Barkley trailed nine points in Anoka County behind incumbent Barry Anderson for seat #1 on the Minnesota Supreme Court, and for seat #4 Tim Tingelstad edged incumbent David R. Stras 52-48. The statewide vote went to Anderson in a 59-41 win over Barkley but Tingelstad was not able keep the momentum and lost to Stras statewide 56-44%.

When broken down by Congressional Districts, the challengers had their best showings in CD 6, where only a handful of votes separated Tingelstad and Stras, Griffith had 45% of the vote, and Barkley 46%. The lowest numbers for the challengers were in CD 4 and 5, mostly made up of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and their first-ring suburbs.

In CD 4 Griffith had 36%, Tingelstad 40% and Barkley 41%. In CD 5, Griffith had 30%, Tingelstad 37% and Barkley 39%.

Another big story in Anoka County election returns was the razor-thin re-election of Rep. Michele Bachmann to the **6th District U.S. Congressional** seat. She kept the seat by 4,297 votes, and there were 966 write-ins. Bachmann's total vote came to 179,241 and Graves collected 174,944. 81 of the district's 280 precincts are in Anoka County, and Bachmann had a narrow victory in the county as well, besting Graves by only 127 votes amid 354 write-ins.

**6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VOTES BY COUNTY**

	Anoka	Sherburne	Stearns	Wright	Carver	Benton	Washington	Hennepin
Bachmann (R)	59,724	24,449	27,860	35,637	10,735	9,127	11,402	307
Graves (D)	59,597	20,564	34,841	29,970	8,306	10,079	11,344	243
Write-Ins	354	110	170	188	45	57	42	0
Number of precincts	81	35	61	43	18	27	13	2
Vote difference between candidates	+127 Bachmann	+3885 Bachmann	+6981 Graves	+5667 Bachmann	+2429 Bachmann	+952 Graves	+58 Bachmann	+64 Bachmann

**COUNCIL RACES RECOUNTED** *continued from A-1*

The recounts were held simultaneously in separate rooms at the offices of Anoka County Elections.

Minnesota Statute 204C.36 spells out the procedures for county, municipal and school district election recounts. Vesley opted to use the provision of choosing up to three precincts, as stated in Subdivision 2, paragraph (b), to be counted first. The candidate can waive further recounting is he or she chooses to do so.

The first precinct to be recounted was P-3, then P-2. At that time, Vesley considered stopping the recount, however she conferred with those who had accompanied her and they decided that a third precinct should be recounted, P-7.

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS RECOUNT P-3**

560 ballots (No votes for either Nawrocki or Vesley)  
 83 ballots (Votes for Nawrocki and Vesley)  
 303 ballots (vote for Vesley)  
 312 ballots (vote for Nawrocki)  
**Vesley Total: 386 [Election Day count: 386]**  
**Nawrocki Total: 395 [Election Day count: 397]**

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS RECOUNT P-2**

549 ballots (No votes for either Nawrocki or Vesley)  
 94 ballots (Votes for Nawrocki and Vesley)  
 316 ballots (vote for Vesley)  
 313 ballots (vote for Nawrocki)  
**Vesley Total: 410 [Election Day count: 409]**  
**Nawrocki Total: 395 [Election Day count: 397]**

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS RECOUNT P-7**

432 ballots (No votes for either Nawrocki or Vesley)  
 79 ballots (Votes for Nawrocki and Vesley)  
 352 ballots (vote for Vesley)  
 372 ballots (vote for Nawrocki)  
**Vesley Total: 431 [Election Day count: 431]**  
**Nawrocki Total: 451 [Election Day count: 451]**

The recount produced a net gain of one vote for Vesley. There was no change in P-7, but in P-3 Nawrocki lost 2 votes, and in P-2 Vesley lost one vote.

Leonhardt asked Vesley if she wanted to have the city council canvass the recount, since the council had already canvassed the election. Vesley said no, and the recount will become a historical footnote. The vote totals between the two candidates are now adjusted to 3399 for Nawrocki and 3387 for Vesley.



*Columbia Heights city council recount being observed by city clerk Tori Leonhardt (standing)*

The election night count showed Vesley up by 2 votes in P-2, 409 to 407 for Nawrocki; a 9-vote difference in favor of Nawrocki in P-3 (397 to 388) and a 20-vote spread favoring Nawrocki in P-7 (451 to 431).

Not part of the recount were P-1 where Vesley won 2nd place 18 votes ahead of Nawrocki; P-4 where Vesley had a 24-vote victory; P-5 was won by Nawrocki by 19 votes; P-6 went to Vesley by 44 votes, and Nawrocki won P-8 by 53 votes.

Overall, the Columbia Heights City Council (2 seats) general election totals were as follows:

Robert "Bobby" Williams (3,930 votes), Bruce Nawrocki (3,399), Catherine Vesley (3,387), Stan Hoium (2,725) and 61 write-ins. For the mayor's seat incumbent Gary Peterson had 5,349 votes to Bob Odden's 2,609.

