

NEW LIBRARY IN COLUMBIA HEIGHTS? MAYOR VOWS, "BY GOLLY, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO WORK IT OUT AND MOVE AHEAD"

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The Columbia Heights Library Task Force made a presentation to the city council Monday night during a televised meeting that was well-attended by library proponents and less than a handful of the skeptical.

The presentation consisted of three parts: the task force's recommendations, an overview of the project from the Leo A. Daly architectural firm, and public comment.

David Larson, the chair of the task force summarized some of the activities and conclusions the task force has made since it began meeting just over a year ago.

That conclusion is simply, "the library is just too small."

Specifically, the children's area in the basement — too small, and susceptible to flooding. There have been problems with a faltering foundation.

A lack of meeting rooms and a parking lot that is too small.

The teen area is in a hallway.

The computer area is too small; additional computers for adults to use were put in the the dark and dank basement, where there are no windows.

A lack of power outlets.

Not enough natural light on the main floor.

Larson said the task force feels that a new library should be about 20,000 to 24,000 square feet on a 2½ to 3 acre parcel, and its members recommend three locations:

A) the former Mady's bowling alley property immediately south of the Heights Theatre, which the city owns;

B) city-owned land behind the Public Safety Center on 42nd Avenue between Jackson and Van Buren streets, which is the smallest parcel of the three sites and not visible from Central Avenue; and

C) the privately-owned former K-Mart site at 47th and Central, adjacent to the Grand Central Lofts housing development, which is near many schools.

Cindy McCleary of the Leo A. Daly architectural and planning firm presented a summary of her work with the task force.

The firm had been commissioned by the Columbia Heights Library Foundation to assist in identifying the needs of a new library that would eventually lead to a design plan.

McCleary showed the audience a number of photos of the present 53-year old library building that spoke louder than words. The inadequacies that had been ticked off by task force chair David Larson were illustrated on the council chambers' television screens.

Also discussed were graphics depicting the three sites and how a new library building may be situated on each. The graphics' purpose was to give the audience an idea as to the size and scope of what a 20,000 square foot building would need in terms of footprint and adequate parking.

Five citizens made comments before the audience, the first of which was Malcolm Watson, who was the city manager for two decades until 1977. Watson spoke ahead of the presentation and imparted some of the history of the city the led to the building of the present library.

Watson said a house was purchased and demolished at 40th and Jackson. The library was built for \$145,000 and the basement level was used as a firing range with a separate entrance.

Watson offered advice to the council, "be careful you do not take hasty action. When you are put under pressure and have a council chamber full of people demanding certain things be done, or not done, don't do what the angry people want, because that has happened too often." He cautioned that they review all costs of any project as the debt load on the Columbia Heights taxpayer should be considered.

Heights taxpayers would be shouldering the costs of the library alone, since it's a city-operated library, not a part of the county system.

Councilman Bruce Nawrocki made comments of fiscal prudence, and reiterated his conviction that a new city hall is not needed. Building a combined city hall and library



Outside stairwell to the basement level of the present library. *Courtesy Leo A. Daly Co.*

FRIDLEY CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEWS APPLICANTS FOR CITY MANAGER JOB

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Last Friday and Saturday the small conference room adjacent the chambers of the Fridley City Council was the scene of over 12 hours of interviews and deliberations for the position of Fridley city manager.

After 30 years of service to the city, Dr. William Burns retired at the end of 2012. To fill the gap on an interim basis, City Finance Director Darin R. Nelson was tapped by the city council to assume the additional duties. Nelson was one of nine finalists for the permanent job.

Friday's schedule included a rented bus tour of the city for the finalists, who received glimpses of completed and proposed building projects as well as available land. During the interviews, all candidates had positive and enthusiastic comments to make about what they had seen.

The city council hired the search firm of Slavin and Associates of Norcross, Georgia to handle the applications, of which there were 46. The firm narrowed the field to nine, with three being internal candidates already in the city's employ.

Friday's interviews were of the internal candidates: Scott Hickok, the Community Development Director and 19-year city employee, Finance Director Nelson, and Paul Bolin, Assistant Executive Director for Fridley's Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

A set of seventeen questions were asked of each of the nine. There were the occasional additional question or comment made to some candidates but not all, yet generally the city councilors, all of whom participated in the interviewing, maintained consistency in the procedure.

Mayor Scott Lund said that Hickok "gives good arguments" when the subject of staff recommendations came up. Hickok said he has a masters degree in Public Administration and believes "a manager is a mentor and a supporter."

Lund asked all candidates about their expertise in developing and managing budgets and raising new revenue, to which Hickok said he has always run his department on budget. Lund said "the city is always looking to save money and therefore makes money."

Hickok said that Fridley has two of the largest industrial development projects ongoing in the state and that developers have been coming back to Fridley to do more projects because they have been pleased with city staff and the city council. Hickok added that the city's use of TIF (Tax Increment Financing) has been judicious. The city was permitted by the legislature to create a scattered site TIF district that will allow the city to buy up to 100 parcels of substandard homes, "we don't overuse TIF," Hickok said, "we are a good example."

The council steered their queries to the city's salvage yards. "We tried to buy them up," Hickok said, "and two of the three were interested in selling." Hickok went on to say that the legislature changed TIF formulas in such a way that it wasn't financially feasible for the city to make the purchase. The city then looked at the salvage yards' use permits that dated to the 1970's and enforced certain improvements, setbacks, screening, etc.

Hickok also said, "one of my strengths is communication. I was Bill's (former city manager Burns) assistant for presentations and am used to speaking to public groups and have the high polish that the city expects."

He added that his department suffered a 26% reduction in its 2003 budget and lost two staff persons that spelled the end of having employees dedicated to code enforcement. All candidates were asked to recount their most difficult management problem and this is what Hickok cited as an example.

When asked what trait he may have that needs improvement, Hickok's self analysis revealed that he needs to "leave the job at work and not take it home with him."

Each candidate was interviewed for about an hour, with Darin Nelson next.

Prior to becoming Fridley's finance director 2½ years ago, Nelson was employed by the city of Minnetonka and the State of Minnesota. He said that moving into a city manager position is a career goal. All candidates were asked about their experience in negotiating labor contracts as that is often a duty of city managers and administrators. Nelson said he feels he has a good rapport with the city's employees and was in a union when he worked for the state.

Each candidate was asked for their views on performance management. Nelson was a little more specific than most, saying that he has observed that city department heads' job performance has not been reviewed in years, and that he would want to implement a system of staff peer reviews, where staff would review each other.

When asked about developing budgets and raising revenue, Nelson professed, "the finance piece is my passion." Cost savings and efficiencies can be achieved with technology, Nelson said.

Mayor Lund asked Nelson about his public speaking skills, "it's out of my comfort zone," Nelson said, "but I work at it." He also said among the skills he wants to improve, would be "learning the language of community development."

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HACKBARTH'S BILL TO CURE STADIUM FUNDING WOES: RACINO

I hosted a press conference Monday to discuss a bill I have authored to provide our state with more revenue, create jobs and make up for inaccurate projections regarding Vikings stadium funding along the way.

My legislation would allow slot machines at both of our state's horse tracks, Running Aces in Columbus and Canterbury Park in Shakopee. A statewide poll conducted in November 2010 showed racino implementation was the most popular gaming option to help balance the state budget.

Democrats in St. Paul propose raising taxes by approximately \$2 billion to pay for extra spending. Electronic pulltabs are failing miserably as a funding source for the Vikings stadium. In both cases, the state is looking for money. My plan would provide it on a volunteer basis.

I had serious doubts e-pulltabs would generate enough revenue to support the stadium project and that is proving to be the case. There were no successful models to follow. The only place e-pulltabs have been tried is Iowa and it flopped. In Minnesota, e-pulltabs are approximately 95 percent short of projections we received during the stadium push.

Conversely, successful racinos operate throughout the country, giving us a real basis for projections. Previous estimates have said slots at Minnesota tracks would generate \$150 million per year in Minnesota and create another \$400 million in economic impact for the state.

My bill takes a conservative approach and uses a \$100 million estimate. Even if just one horse track implements slot machines, that is \$50 million to the General Fund. That more than compensates for the hole left by the e-pulltab debacle and also mitigates the Democrats' call for tax increases.

I have authored racino bills a number of times. Last year was the closest we have come to passage. It was the right thing to do then and it remains viable today as a proven revenue alternative, bolstering the General Fund without tax increases or underperforming e-pulltabs.

House Democrats should be receptive to my proposal. They apparently are soon going to issue their budget bills and racino revenue would make their job easier. Most of the Democrats' budget details remain under wraps and it seems as if they are going to ram them through the legislative process without due diligence. I encourage them to take their time and be open to ideas like mine instead of simply resorting to tax increases.



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Legislators finding common ground in Saint Paul

I've only been in Saint Paul for a few months now, and one of the biggest and most welcomed surprises for me so far has been that despite the spirited debate over the big issues like the Health Insurance Exchange and the budget, legislators from both sides of the aisle come together every day on bills that are good for their communities and good for Minnesota.

I also am surprised at how little media coverage the good bipartisan work gets. The media tends to fixate on the disagreements between the two parties on hot-button issues, so I wanted to share with you some examples of points of agreement where people are working together. These issues might not grab all the headlines but that doesn't make them any less important.

Last month I had the opportunity to attend a press conference unveiling a piece of bipartisan gun legislation. This bill makes it tougher for violent felons and criminals to purchase guns and improves criminal data-sharing for state and local law enforcement agencies. It has over 70 co-authors from both sides of the aisle, is chief-authored by DFL Rep. Debra Hillstrom, and has the support of gun-rights proponent GOP Rep. Tony Cornish as well as the NRA and several law enforcement leaders. A truly great example of legislators coming together on an oftentimes controversial topic.

I've made a point to try and work with members of the majority to advance bills that are good for our local community as well. I've partnered with DFL Rep. Jerry Newton on legislation to secure funding for Anoka-Ramsey Community College and Anoka Technical College (HF442 and HF443).

DFL Rep. Michael Nelson chief-authored, and I signed on as a co-author for HF400, which proposes funding to extend Highway 610 to Highway 94 in Maple Grove. This is a project that will be a boon for commerce in our area, and is long overdue.

A number of bipartisan co-authors have signed on to DFL Rep. Jason Isaacson's bill HF1091 to help fight aquatic invasive species which are plaguing lakes and rivers not only here in Champlin and Coon Rapids, but around our state.

While it may not seem like it, there is good bipartisan work being done on a daily basis on issues good for Champlin, Coon Rapids, and the state as a whole. I hope if you have an idea for a common-sense bill that you'll contact me and let me know. I'm in Saint Paul to serve our community, and am making an effort every day to work to promote good ideas to help our state, regardless of party. Will work with state and county officials to ensure that we have effective and efficient government.



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ANOKA COUNTY LEGISLATORS PRESENT VETERANS BILL

The Minnesota Senate Higher Education committee heard a bill April 2nd authored by Senator Branden Petersen, (R-Andover) and Rep. Jim Abeler, (R-Anoka), that would make it easier for veterans to receive academic credit for their military training and experience.

Current law requires Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), and encourages the University of Minnesota and private institutions, to recognize and award educational credits for courses that were part of a veteran's military training or service. But as many veterans learn, actual credits awarded often fall short of their cumulative experience.

Rep. Abeler was inspired to author the bill after talking with a veteran who, after multiple combat tours to Afghanistan and law enforcement courses, was awarded only one physical education credit upon entrance to a MnSCU institution.

In response, Abeler and Petersen authored Senate File 1467/House File 1597 in order to expand consideration to the academic skills developed in all aspects of military training or service, without being limited solely to physical fitness. "Our veterans' primary obstacles when they return home is gaining employment," said Petersen. "This bill will allow them to take advantage of their hard work for our country, while saving money in educational expenses."

The Minnesota Department of Military Affairs supports the bill, and former State Representative John Kriesel was present to testify in favor of the proposed legislation. Kriesel is a former staff sergeant in the Minnesota Army National Guard. "This legislation will help Minnesota's many veterans use their real-world military experience and training toward a college degree that will help them find quality, high paying jobs," Kriesel said.

The bill was laid over for inclusion in a higher education omnibus bill to be drafted this spring.



State Senator Branden Petersen testifies on a bill that would make it easier for veterans to receive academic credit for their military training and experience. From left: former legislator and National Guard staff sergeant John Kriesel, Sen. Petersen, Jerry Witzman, Director of Job Training, Anoka County, and Dave Lein, Senior, Department of Military Affairs. Seated in the background is Anoka County lobbyist Kathy Tingelstad. Photo courtesy of Minnesota Senate Photography.

Is Our Spending Efficient?

Apr. 5 — The DFL will begin rolling out more specific tax proposals next week, filling in the details of their anticipated \$2 billion tax increase budget. We expect their proposal to include a combination of income, business, cigarette, and sales tax increases.

Before we ask for another cent from hardworking taxpayers, we need to go line-by-line through Minnesota's budget to ensure that our current spending is as efficient and effective as possible.