**In the Oak Grove recount**, the second city council seat was also in question. Scott Lawrence was the top vote-getter with 1,917 votes but competing for the second seat was incumbent Kevin Robinson who was 33 votes short of Sean Sullivan.

Sullivan had 1,622 votes to Robinson's 1,589. The entire city's ballots were recounted but the only change was that Sullivan lost one vote, dropping his total down to 1,621.

Published below in its entirety is Minnesota Statute 204C.36:

**204C.36 RECOUNTS IN COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

**Subdivision 1. Required recounts.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a losing candidate for nomination or election to a county, municipal, or school district office may request a recount of the votes cast for the nomination or election to that office if the difference between the vote cast for that candidate and for a winning candidate for nomination or election is less than one-half of one percent of the total votes counted for that office. In case of offices where two or more seats are being filled from among all the candidates for the office, the one-half of one percent difference is between the elected candidate with the fewest votes and the candidate with the most votes from among the candidates who were not elected.

(b) A losing candidate for nomination or election to a county, municipal, or school district office may request a recount of the votes cast for nomination or election to that office if the difference between the vote cast for that candidate and for a winning candidate for nomination or election is ten votes or less, and the total number of votes cast for the nomination or election of all candidates is no more than 400. In cases of offices where two or more seats are being filled from among all the candidates for the office, the ten vote difference is between the elected candidate with the fewest votes and the candidate with the most votes from among the candidates who were not elected.

(c) Candidates for county offices shall file a written request for the recount with the county auditor. Candidates for municipal or school district offices shall file a written request with the municipal or school district clerk as appropriate. All requests shall be filed during the time for notice of contest of the primary or election for which a recount is sought.

(d) Upon receipt of a request made pursuant to this section, the county auditor shall recount the votes for a county office at the expense of the county, the governing body of the municipality shall recount the votes for a municipal office at the expense of the municipality, and the school board of the school district shall recount the votes for a school district office at the expense of the school district.

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**RECOUNT STATUTE** *continued from B-1*

Subd. 2. **Discretionary candidate recounts.** (a) A losing candidate for nomination or election to a county, municipal, or school district office may request a recount in the manner provided in this section at the candidate's own expense when the vote difference is greater than the difference required by subdivision 1, clauses (a) to (e). The votes shall be manually recounted as provided in this section if the requesting candidate files with the county auditor, municipal clerk, or school district clerk a bond, cash, or surety in an amount set by the governing body of the jurisdiction or the school board of the school district for the payment of the recount expenses.

(b) The requesting candidate may provide the filing officer with a list of up to three precincts that are to be recounted first and may waive the balance of the recount after these precincts have been counted. If the candidate provides a list, the recount official must determine the expenses for those precincts in the manner provided by paragraph (b).

(c) If the winner of the race is changed by the optional recount, the cost of the recount must be paid by the jurisdiction conducting the recount.

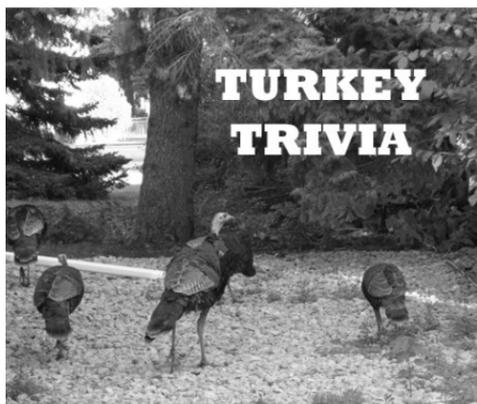
(d) If a result of the vote counting in the manual recount is different from the result of the vote counting reported on election day by a margin greater than the standard for acceptable performance of voting systems provided in section 206.89, subdivision 4, the cost of the recount must be paid by the jurisdiction conducting the recount.

Subd. 3. **Discretionary ballot question recounts.** A recount may be conducted for a ballot question when the difference between the votes for and the votes against the question is less than or equal to the difference provided in subdivision 1. A recount may be requested by any person eligible to vote on the ballot question. A written request for a recount must be filed with the filing officer of the county, municipality, or school district placing the question on the ballot and must be accompanied by a petition containing the signatures of 25 voters eligible to vote on the question. Upon receipt of a written request when the difference between the votes for and the votes against the question is less than or equal to the difference provided in subdivision 1, the county auditor shall recount the votes for a county question at the expense of the county, the governing body of the municipality shall recount the votes for a municipal question at the expense of the municipality, and the school board of the school district shall recount the votes for a school district question at the expense of the school district. If the difference between the votes for and the votes against the question is greater than the difference provided in subdivision 1, the person requesting the recount shall also file with the filing officer of the county, municipality, or school district a bond, cash, or surety in an amount set by the appropriate governing body for the payment of recount expenses. The written request, petition, and any bond, cash, or surety required must be filed during the time for notice of contest for the election for which the recount is requested.

Subd. 4. **Expenses.** In the case of a question, a person, or a candidate requesting a discretionary recount, is responsible for the following expenses: the compensation of the secretary of state, or designees, and any election judge, municipal clerk, county auditor, administrator, or other personnel who participate in the recount; necessary supplies and travel related to the recount; the compensation of the appropriate canvassing board and costs of preparing for the canvass of recount results; and any attorney fees incurred in connection with the recount by the governing body responsible for the recount.

Subd. 5. **Notice of contest.** Time for notice of contest of a nomination or election to a county office which is recounted pursuant to this section shall begin to run upon certification of the results of the recount by the county canvassing board. Time for notice of contest of a nomination or election to a municipal office which is recounted pursuant to this section shall begin to run upon certification of the results by the governing body of the municipality. Time for notice of contest of a school district election that is recounted under this subdivision begins to run on certification of the results of the recount by the school board.

Subd. 6. **Scope of recount.** A recount conducted as provided in this section is limited in scope to the determination of the number of votes validly cast for the office or question to be recounted. Only the ballots cast in the election and the summary statements certified by the election judges may be considered in the recount process.

**1. WHAT IS MINNESOTA'S TOP TURKEY-PRODUCING COUNTY?****2. How many turkeys did this county raise last year?****3. How many turkeys does the average Minnesota producer raise each year?****4. What % of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving?****5. How much turkey is consumed per person annually in the U.S.?****6. How does Minnesota rank in the nation for turkey production?****7. How many pounds of feed does it take to raise a 30# turkey?**

(Answers elsewhere on this page)

Answers to Turkey Trivia  
1. Kandiyohi  
2. 18.9 million birds  
3. 15,000  
4. 97%  
5. 16.9 lbs. per person  
6. #1

## RAMSEY CITY COUNCIL FUTURE "WORK SESSION" TOPICS

Future Topics – Tentative Calendar  
2012

Month	Date	CC Work Session	Topics for Discussion
November	27		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review 2013 Budget</li> </ul>
December/January			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Policy and/or Statutory Requirements w/re to Met Council Policy re RALF Lease Revenue (KU)</li> <li>Review Options for Obtaining Feedback from Key Stakeholders (Image and Success of Ramsey) (KU)</li> <li>Update on Prioritization and Exploration of Partnerships for Trail Grants and Funding (MR)</li> <li>Lot Combination Policy (TG)</li> <li>Volunteer Recognition Program (MR)</li> <li>Review the Inventory and Rental Rates of Equipment and Facilities (KU)</li> <li>Review Business Retention Program (PB)</li> </ul>
Month	Date	HRA	Cases for Discussion
November			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review COR Dashboard</li> </ul>
December			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Center Street Project Schedule</li> </ul>
Month	Date	FINANCE	Cases for Discussion – None Scheduled
Month	Date	PERSONNEL	Cases for Discussion – None Scheduled
Month	Date	PUBLIC WORKS	Cases for Discussion
November			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Project Management issues (e.g. 151<sup>st</sup> &amp; 167<sup>th</sup> Projects)</li> <li>Review Different Forms of Correspondence to Residents from Project Development through Project Completion (Public Improvements) (Eng)</li> <li>Discuss/Update Highway #47 Alignment through Anoka Study – discuss participation</li> <li>Stop Light Timing at Hwy 47 &amp; Bunker/Sunfish and Hwy 10/Sunfish and Alpine (may discuss triggers on right turn lane when shared with straight ahead – delay?) Others? Also left turn signals vs yellow flashing left turn signals or yield on green to turn left – Bunker &amp; Ramsey – Sunfish and Ramsey – others . . . (KU)</li> <li>Reconfiguration of and Additional Lanes at 47 and Bunker (KU)</li> <li>Review History of Private Street West of Highway #47/Bunker (behind SA) (Eng)</li> </ul>
December			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Post Construction Customer Satisfaction Survey (Public Improvements (Engineering))</li> <li>Review History of Private Street West of Highway #47/Bunker (behind SA) (Engineering)</li> <li>Review Project Management Issues (e.g. 151<sup>st</sup> &amp; 167<sup>th</sup> Projects)</li> </ul>

## SESSION STARTS JAN. 8 LEGISLATURE LEADERSHIP AND 28 COMMITTEE CHAIRS NAMED

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

**HOUSE COMMITTEES:****Ways and Means**, Lyndon Carlson**Taxes**, Ann Lenczewski**Property Tax Division**, Jim Davnie**Higher Education Finance and Policy**, Gene Pelowski**Education Finance**, Paul Marquart**Education Policy**, Carlos Mariani**Health and Human Services Finance**, Tom Huntley**Health and Human Services Policy**, Tina Liebling**Capital Investment**, Alice Hausman**Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance**,