Bipartisan concerns continue over the growing gap between initial and updated projections concerning electronic pull tab revenue being counted on as a key funding source for the new Vikings stadium. During the inaugural hearing this week of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities, members of both parties called for an expedited hearing on why Governor Dayton's administration revenue projections have so far been significantly off the mark. As widely reported, initial pull tab revenue for FY 2013 was projected to be \$35 million, while updated projections have been scaled back to \$1.8 million, a 95% reduction. Officials from the Minnesota Sports Facility Authority note initial stadium costs have been covered by a \$50 million up-front contribution from the Vikings, though a number of legislators believe a review of the Department of Revenue's projections is a high priority in advance of the stadium ground-breaking expected later this year.

I was one of many here at the capitol that voiced concerns about these projected revenues from the very start. I was hoping that we would be wrong, but it seems very clear that we were misled on these projections. We have a number of ideas for alternative funding sources, as well as some proposals from last year that could be revisited. I'm not sure what the next step will be, but as a legislature we must make sure that taxpayers are protected to the greatest extent possible.

Senate File 536, my bill that would provide an enhancement to the grant program for County Veteran Service Offices, was heard in the State Departments and Veterans committee and laid over for inclusion in their omnibus budget bill. This is an important bill that would help veterans all over Minnesota to combat homelessness, assist with job searches, and help combat veterans return to society.

As each committee begins to put together their budget bills in the next couple of weeks, I should know more about the status of the White Bear Lake Water level bill (SF497), MAC-V bill that would appropriate money to combat homelessness among veterans (SF55), and the Lino Lakes land forfeiture bill (SF806). I will be sure to update you when I know more.



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has occasionally been discussed in the past but was not part of this night's presentations.

Nawrocki's math estimated the cost of the project as high as \$17 million when factoring in the debt service. The Daly firm's estimates for any of the three sites is around \$8 million in construction costs plus land acquisition, clean-up and other expenses.

Nawrocki noted that Heights taxpayers are currently paying \$750,000 per year in principal and interest on the Public Safety Building, and will do so for 24 more years unless a refinancing of the debt occurs. He also mentioned the debt service on the two new liquor stores has siphoned half of the profits of the stores, leaving that much less money available for property tax relief. Nawrocki cited the figure as being \$380,000 per year. He said the debt may not be retired for another 16 years.



Inadequate wiring and lack of plug-ins for electronics in the present library. *Courtesy Leo A. Daly Co.*

Nawrocki often criticizes city hall for its property tax rates and said that the city portion of his property taxes have increased by \$200, and Columbia Heights ranks in the top third of the most highest-taxing cities in Anoka County while having among the lowest household income of the county's 21 cities.

Nawrocki said he strongly supports a voter referendum for the project and maintains that citizens have told him they do not want a new library.

The councilman also called attention to the survey taken by the Library Task Force last summer which only collected 305 submissions. He said many of those were completed by regular library patrons and is not representative of the larger citizenry.

The Anoka County Record reviewed the 2012 Annual Report of the city and found that 16,572 Columbia Heights residents possess active library cards. Circulation during that calendar year was just shy of 130,000 items and staff answered over 14,500 reference questions.

The ACR examined the survey results further. Only 205 of those surveyed were Columbia Heights residents, representing 1.24% of the 16,572 residents who carry library cards.

One of the questions asked on the survey was, "what is the main reason your household uses the library?" The most popular answer was for recreation, while school-related needs and computer access rounded out the top three answers.

As to what kind of resources would they like to see in a new library, respondents' wish lists included a casual seating area (175 votes), computer lab (166), study rooms (155), a coffee shop (139) and larger restrooms (127).

The survey results also revealed a very strong interest in books over all other media. Videos came in a distant second place, followed closely by librarian assistance, children's programs and magazines. Far down the line, much to our dismay, was little interest in newspapers. The city library's newspaper offerings however are slim, but you can find the Sunday New York Times here.

City councilman Bobby Williams followed Nawrocki with a countering speech, bringing out his old chestnut, the "let's win one for the Gipper" style talk he has become noted for. He reported that his man-on-the-street interviews of the citizenry when he was campaigning for re-election last year produced a "100%" favorable response when he brought up the prospect of a new library. While inferring that the city needs to be visionary, he reminded the audience of a time when he thought the city wasn't so visionary: it was 1998, when he had to battle a voter referendum that could have stopped his "Bobby & Steve's Auto World" from being built. Williams said Mayor Gary Peterson asked him to run for city council in response to the referendum. Williams won the referendum and a seat on the council which he has held ever since.

Rousing applause, led by Catherine Vesley of the Library Board and opponent of Nawrocki in the 2012 election, greeted Williams' warm pep talk. To Nawrocki's painting of the financial picture, there were stone faces and murmurs.

Testimony from the public was taken again, with residents Bob Odden, a former council and mayoral candidate, and Dolores Strand, chair of the Sister Cities committee and a former council candidate as well, offering the most succinct comments.

Odden said he is a volunteer with the Friends of the Library organization and although the present building and location has its shortcomings, he kind of likes it where it is. He likes the fact that it isn't a glamorous building and has a "homey feel." Odden amplified on some of Nawrocki's fiscal comments and wrapped up by saying that he thought "now is not the time" to embark on an expensive project. Odden also added that he "was told he could not be on the task force."

Strand asked a question which has not often been part of the discussion of the library project: should we look at joining the county library system?

Mayor Peterson said he has met with County Commissioner Jim Kordiak, the Anoka County Library Director and the city manager and there would be no benefit to the city, possibly a benefit to the county, and no guarantee that the county system would choose to operate a library in Columbia Heights. Strand was quick to accept this without further question.

The city council said it would place further discussion of the library project on its May 13th meeting agenda.

Downey, Fenton and Fields Elected As New Leaders of MnGOP

On Saturday, April 6th the Republican Party of Minnesota elected a new leadership team at their State Central Committee meeting in Bloomington. Former State Representative Keith Downey was elected Party Chair, current Party Deputy Chair Kelly Fenton was reelected for a second term and former Minneapolis congressional candidate Chris Fields was elected Party Secretary.

"Today we start a new and exciting chapter in the story of the Minnesota Republican Party," said new Chairman Keith Downey. "While challenges remain, we can be optimistic about the future of our party. We will be going back out to the people of Minnesota, and I will be encouraging all Minnesotans to take a fresh look at the Republicans."

Downey won 228 delegate votes out of a possible 344.

Downey served two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and was the Vice Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He is a business consulting specialist and was a partner with Virchow Krause Consulting.

"I'm honored to be reelected as Deputy Chair and am ready to work with Chairman Downey for the next 572 days to offer Minnesotans an alternative to the failed strategies we're seeing now from the DFL in St. Paul and Washington," said Fenton.