Jean Wagenius

**Environment and Natural Resources Policy**, David Dill**Agriculture Policy**, Jeanne Poppe**Energy Policy**, Melissa Hortman**Transportation Finance**, Frank Hornstein**Transportation Policy**, Ron Erhardt**Judiciary Finance and Policy**, Debra Hilstrom**Commerce/Consumer Protection Finance & Policy**, Joe Atkins**Jobs and Economic Development Finance & Policy**, Tim Mahoney**Labor, Workplace, and Regulated Industries**, Sheldon Johnson**State Government Finance and Veterans Affairs**, Mary Murphy**Legacy**, Phyllis Kahn**Housing Finance and Policy**, Karen Clark**Elections**, Steve Simon**Public Safety Finance and Policy**, Michael Paymar**Early Childhood and Youth Development Policy**, Joe Mullery**Civil Law**, John Lesch**Rules and Legislative Administration**, Erin Murphy**Ethics**, no one named**SENATE COMMITTEES:****Taxes**, Rod Skoe**Tax Reform Division**, Ann Rest**Higher Ed & Workforce Development**, Terri Bonoff**Education**, Patricia Torres Ray**E-12 Division**, Chuck Wiger**Finance**, Dick Cohen**Health and Human Services Division**, Tony Lourey**Health and Human Services & Housing**, Kathy Sheran**Capital Investment**, LeRoy Stumpf**Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Finance**,

Jean Wagenius

**Environment and Energy**, John Marty**State Departments & Veterans Division**, Tom Saxhaug**Transportation and Public Safety**, Scott Dibble**State and Local Government**, Sandy Pappas**Judiciary**, Ron Latz**Commerce**, Jim Metzen**Economic Development & Ag Division**, David Tomassoni**Jobs, Agriculture & Rural Development**, Dan Sparks**Subcommittee on Elections**, Katie Sieben**Rules and Legislative Administration**, Tom Bakk**Ethics**, no one named

**ANOKA COUNTY**

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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
Public Works Cmte., 9 am,  
Rm 772, ACGC

Library Board, 5:30 pm,  
Library Offices next to  
Northtown Library

**Tues. Nov. 27**  
Management Cmte., 8:30 am,  
Rm 772, ACGC

Anoka County Board mtg.,  
9:30 am, Rm 705, ACGC

**Wed. Nov. 28**  
Local Government Officials  
Meeting, 5 pm - 9 pm,  
Harvest Grill, 12800 Bunker  
Prairie Dr., Coon Rapids

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
Anoka County Board Truth in  
Taxation Public Hearing,  
6 pm, Rm 705, ACGC

**Fri. Dec. 7**  
Management Cmte., 8:30 am,  
Rm 772, ACGC

Anoka County Board mtg.,  
9:30 am, Rm 705, ACGC

**ANDOVER**

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

**Tues. Nov. 27**  
City Council "workshop", 6 pm  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 4 & 18**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6 & 20**  
Parks Comm., 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 11**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
Open Space Adv. Comm., 7 pm

**ANOKA**

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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council "work session",  
5 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3 & 17**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 4**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council "worksession", 5 pm

**Tues. Dec. 11**  
HRA, 5 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
Heritage Presrv. Comm., 5 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 13**  
EDA, 7:30 am

**BETHEL**

Bethel City Hall  
23820 Dewey St. / PO Box 64  
Bethel, MN 55005  
Ph: 763-434-4366  
www.bethelmn.govoffice2.com

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
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

**Tues. Nov. 27**  
Park Board, 7 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
City Council "workshop",  
6:30 pm; meeting 7:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 11**  
Blaine Historical Soc., 6:30 pm  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**CENTERVILLE**

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

**Wed. Nov. 28**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 4**  
Planning Comm., 6:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 5**  
Parks & Rec Cmte, 6:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**CIRCLE PINES**

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

**Thurs. Nov. 27**  
City Council., 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 4**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 11**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Mon. Dec. 17**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 19**  
Utilities Comm., 4:30 pm

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS**

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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Wed. Nov. 28**  
Park & Rec. Comm., 5:30 pm,  
Murzyn Hall

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
Traffic Comm., 5:30 pm  
EDA, 6:30 pm  
City Council "work session",  
7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 4**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 5**  
Library Bd, 6:30 pm, Library

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council, 7 pm

**COLUMBUS**

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

**Wed. Nov. 28**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 5**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
EDA/EDAB, 6 pm; City  
Council, 7 pm

**COON RAPIDS**

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

**Tues. Nov. 27**  
City Council "work session",  
6:15 pm, Sustainability report

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
Parks & Rec, 7 pm, Public  
Works Bldg

**Tues. Dec. 4 & 18**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
Arts Comm., 5:45 pm

**EAST BETHEL**

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

**Tues. Nov. 27**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. Nov. 28**  
EDA, 6:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 5 & 19**  
City Council, 7:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 11**  
Road Comm., 6:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
Park Comm., 7 pm

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**FRIDLEY**

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

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
Parks Comm., 7 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3 & 10**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
HRA., 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. Nov. 26 & Dec. 10**  
Planning Comm., 6 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council, 6 pm

**HILLTOP**

Hilltop City Hall  
4555 Jackson St. NE  
Hilltop, MN 55421  
Ph: 763-571-2023  
Call city hall for information

**LEXINGTON**

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

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Wed. Dec. 12**  
Planning Comm., 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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council "work session" &  
meeting, 5:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 28**  
Environmental Board, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council "work session",  
5:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 10**  
EDAC, 8 am

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council "work session" &  
meeting, 5:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 28**  
Environmental Board, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council "work session",  
5:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 10**  
EDAC, 8 am

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council "work session" &  
meeting, 5:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 28**  
Environmental Board, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council "work session",  
5:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 10**  
EDAC, 8 am

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
City Council "work session" &  
meeting, 5:30 pm

**Wed. Dec. 28**  
Environmental Board, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council "work session",  
5:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
Park Board, 6:30 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 10**  
EDAC, 8 am

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
City Council, 6:30 pm

5:30 pm; City Council mtg,  
7 pm, followed by HRA

**Thurs. Dec. 13**  
EDA, 7:30 am  
Parks & Rec Comm., 6:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
Public Works Cmte; City Council  
& HRA "work session", 6 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 20**  
Mayor's Town Hall mtg, 7 pm

**ST. FRANCIS**

St. Francis City Hall  
23340 Cree St. NW  
St. Francis, MN 55070  
Ph: 763-753-2630  
stfrancismn.org

M-Th 7am-5:30pm (Closed Fri)  
Mtgs held at ISD #15 offices  
4115 Ambassador Blvd NW

**1st and 3rd Mondays**  
City Council, 6 pm

**3rd Wednesday**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**SPRING LAKE PARK**

Spring Lake Park City Hall  
1301 81st Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
Ph: 763-784-6491  
slpnmn.org

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
City Council Truth in Taxation  
Hearing, 7:15 pm

**ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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

**Mon. Dec. 17**  
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**ANOKA-HENNEPIN ISD #11**

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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
School Bd, Sandburg Educ Ctr,  
1902 2nd Ave, Anoka, 6:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
School Bd Truth in Taxation  
Public Hearing, 6 pm,  
Sandburg Educ Ctr, 1902  
2nd Ave, Anoka; School Bd  
meeting follows TnT hearing

**CENTENNIAL ISD #12**

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

**Mon. Dec. 3**  
School Bd "work session", 5:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 17**  
School Board, 6:30 pm

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS ISD #13**

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

**Tues. Nov. 27 & Dec. 11**  
School Board, 7 pm

**ELK RIVER AREA ISD #728**

815 Hwy 10  
Elk River, MN 55330  
Ph.: (763) 241-3400  
elkriver.k12.mn.us

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
School Bd, 7 pm, District Office

**Mon. Dec. 3 & Dec. 17**  
School Board "work session",  
6 pm, School District Office

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
School Bd, 7 pm, District Office

**NOTE: Meetings listed on this page are subject to change of time or date — call ahead to verify**

**FOREST LAKE AREA ISD #831**

6100 N 210th St  
Forest Lake, MN 55025  
Ph.: (651) 982-8100  
forestlake.k12.mn.us

**Thurs. Dec. 6**  
School Bd Mtg & TNT (Truth  
in Taxation) Hearing, 7 pm

**Thurs. Dec. 20**  
School Board Mtg & Cmtes.,  
6 pm

**FRIDLEY ISD #14**

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

School Bd. meetings held at Fridley  
City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE  
"Work Session" 5:30 pm; Public  
Comment 7 pm; Meeting 7:30 pm

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
School Bd Mtg & TNT (Truth  
in Taxation) Hearing, TNT  
hearing at 7 pm, Conf Rm A,  
Fridley City Hall

**ST. FRANCIS ISD #15**

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

School Bd. meetings at 7 pm  
Public comment at 6:30 pm

**Mon. Nov. 26 & Dec. 10**

**SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16**

1415 81st Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
Ph.: (763) 786-5570  
splkpark.k12.mn.us/

**Fri. Dec. 14**  
School Bd "retreat", no  
information available, call  
office

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
School Board, 6:45 pm

**WHITE BEAR LAKE ISD #624**

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

**Mon. Nov. 26**  
School Bd "work session" 5:30 pm

**Mon. Dec. 10**  
School Board, 7 pm

**916 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2540 Cty Rd F, White Bear Lake  
Board meetings at Bellaire School,  
District Office Board Room  
Ph.: (651) 415-5562  
nemetro.k12.mn.us