Fenton was first elected Deputy Chairwoman in December 2011. She is a longtime Republican activist and volunteer and former school administrator and teacher. She lives in Woodbury with her husband and three children.

"We owe our thanks to Chairman Pat Shortridge for what he's done to restore credibility to our party. His outstanding work makes it possible for the new leadership team to focus on growing our party and spreading our positive message to young people, minorities, farmers, miners and anyone interested in policies and reforms that work," added Fields.

Chris Fields was the endorsed Republican candidate for Congress in 2012 in the 5th District. Chris is a twenty-one year U.S. Marine veteran and served two combat tours in Iraq. Chris and his wife live in Minneapolis where he runs a successful law firm.

The new leadership terms begin immediately and Chairman Pat Shortridge has promised a smooth transition.

"I will be helping Keith and the new leadership team any way I can as we work to elect Republicans to office at all levels," said Shortridge.

In a prepared statement, DFL Chairman Ken Martin offered congratulations to his new counterpart, "I wish Chairman Downey success in his new endeavor to rebuild the Minnesota Republican Party. While there are great ideological differences between our two respective parties, I believe it is vitally important for democracy's sake to have vibrant, active political organizations which represent the values of each respective party.

"I look forward to a healthy exchange of ideas with Chairman Downey in the coming months and years as each of us seeks to build our party and win elections."

2013 Ramsey Economic Development Authority Business Expo

On Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fountains of Ramsey Event Center at 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, the Ramsey Economic Development Authority will be sponsoring an event for residents and visitors to learn about products and services offered by participating businesses. It will also be an opportunity for business-to-business networking. Admission to the event is free. The EXPO will focus on Ramsey area retail, service, restaurant, and other industries. 300-600 patrons are expected to attend this event.

Business registration is due on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. The cost for Ramsey businesses is \$30; outside of Ramsey, \$45. Electricity is an additional \$5 charge.

Space is limited and is available on a first-come-basis. Preference will be given to non-merchant/craft type vendors. Merchant vendors will be placed on a waiting list; and will be notified if their application was accepted by Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Examples include, Mary Kay, Jewelry Vendors, 31 Gifts, Scensty, Pampered Chef, etc. Exhibitors (businesses) will be provided a 3 ft. by 6 ft. table and two chairs for their 8 ft. X 10 ft. display area.

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City Councilor Bob Barnette briefly took the questioning off track by asking Nelson if staff had been cooperative during his four months as the interim city manager. He answered affirmatively, adding "I'm honest and personable and I know they would be behind me if I was the city manager."

Barnette also brought up Nelson's residency in Chaska. Nelson explained that he purchased a home there in 2005 and his wife is an elected official on the school board. Lund qualified the question by saying that residency status would not be used as a criteria for the council's decision.

Paul Bolin was the last of the three internal candidates to be interviewed, and said that he finds public service "a calling" and that he wants to move up to the next step. He is Assistant Executive Director of the Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). [The city manager is the Executive Director]. Bolin has been an city employee over 15 years and had previously been Planning Coordinator.

A question that Barnette asked all candidates was how they felt personally about the prevailing wage ordinance of the city (approved in 1997) and made a point to say each time that the Anoka County Board had recently dispensed with its pre-

ailing wage resolution (first approved, unanimously, in 1989).

Nearly all candidates had little to say about it, except they recognized that the ordinances of the city are to be enforced. Bolin however had a different perspective on it by saying the HRA often cannot use it for home HRA projects since the contractors are usually small contractors who are doing the work themselves, such as a father-and-son team. He said the use of prevailing wage for these kind of projects is taken on a case by case basis, whereas commercial and industrial projects do follow the prevailing wage edicts.

For measuring staff performance levels, Bolin said citizen surveys should be used again, and "no one should be rewarded just for spending a lot of time in the seat." Regarding budgeting, he said the HRA budget is not as complicated as the Planning Department's, which he was responsible for developing during his time as Planning Coordinator. Bolin said he was used to cutting budgets too, as the department required a 23% cut in 2003.

Saturday, April 6th the Fridley city councilors interviewed six more candidates outside of city employ, which included: Michael Ericson, former city administrator of Hugo and presently a development con-

sultant for the city of Maplewood; Brian Heck, former city administrator of Shorewood and Lauderdale; James Payne, former city administrator of cities in New Mexico and Wisconsin; Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County administrator and former city administrator of Big Lake; Matt Fulton, former city manager of Coon Rapids and New Brighton, and Walter (Wally) Wysopal, city manager of North St. Paul.

After the interviews, the council deliberated and narrowed their choices to two candidates, which were to be queried as to whether they were still interested in the position. As this issue went to press, the city council set two dates for meetings to finalize the selection of a candidate.

Both meetings will be held at city hall in the council's conference room A: Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m., and if needed, Monday, April 15 at 4:00 p.m. At the latter meeting some candidates may be interviewed further. The city published the meeting notices on its website Wednesday afternoon, April 10. The notice for the Monday meeting stated that it may be cancelled on short notice if the meeting is not needed.

The April 25 edition of the Anoka County Record will have a comprehensive report on the April 6 interviews and the ensuing result.

Legislative Report from Sen. Benson

Apr. 10 — On Monday of this week, Governor Dayton released a \$780 million proposal for a bonding bill. On Tuesday, the House Democrats released an \$858 million bonding bill. Senate Democrats are expected to release a bonding proposal later in the month. Generally, the first year of a biennium is reserved to focus on the state's budget, with bonding and policy as the focus of the second year. As 2013 is the first year of the biennium and the budget has not been passed yet, this is not the right time to focus on bonding.



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Most people can agree that bonding is necessary to maintain state assets, such as the state Capitol, as well as to fund essential projects, such as roads and bridges. However, a number of the items being considered in the proposals spend taxpayer money on non-essential, wasteful projects. These projects include \$7 million for the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, \$4.9 million for Duluth's NorShor Theater, and \$3.4 million for snowmaking infrastructure in northern Minnesota. With millions in new debt being proposed, the governor has not given any information or assurances regarding the size of a bonding bill he will be requesting next year.

Currently, \$2.66 billion in authorized bonds from previous years haven't been spent yet. The state should not be increasing our debt before Minnesotans can be sure that every dollar from previous years has been responsibly, effectively spent.

Sen. Michele Benson (R — Dist. 31) represents the residents of Linwood Township, Columbus, East Bethel, Bethel, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, St. Francis and Nowthen.