**Tues. Dec. 4, 6 pm**

**WATERSHED DISTRICTS and other meetings**

**COON CREEK WATERSHED DIST.**

12301 Central Ave NE,  
Suite 100, Blaine  
Ph.: (763) 755-0975  
www.cooncreekwd.org

all or portions of Fridley, SLP,  
Blaine, Coon Rapids, Andover,  
Ham Lake, Columbus

**2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm,**  
Bunker Activity Center, 550  
Bunker Lake Blvd NW,  
Andover (763) 757-3920

**Nov. 26 meeting cancelled**  
Next meeting **Mon. Dec. 10**

**LOWER RUM RIVER WATERSHED MGMT. ORG.**

(LRRWMO)  
2015 1st Ave., Anoka  
Ph.: (763) 767-5131  
www.anokanaturalresources.com/  
lrrwmo/index.htm

all or portions of Ramsey, Anoka,  
Coon Rapids, Andover

**3rd Thursday, 8:30 am,**  
Anoka City Hall

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED DIST.**

4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr,  
Suite 611, Blaine  
Ph.: (763) 398-3070  
www.ricecreek.org

all or portions of Blaine, Centerville,  
Fridley, Col. Hts., SLP, Circle Pines,  
Lexington, Columbus, Lino Lakes, and  
parts of Ramsey & Washington counties

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9 am,**  
Shoreview City Hall

**No meetings Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.** Next meeting: **Dec. 12**

**SUNRISE RIVER WATERSHED MGMT. ORG.**

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
ON 2013 UNIFIED  
OPERATING BUDGET, 2013  
UNIFIED CAPITAL PROGRAM  
AND 2012, PAYABLE 2013,  
LEVIES**

Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., Metropolitan Council Chambers, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

The Metropolitan Council will discuss the 2013 Unified Operating Budget, 2013 Unified Capital Program and 2012, Payable 2013, Levies and the public will be allowed to comment.

The 2013 Unified Operating Budget, which includes Council Levies, and the 2013 Unified Capital Program will be available on November 1, 2012 on the Council's website. Printed copies will be available at no charge at the Metropolitan Council office located at 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul. Call 651-602-1140 or email: public.info@metc.state.mn.us.

Upon request, the Council will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities.

The procedure for public comment will be as follows:

- Persons will be called to speak in the order in which they have registered. Individuals may register to speak in advance by calling 651-602-1140.

- Individuals will have 3 minutes each and designated representatives of groups will have 5 minutes. Once all speakers have presented, speakers may request additional time to make further comments.

- The chair shall have discretion in limiting or extending testimony by any person.

Comments will also be accepted prior to December 12th. To be included in the official record, comments must be received before 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2012. You may submit comments for the official record in one of the following ways:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council, Public Information, 390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
- Public Comment Line: 651-602-1140
- Email: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- TTY: 651-291-0904

At the close of the public comment period, the Council will prepare a hearing summary. To request a copy of the hearing summary, call the Metropolitan Council at 651-602-1140, or 651-291-0904 (TTY).

**CITY OF OAK GROVE  
DAYTIME VOLUNTEER  
FIREFIGHTERS WANTED**

The City of Oak Grove needs daytime volunteer firefighters. Please call City Hall (763) 404-7000 for an application or more information.

**RICE CREEK WATERSHED  
DISTRICT BOARD OF  
MANAGERS  
MAWD ANNUAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers will be attending the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, Inc., will be held at the Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 30, 2012 for the following purposes:

- 1) To receive and accept the reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer regarding the business of the Association of the past year;
- 2) To receive the report of the auditors;
- 3) To elect three directors, one from each of three regions;
- 4) To consider and act upon proposed resolutions;
- 5) To take action upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

**CITY OF FRIDLEY  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CITY OF FRIDLEY HRA  
DEMOLITION PROJECT NO. 426**

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Fridley Housing & Redevelopment Authority, Anoka County, Minnesota, at the office of the Assistant Executive Director of the Fridley HRA, 6431 University Avenue N.E., Fridley, Minnesota 55432 (Tel. 763-572-3591) on Tuesday, the 4th day of December 2012, at 1:00 p.m. for the furnishing of all labor,

material, and all else necessary for the following:

Demolition and proper disposal of three (3) residential homes, all accessory structures, driveways, foundations, removal of utilities to the public right-of-way, general fill, clearing and grubbing, and site grading. Removal of all household waste prior to commencement of demolition.

Removal of any hazardous materials prior to commencement of demolition.

General restoration including backfill, grading, topsoil borrow, seeding and mulching.

All in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by City of Fridley, 6431 University Ave. NE, Fridley, MN 55432, dated November 5, 2012.

Plans, specifications, and completed asbestos/lead-based paint/hazardous materials survey reports may be examined at the Fridley Engineering Office. Bids shall be on forms provided for that purpose and according to the Contract Documents prepared by the Fridley HRA. Contract documents may be obtained by check, cash, or credit card at 763-572-3552 or bensonj@ci.fridley.mn.us to purchase contract documents. Contract documents are available for purchase via the following options:

1. Paper copy for a fee of \$50.00
2. Or electronic format (e-mail or CD) for a fee of \$25.00

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk thru will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 27th, 2012. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room A at the Fridley Municipal Center, 6431 University Avenue NE, Fridley, MN. All buildings will be open following the meeting.