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Mon. Apr. 15
Public Works Cmte., 9 am,
Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. April 16
Human Services Cmte.,
8:30 am, Rm 710, ACGC
Information Technology Cmte.,
10:30 am, Rm 772, ACGC
Finance & Capital Improvmt's
Cmte., 1 pm, Rm 772, ACGC
Intergovernmental Relations
Cmte., 3 pm, Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. April 18
Corrections Advisory Board,
12 pm, Room 710, ACGC
Public Safety Committee,
3 pm, Community Room,
Public Safety Center, Andover

Tues. April 22
Library Board, 5:30 pm, Library
offices next to Northtown Library

Wed. Apr. 23
Management Cmte., 8:30 am,
Rm 772, ACGC
County Board, 9:30 am,
Rm 705, ACGC

FRIDLEY

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

Sat. Apr. 13
City Council, 2 pm, city manager
search, Conf Rm A, City Hall

Mon. Apr. 15
City Council, 4 pm, city manager
search, meeting may be
cancelled on short notice

Wed. Apr. 17
Public meeting on AUAR docu-

ment for the redevelopment of 122
acres of former FMC munitions
facility, 6:30 pm, City Hall

Mon. Apr. 22
Bd of Appeals & Equaliz., 7 pm
City Council, 7:30 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. April 15
City Council, 6 pm

Wed. April 17
Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm

Mon. April 22
Planning Comm., 6 pm

LINWOOD TWP

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

Mon. April 15
Senior Advisory Bd, 9 am
Cemetery Cmte., 7 pm
Tues. April 16
Planning & Zoning Comm., 7 pm

Mon. April 22
Parks & Rec. Comm., 7 pm

Tues. April 23
Town Board, 6 pm

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove City Hall
19900 Nightingale St. NW
Oak Grove, MN 55011
Ph: 763-404-7000
www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us

2nd and last Monday of month
City Council, 7 pm (EDA follows
council mtg on last Monday)

3rd Wednesday
Parks Comm., 7 pm

3rd Thursday
Planning Comm., 7 pm

RAMSEY

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

Tues. April 16
City Council "strategic plan work
session", Public Works Cmte, 5:30 pm

Thurs. April 18
Open House at 15153 Nowthen
Blvd NW for future land use of
former municipal center, 6 pm

Tues. April 23
City Council "work session", 5:30
pm; 7 pm mtg, followed by HRA

Thurs. April 25
Joint meeting w/Anoka, Coon
Rapids, Andover, LRRWMO
6:00 pm, Location TBA

Tues. April 30
Joint meeting w/Anoka City
Council, 6:00 pm, Ramsey
City Hall Itasca Room

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Mon. April 15 & May 20
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

CENTENNIAL ISD #12

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

Mon. April 15 & May 20
School Bd "regular" mtg, 6:30 pm

Mon. May 6
School Bd "work session" 5:30 pm

FRIDLEY ISD #14

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

Tues. Apr. 16
School Bd "work session,"
5:30 pm, Public Comment
7 pm, Business Mtg 7:30 pm,
Fridley City Hall

SPRING LAKE PARK ISD #16

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

Fri. April 19
School Bd Special Mtg, 4 pm

Fri. April 26
School Bd "retreat" mtg

Tues. May 14
School Bd, 6:45 pm

QCTV Cable Commission

Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka

Thurs. April 18
10 am, Anoka City Hall

North Metro TV Cable Commission

Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino
Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines

Tues. April 30
Operations Cmte., 10:30 am,
NMTV, 12520 Polk St NE

Wed. May 1
Exec Cmte., 6:00 pm, NMTV,
12520 Polk St NE, Blaine

Wed. May 15
6 pm, Full Commission
Spring Lake Park City Hall,
1301 81st Ave NE, SLP

Meetings listed on this page are subject to change — call ahead to verify

Anoka County Compost Sites Now Open.

Anoka County's two compost sites are now open. The sites are located in Bunker Hills Regional Park in Coon Rapids, and in Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park in Lino Lakes.

Fee change at compost sites. The fee to drop off yard waste has increased one dollar to \$5 per vehicle for up to four cubic yards of yard waste (e.g., leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, weeds, pumpkins, pine cones). There is an additional 50 cents per cubic yard charge for yard waste in excess of four yards. (One yard equals about eight lawn bags.) The compost sites will remain open through November, weather permitting.

Proof of residency is required to use these sites. All yard waste must be debagged. Residents are asked to unload yard waste and take bags and containers with them. Keep leaves and grass separate from tree waste since the fees are assessed separately. Brush, evergreen boughs, logs, and stumps are charged by the cubic yard, depending on the size and amount of the material. Tree waste may be loose or bundled. The more compact the load, the lower the fee.

Bunker Hills Compost Site
13285 Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids
763-767-7964; M-F: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (or sunset if earlier); Sat.: 9-5; Sun. Noon-5 p.m.

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Compost Site
7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes
651-429-3723, Tues & Thur: 10-7 (or sunset if earlier); Sat.: 9-5, Sun.: Noon-5

Sites are closed Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day. For specific site information, call 763-767-7964 (Bunker Hills) or 651-429-3723 (Rice Creek Chain of Lakes). For general information about the compost sites, call Anoka County Integrated Waste Management at 763-323-5730 or visit www.anokacounty.us/yardwaste.

CITY OF HAM LAKE
ORDINANCE NO. 13-03

An Ordinance relating to the Abatement of Nuisances; expanding the list of certain nuisances; providing a means of abatement and assessment of the cost thereof as a Regulatory Service Fee. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:

There is hereby added to the list of Nuisances under Article 4-400 a sub-paragraph 25 and 26, to read as follows:

25) The failure to maintain key elements of any structure, including, without limitation, roof, siding, brickwork, shakes or other exterior wall finishes, windows, doors, joists or load bearing walls.

26) The failure to maintain any portion of the area of any given parcel outside of structures on the parcel, including, without limitation, any steps, sidewalks, driveways, fences, patio, deck, swimming pool or pool area, slope, vegetation, pond or yard under conditions in which the failure to maintain creates a potential danger to invitees of the owner, tends to promote erosion that could affect adjoining parcels, including public roads, tends to promote flooding that could affect adjoining parcels, including public roads, or that constitutes an attractive nuisance to juvenile or adult trespassers.

Article 4-510 of the Ham Lake City Code is hereby repealed, and is restated and re-adopted as follows:

4-500 Abatement of Nuisances

The record title owner of any parcel of land upon which is situate any public nuisance shall bear the responsibility to abate the nuisance, regardless of whether or not the nuisance has been caused by a tenant, trespasser or other third party. Nuisances which have not been voluntarily abated by the property owner or the agents of the property owner after efforts to obtain such abatement through negotiation and advisement with City staff and law enforcement personnel, may be abated by the City in the manner described below. Nuisances which present an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare, may be initially abated in the manner provided in Article 4-520.

4-510 Abatement and Costs

4-511 Preliminary Report of Nuisance Upon being advised by City staff of the existence of a nuisance for which abatement under this Code appears to be appropriate, the City Council shall order the City Administrator to cause a written report to be prepared which addresses the following issues:

- The nature of the nuisance;
- The proposed method of abatement;
- The estimated costs of abatement, including disposal fees;
- The estimated costs of salvage, if any;

4-512 Findings of Fact The City Council, after review of the report required under Article 4-511, together with any other relevant information, shall determine if a nuisance exists, and if so, shall make written findings of fact in a resolution form setting forth the nature of the nuisance, the steps needed to cure the nuisance, and directing the abatement of the nuisance after affording the responsible parties the opportunity to be heard and the opportunity to cure the nuisance.

4-513 Notice of Abatement Proceedings Following adoption of a resolution as required by Article 4-512, the City Administrator shall cause a written Notice of Abatement Proceedings, along with a certified copy of the resolution described in Article 4-512 to be forwarded to the record owners of the parcel of land upon which the nuisance is present. The Notice shall state essentially the following information:

To: (List names of record title owners from County Taxpayer Records, PIN of parcel)
Date:

1. You are hereby notified that the City of Ham Lake hereby institutes abatement proceedings relative to the above described parcel of land in order to abate the conditions of public nuisance as found in the hereto attached Resolution.

2. "Abatement" of the nuisance means that the City will come upon the property, remove and/or correct the items which constitute the nuisance, and, if appropriate, dispose of the items in the manner provided by law. You will bear all costs of this correction, removal and disposal, either through a setoff against the salvage sale of any removed items, or through the imposition of a regulatory service fee to be certified and collected with your real estate taxes, or both.

3. You have ten days from the date which appears on this notice to contest the abatement, by making a written request for a hearing before an independent hearing examiner to be selected by yourself from a list of hearing examiners maintained at City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304

4. If you request a hearing, the hearing will be held as soon as the hearing examiner can be available. If the hearing examiner finds in favor of the City, meaning that if the hearing examiner finds that a public nuisance does in fact exist, then the costs of the hearing examiner will be added to your costs of abatement. In the hearing, you have the right to be heard, to present evidence and witnesses, to cross-examine the City's witnesses, and to be represented by legal counsel at your own expense, if you so choose.

5. If you fail to request the hearing, or if there is a hearing, and the hearing examiner finds in the City's favor, the City will proceed in the manner described in paragraph 2 above.

4-514 Hearing If a property owner requests a hearing, the hearing shall be conducted as soon as practical. The City Administrator shall maintain a list of qualified hearing examiners, who shall be appointed to the list annually by the City Council after an initial screening process to be conducted by the City Council. Hearing examiners shall be learned in the law, and, as a condition to appointment to the list of approved hearing examiners, shall agree to follow any hearing rules set forth from time to time by resolution of the City Council. Regardless of whether or not the City Council establishes hearing rules, the following minimum procedures shall apply to each hearing:

- Opportunity to be Heard** The property owner shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and be represented by legal counsel;
- Recording** A court reporter shall be retained for each hearing to record the proceedings. Transcripts may be obtained by either party directly from the court reporter at the requesting party's expense;
- Liberal Rules of Evidence** The primary purpose of the hearing shall be to obtain a just result; accordingly, the examiner shall liberally allow evidence to be presented;
- Decision** The hearing examiner shall prepare written findings of fact which support a conclusion that a nuisance does or does not exist on the property in question, and shall describe the nature of the nuisance. The decision shall be rendered within seven days of the hearing.
- Appeal** The decision of the hearing examiner shall, for the purpose of appeals to the courts, be deemed to be a final decision of the City Council. Appeals to the courts shall be taken in the manner provided by law for appeals of decisions of a municipal governing body.

4-515 Abatement Methodology If the property owner fails to request a hearing on the abatement within the required time, or if upon hearing, a hearing examiner finds that a public nuisance

does in fact exist, the City shall proceed as follows:

- Notice of Entry** City staff shall notify the property owner of the date and approximate time, to be not earlier than three business days from the date of notice, at which the City's agent will come upon the property. The notice shall be personally delivered to the residence address, and, if no one is present to receive the notice, then the notice shall be left in a conspicuous place on the property. The notice shall also be mailed by Certified Mail, return receipt requested, to the persons listed as taxpayers for the property.
- Notice of Method of Abatement** The notice shall briefly summarize what will be done on the property in order to abate the nuisance. If personalty is to be removed from the property, the notice shall indicate how the City intends to dispose of the personalty.
- Abatement** On the date specified in the notice, the City's agents shall come upon the property and abate the nuisance, documenting such abatement in a reasonable manner, such as through still photographs or videotape. All items removed shall be disposed of in the manner provided by law, or in a commercially reasonable manner if no method of disposition be otherwise prescribed by law.

4-516 Collection of Abatement Costs All of the costs incurred by the City in abating a nuisance shall be assessed against the property housing the nuisance, as a Regulatory Service Fee. The city's costs shall be reasonable and related to the regulatory expense, and shall include, without limitation, all attorneys' fees, engineering fees, hearing examiner fees, court reporter's fees, labor, trucking costs, tipping fees, other disposal fees, environmental remediation fees, consultants' fees, storage fees, transport costs, equipment rental, towing fees, storage fees, materials costs. Abatement costs shall be established by resolution of the City Council when known, and then invoiced to the property owner. If not paid by the time for certification of special assessments for collection with real estate taxes, the abatement assessment shall be certified to Anoka County for collection with real estate taxes in the May and October installments of the next succeeding year, together with interest at a rate to be established by the resolution setting the amount of the abatement costs. The invoice shall set the last date for payment, and shall advise the obligor that no interest will be charged if the assessment is paid prior to the date it is to be certified to the County. Otherwise, interest shall begin to accrue on the date the assessment is certified to the County.

4-520 Summary and Emergency Abatement

4-521 Emergency Situations An Emergency Situation shall be deemed to exist for any condition which presents an imminent danger to public health, welfare or safety, including, without limitation, the following conditions:

- Abandoned refrigerators;
- Improperly fenced swimming pools;
- Live or exposed electrical wires;
- Discharge of raw sewage above the ground or into bodies of water;
- Presence of dangerous or hazardous wastes in open containers, upon the ground, or otherwise in a condition susceptible to release or exposure;
- Neglected or abused animals;
- Accumulations of waste or putrescible items within an inhabited dwelling unit;
- Structurally unsound buildings or other devices;
- Unsecured and operable mechanical devices;
- Presence of highly flammable materials in open containers or in a condition susceptible to immediate ignition.
- Infected oak trees.
- Sites where methamphetamines or other controlled substances (as defined in Minnesota Statutes) involving hazardous materials or chemicals have been used in the manufacture, storage or production of such substances.