Bids must be made on the basis of cash or check payment for work, and accompanied by a cash deposit, certified check (on a responsible bank in the State of Minnesota) or a bidder's bond made payable without condition to the City of Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Minnesota, in an amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount of the bid. The deposit shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the contract but fails to enter into a contract.

The Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in any bids received without explanation. The HRA further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interests of the City.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2012.

Paul Bolin, AICP  
Assistant Executive Director

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
CITY OF BLAINE IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT NO. 12-12 WATER  
TOWER NO. 3  
RECONDITIONING**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, publicly opened, and read aloud by representatives of the City Council of Blaine, Anoka County, Minnesota, at the City Council Chambers at 10801 Town Square Drive NE in said City at 10:00 AM on December 11, 2012, for furnishing of all work and materials for consideration of City Improvement No. 12-12 and consisting of: INTERIOR WET COATING REPAIRS, INTERIOR DRY COATING REPAIRS, PARTIAL RECONDITIONING AND COMPLETE OVER-COATING OF TANK EXTERIOR SURFACES, STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS AND NEW TANK APPURTENANCES.

All in accordance with Plans and Specifications prepared by the City and available at the Office of the City Engineer, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, Minnesota, and on file with the City Clerk. Contact Person: Tom Scott, (763) 785-6182. Plans and Specifications incorporating the work for the project may be examined at the City Hall at the Office of the City Engineer. COPIES may be obtained from the City for \$100 a set, which is not refundable. There is a mandatory prebid meeting on site, 9318 Hamline Avenue NE, at 10:00 AM, November 29, 2012. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Bidders Proof of Responsibility must be submitted

to the City's consultant, SEH, in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Incomplete forms, non-responsive answers, or inaccuracies will be grounds for rejection of the Contractor's Bid. Bids must be on the basis of cash payment for the work and materials, and no bid will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Engineer or his designee, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with a brief statement of summary as to the work for which the bid is made, and accompanied by a cash deposit, certified check, or bidder's bond, payable to the City, for not less than 5%, as a guarantee that the bidder will, within TEN (10) days after notification of the award of contract, enter into an agreement with the City and furnish a bond for the full amount of the contract as provided by law. This deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided for by law. Cash deposits, certified checks, and bidder's bonds of the three (3) lowest bidders may be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, but not longer than 60 days from the date of opening bids. All other deposits will be refunded promptly. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, and to adjourn the meeting to a later date for the purpose of further consideration of the bids and taking action thereon. No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days from date of opening of bids.

The City Council will consider award of contracts at their regular meeting held on December 20, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine, Minnesota. It is the City's intent to begin construction by April 22, 2013, and all work to be completed by June 30, 2013. Jane M. Cross, CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF BLAINE  
SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL  
VACANCIES**

The terms of eleven Senior Advisory Council appointees will expire on January 31, 2013. Persons interested in having direct input into senior citizen programs are encouraged to consider serving on the advisory council. The appointments are for a term of two (2) years.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council in January 2013. Applications are available at City Hall, are downloadable on the city webpage or can be mailed or faxed by calling (763) 785-6122.

Please complete and submit an application by December 21, 2012 to:

City Clerk's Office  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
VACANCIES**

Commission vacancies are filled by Mayoral appointment, confirmed by a majority of the entire City Council. At least two (2) members must reside in each Council election ward for the term of their appointment for Planning Commission.

Four appointments will be made for a term of two (2) years. One vacancy will exist in each council ward and one vacancy is for the Chair position which is an at-large position.

The Planning Commission, consisting of seven members appointed for two-year terms, reviews and advises the City Council on long-range community planning goals and policies, immediate planning issues, and specific development proposals. Monthly meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of each month.

Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor in February 2013. Please call the Clerk's office at (763) 785-6124 for additional information. Interested citizens should complete an application or send a brief biographical sketch by December 3, 2012, to: Jane M. Cross, CMC, City Clerk City of Blaine 10801 Town Square Drive Blaine, MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE  
NATURAL RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
VACANCY**

The City of Blaine Natural Resource Conservation Board currently has one vacancy in Council District One. The City is seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

The Natural Resource Conservation Board is an advisory board appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The purpose of this Board is to advise the City Council and City Manager on the acquisition and management of public open space and trails within the City of Blaine. The Board makes recommendations to the City Council; however, the City Council makes all final decisions on these matters.

The Natural Resource Conservation Board consists of seven members, two representing each council district and a chair appointed at large. Appointments are made for a two-year term.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Natural Resource Conservation Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. Please call the Jim Hafner at 763-785-6188 for additional information.