4-522 Initial Abatement Where an Emergency Situation is found to exist, in the judgment of any law enforcement officer, the Superintendent of Public Works, the City Administrator, a Fire Department Chief or Assistant Chief, or the Building Official, City Staff may take such steps as are necessary to immediately protect the public against the peril presented by the Emergency Situation. If practical, the initial action of the City Staff shall be limited to the erection of warning signs or devices, barricades, or other deterrents to prevent public contact with the condition. If entry upon private property, installation of remedial measures and/or removal of personal property is essential to the immediate safety of the public, or to prevent an imminent life-threatening situation from continuing to exist, then such entry, remediation and removal shall be authorized.

4-523 Post Initial Abatement Procedures As soon as is practical following the implementation of the abatement of a nuisance under an Emergency Situation, the property owner shall be notified in writing in a manner likely to reach the property owner, advising the property owner of the action taken and further advising the property owner of the need for any additional action to be taken by the property owner. Once the situation has ceased to be an Emergency Situation, the nuisance shall be dealt with as provided by this Code and as otherwise provided by law. If an assessment proceeding is commenced in connection with any permanent abatement as provided for in Article 4-510 of this code, the costs of any emergency remediation or abatement shall, if allowed by law, be included in the amount of assessment.

4-524 Vacation of Dwelling Unit If an Emergency Situation is present in an occupied dwelling unit, or in any other structure or device in which human beings are dwelling, the City Administrator, after conferring with the City's legal counsel, may declare the dwelling unit unfit for human habitation, and may order the occupants thereof to immediately vacate the dwelling unit. The Order to vacate shall, if practical, be delivered in written form, but if written delivery of notice is not practical, oral notice given by a law enforcement officer shall be sufficient notice. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to disobey such an order to vacate, and upon arrest for a violation of such an order, the City's legal staff shall endeavor to obtain the continued cessation of occupancy as a condition of release from custody. No person shall be taken into custody pursuant to such an arrest, however, unless the person shall have been given at least one hour's notice to vacate the premises.

4-525 Special Provisions for Methamphetamine-related Sites In addition to the remedies and procedures provided in Articles 4-522, 4-523 and 4-524 above, if any site is discovered to have been a manufacturing or storage site for methamphetamines or other hazardous materials or chemicals which have been used in the manufacture, storage or production of such substances, the following procedures may be followed:

- Immediate Quarantine** The site may be immediately quarantined by law enforcement personnel, placing such warning tape or other devices as is necessary to prevent the accidental or deliberate entry into the premises by persons other than authorized by the City's law enforcement personnel. The City may also erect such informational signs as may be warranted.
- Notifications to Governmental Agencies** The existence of the site shall be promptly provided to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the State Department of Health.
- Notifications to Neighbors** Mailed notice of the existence of the site shall be given to the owners of all properties which abut the property lines of the site, or which are within a reasonable distance of any property

line of the site. The notice shall inform the neighbors of the basic findings of law enforcement, insofar as such notice may be given without violation of the Data Privacy Act, and shall provide the name and phone number of a contact person at City Hall for the purpose of answering further questions.

d) Environmental Study

The City may commission a Phase I Environmental Study on the property, to ascertain what, if any, environmental hazards may be present. If recommended by the Phase I Study, a Phase II Study shall also be commissioned.

e) Remedial Action

If the Environmental Studies noted in subparagraph d) above discover the presence of any environmental hazards on the property, the property shall be ineligible for any municipal permit or subdivision until and unless the conditions noted in the environmental studies have been remediated to the satisfaction of the City. If notification is required or made to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, completion of all remediation to the satisfaction of that agency shall be required prior to the issuance of any subsequent municipal permit or subdivision approval on the property.

f) Notice to Future Purchasers

If remedial action is required on the Property, the City shall cause an affidavit substantially in the form below, executed by the City Administrator, to be recorded with the Anoka County Recorder, for the purpose of notifying any future purchasers of the property of the potential environmental hazards, and the ineligibility of the property for municipal permitting or subdivision approval:

State of Minnesota)
) Affidavit
County of Anoka)

The following described property is the subject of certain remediation action required to correct certain environmental matters, and until and unless an affidavit executed by the City Administrator of the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, attesting to the successful completion of such remediation, is recorded with the Anoka County Recorder, the following described property will be ineligible for any subdivision or permit issued by the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, including any building permit.

(Insert Legal Description)

(Signature Block and Notarization)

g) Costs

The costs incurred by the City in implementing any of the matters set forth in Article 4-525 shall all assessed against the property as a Regulatory Service Fee in the same manner as described in Article 4-516, but with no requirement that any advance notice or hearing shall be given.

4-530 Abatement of Nuisances on Abandoned Property

4-531 Definitions

a) Abandoned Property — means a parcel of real estate upon which there exists a formerly occupied structure, having no apparent sign of present occupancy, and in which the public records show that a Power of Attorney to foreclose a mortgage on the property has been filed with the Anoka County Recorder.

b) Debris — means abandoned personal property located on Abandoned Property that would ordinarily not be found on lawn, porch or other exposed areas, or may also mean personal property ordinarily found on lawn, porch or other exposed areas that is in such apparent disrepair as to make the property functionally useless. Debris includes, without limitation, those items described in Article 4-200, 4-300, 4-400 and 4-521 that constitute personal property.

c) Unmowed Grass — means common yard grass of any variety located on Abandoned Property that has grown to a height of more than six inches over more than ten percent of the yard area of any Abandoned Property.

d) Weeds — means any vegetative growth, except for trees and common yard grass, located on Abandoned Property growing to a height of more than six inches over more than ten percent of the yard area of any Abandoned Property.

e) Unsecured Building — means any structure located on Abandoned Property intended to be secure from the elements or from intruders which is susceptible to the elements or intrusion by virtue of holes in roofs or walls, open windows (including broken windows affording access to the interior) and open doors.

4-532 Declaration of Nuisance

Pursuant to the authority granted in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412.221, Subd. 23, the City does hereby declare Abandoned Property, Debris, Unmowed Grass, Weeds and Unsecured Buildings as defined above to be public nuisances, to be known as Abandoned Property Nuisances.

4-533 Abatement of Abandoned Property Nuisances

Whenever the City's Building Official observes the existence of any Abandoned Property Nuisance, the Building Official shall notify the property owner of record by U.S. mail of the condition, and shall state a deadline to bring the property into compliance with City Codes. If the deadline is not met, the Building Official shall report same to the City Council at its next available meeting. If the City Council confirms that the condition constitutes an Abandoned Property Nuisance, the City Council shall approve such summary abatement measures as deemed appropriate to the situation, including, without limitation, the following:

- The mowing by City crews or contractors of any Weeds or Unmowed Grass;
- The covering of open holes in structures with tarps, plywood or other suitable material;
- The boarding up or nailing shut of any open or exposed doorways or windows to prevent access to the interior of any structure;
- The removal or relocating on or off the site of the Abandoned Property of any Debris.

Once any Abandoned Property Nuisance condition has been confirmed by the City Council and abated, but subsequently reappears, the City's Building Official may continue to cause the abatement of the nuisance without reconfirmation from the City Council. Abatement shall cease when it becomes apparent that the property is occupied, or when any entity having legal or equitable control of the property comes forward and confirms in writing an intention to properly maintain the Abandoned Property.

4-534 Special Assessment to Recover City Costs

The costs incurred by the City in implementing any of the matters set forth in Article 4-525 shall all assessed against the property as a Regulatory Service Fee in the same manner as described in Article 4-516, but with no requirement that any advance notice or hearing shall be given.

4-535 Appeals

Any aggrieved party may appeal any charge levied under this article to the District Court in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes to challenge any municipal action.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on March 18, 2013 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 1st day of April, 2013.

/s/ Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor

/s/ Sharon Ayshford, City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:05 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of adding certain criteria to Article 9 of the Ham Lake City Code as follows:

An Ordinance relating to Conditional Uses and Large Assemblies, incorporating Farm Wineries; eliminating Animal Feedlots and reorganizing and restating certain code sections.

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: April 11, 2013
Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official/Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a Public Hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the application of Katrina M. Roth for a Conditional Use Permit to practice massage therapy (Hands that Care Massage Therapy) at 603 148th Avenue NE, a parcel of land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

Lot 1, Block 1, North Ridge Estates
At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard.

DATED: April 11, 2013
Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official/Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on March 12, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us

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**Martin Lakers Association Picked as
2012 Outstanding Conservationist**



Each year the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) selects an "outstanding conservationist" who has made significant contributions to natural resources. The Martin Lakers Association was selected for the 2012 award.

Jamie Schurbon, ACD Water Resource Specialist, presented the award to the Martin Lakers Association at their annual meeting on March 23. Thanks in part to the lake association's efforts, multiple lakeshore restorations have been completed, three rain gardens have been installed, periodic commercial carp harvests have been coordinated, and four carp barriers are planned. All of these projects are aimed at improving water quality in Martin Lake, as well as downstream waterbodies including the Sunrise and St. Croix Rivers.

"While the lake association is doing great things, we also wanted to recognize the special contributions of individuals," Schurbon said. Therefore, the award given to the Association doubles as an annual "Friend of Martin Lake" trophy which is meant to be given each year to a person(s) that the Association selects. Rich and Melody Lentsch were selected as the 2012 Friends of the Martin Lake. The Lentschs were picked because of their dedication to the association and time spent on planning projects and meetings, communicating with members, and being a strong voice for the Association to local officials.

For more information on the Outstanding Conservationist Program call the Anoka Conservation District at 763-434-2030.



2012 Annual Recipient "Friend of Martin Lake" Jamie Schurbon, Melody & Rich Lentsch

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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

P2 Consulting
2. Principal Place of Business:
15350 Ghia St NE, Ham Lake MN 55304

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Paul N. Olson, 15350 Ghia St NE, Ham Lake MN 55304

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

FILED: April 11, 2013, #664657000021

/s/ Paul N. Olson
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Guava Entertainment
2. Principal Place of Business:
521 River Lane, Anoka MN 55303

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Felicia Estelle Kelly, 521 River Lane, Anoka MN 55303

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

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/s/ Felicia E. Kelly
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**OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333**

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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Northland Parent Resources and Court Services
2. Principal Place of Business:
9636 Buchanan Street NE, Blaine MN 55434

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Loerane Surma-Heine, 9636 Buchanan St. NE, Blaine MN 55434

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

FILED: Feb. 11, 2013, #645082000025

/s/ Loerane Surma-Heine, Owner
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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA
DISTRICT COURT — THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

In Re the Marriage of:
MICHAEL JOHN KNOLL — Petitioner
and
ELIZABETH YANET KNOLL — Respondent

File No.
02-FA-13-46

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon petitioner an Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage which is herewith served upon you within thirty days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question real property located at 539 155th Avenue N.W., Andover, MN 55304, situated in the County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, and legally described as follows:

Lot 6, Block 3, Nordeen Addition, Anoka County, MN
The object of this proceeding is the dissolution of the marriage relationship between the parties and such division of the real property involved and any personal property held by the parties as the Court finds just.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS
UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BOTH PARTIES TO THIS ACTION, UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING IS DISMISSED:

1. NEITHER PARTY MAY DISPOSE OF ANY ASSETS EXCEPT (i) FOR THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE OR FOR THE NECESSARY GENERATION OF INCOME OR PRESERVATION OF ASSETS, (ii) BY AN AGREEMENT IN WRITING, OR (iii) FOR RETAINING COUNSEL TO CARRY ON OR TO CONTEST THIS PROCEEDING.

2. NEITHER PARTY MAY HARASS THE OTHER PARTY; AND
3. ALL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT CHANGE IN COVERAGE OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.

4. PARTIES TO A MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION PROCEEDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA LAW. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INCLUDES MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND OTHER PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT COURT RULES. YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA. IF YOU CANNOT PAY FOR MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, IN SOME COUNTIES ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH A NONPROFIT PROVIDER OR A COURT PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OR THREATS OF ABUSE, AS DEFINED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 518B, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRY MEDIATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE PENALIZED BY THE COURT IN LATER PROCEEDINGS.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: 2-25-13
BY: /s/ Michael John Knoll
539 155th Avenue N.W.
Andover, MN 55304
(763) 434-4385 (h), 786-3758 (w)
(Published March 14, 2013, March 28, 2013, April 11, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Divine T.A.G. Team
2. Principal Place of Business:
3054 93rd Ave. N.E., Blaine MN 55449

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Teri Ann Guse, 3054 93rd Ave. N.E., Blaine MN 55449

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

FILED: March 16, 2013, #661323100022

/s/ Teri A. Guse
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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

AD Designs
2. Principal Place of Business:
2133 Fairway Drive, Columbia Heights MN 55421

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Anthony Paul Dargay, 2133 Fairway Drive, Columbia Heights MN 55421

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/s/ Anthony Paul Dargay
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