Interested citizens must complete an Application for Appointment which is available online at www.ci.blaine.mn.us (search under Public Notices/ Press Releases) or by calling (763) 785-6188. Applications must be received by Friday, November 30, 2012, and can be dropped off at city hall, emailed to jhafner@ci.blaine.mn.us or mailed to:

Jim Hafner  
City of Blaine  
10801 Town Square Drive NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

**CITY OF BLAINE  
PARK BOARD  
ADVISORY VACANCIES**

Commission vacancies are filled by Mayoral appointment, confirmed by a majority of the entire City Council. At least two (2) members must reside in each Council election ward for the term of their appointment for Park Board.

Three appointments will be made for a term of two (2) years. One vacancy will exist each in Ward 1, Ward 2, and Ward 3. The Park Advisory Board consists of seven members appointed for two-year terms.

The Board recommends policy to the City Council and the City Manager pertaining to the park and recreation function. Monthly meetings are scheduled the fourth Tuesday of each month. Requirements include being a resident of Blaine and having a community interest.

Appointments will be made by the Mayor in February 2013. Please call the Clerk's office at (763) 785-6124 for additional information. Interested citizens should complete an application or send a brief biographical sketch by December 3, 2012, to: Jane M. Cross, CMC, City Clerk City of Blaine 10801 Town Square Drive Blaine, MN 55449

**ANOKA COUNTY  
APPOINTMENTS NOW  
ACCEPTED FOR PASSPORT  
APPLICATIONS**

When applying for a passport an optional appointment process is available on the Anoka County web site using this address: www.anokacounty.us/passport Walk-ins can be serviced up to 30 minutes before closing time. Passport services in Anoka County are available only at the Blaine and Ramsey License Centers:

Blaine License Center  
10995 Club West Parkway,  
#700  
Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Thurs. 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Closed Sat. and Sun.

Ramsey License Center  
7550 Sunwood Dr. N.W., #A  
(in Ramsey City Hall)  
Mon-Wed-Thurs-Fri  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Tues. 11:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Closed Sat. and Sun.

**LEGACY FUNDS PROGRAM**

**CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS AT  
CIRCLE PINES CITY HALL**

Take a step back in time and experience the Christmas season as it was celebrated by Civil War soldiers and their families. Join us at Circle Pines City Hall, near the Centennial Library in Circle Pines, on Saturday, December 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for *Civil War Christmas*.

Learn about historical traditions of the season — from decorating a tree the way it may have been in the 1860s, to discussing gifts and favorite holiday foods. This hands-on approach to the history of the Civil War and Christmas traditions features family friendly learning stations, activities, and the chance to interact with costumed interpreters from the Second Minnesota Battery as they share stories and talk about life in the 1860s.



“The Civil War was a difficult time for many families on the Minnesota frontier,” said Library Board President Bob Thistle. “Learn how they still celebrated for the holidays, both in the camp and on the home front.”

Circle Pines City Hall is located at 200 Civic Heights Circle in Circle Pines. This program is free and open to the public, but seating may be limited. The program is presented by the Anoka County Historical Society, sponsored by the Anoka County Library, and funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

**NEW, UNWRAPPED  
BOOKS ARE NEEDED  
FOR HOLIDAY DONATION  
PROGRAM**



Sharing the fun and magic of books and reading with needy children in Anoka County is a great way to celebrate the winter holidays!

New, unwrapped books for children and young adults should be brought to any Anoka County Library, the Anoka County History Center or the Columbia Heights Public Library through November 30 — Project Bookshelf has been an annual library project since the 1980s.

Owning books can help a child learn to enjoy reading and find success later in life — all books collected will be given to Anoka County food shelves, including ACBC, CEAP, Centennial Community Food Shelf, NACE and SACA for distribution to kids in need.

For further information about Project Bookshelf go to your library or call Ava Larsen at 763-567-4695.

For further information about the library, visit www.anokacountylibrary.org.

**Questions or complaints about your  
property tax bill?**

**Attend your Truth in Taxation  
Public Hearing**

**Anoka County:**

**Thurs. Dec. 6, 2012 — 6 pm**  
**Anoka Co Govt Center, Rm 705**  
Anoka County Board proposing a levy decrease of -1.03%

**Ramsey County:**

**Mon. Nov. 26, 2012 — 6:30 pm**  
**Roseville High School**  
Ramsey County Board proposing a maximum levy increase of 1.7%

**Hennepin County:**

**Tues. Nov. 27, 2012 — 6 pm**  
**Hennepin Co. Govt. Ctr., 24th floor**  
Hennepin County Board proposing a maximum levy increase of 0.93%

**Metropolitan Council:**

**Wed. Dec. 12, 2012 — 6 pm**  
**Metropolitan Council Chambers,  
390 N. Robert St., St. Paul**  
Met Council proposing a maximum levy increase of 2%

Cities and School Districts will also be holding tax hearings — call them for information