



Oak Grove's Sullivan Questioned on Conflicts

**Mayor receives own legal opinion
Ramsey Releases Resignation Letter
Sullivan E-mails Isanti Businesses**

A conflict of interest concern was the first item on the agenda at the May 15, 2013 Oak Grove City Council meeting. This was the first meeting of the council since concerns were raised about Oak Grove City Councilmember and Economic Development Authority Member Sean Sullivan's employment opportunities in the City of Ramsey.

Sullivan recently withdrew from the Economic Development Manager position offered to him by the Ramsey City Council after an article by the Anoka County Watchdog raised questions about conflicts of interest and campaign contributions. Sullivan subsequently withdrew his resignation as the City of Isanti Economic Development Director and retains his position in that city.

Questions raised by the Anoka County Watchdog center around whether it is a conflict of interest for someone to serve on an economic development authority in one city, while serving as an economic development director in another city. They raised the point that a person in these two positions would have access to proprietary information, strategies, and resources from both cities. Theoretically both cities should be competitors when it comes to attracting and retaining businesses. The Anoka County Watchdog said, "The situation would be similar to a person being hired to work as a senior vice president for Ford while serving on the board of directors at GM"

Mayor Mark Korin opened up discussion stating, "I want to bring it out in public so we can have an open discussion in public without any attacks towards you (Councilmember Sullivan)." Mayor Korin stated that the issue had been reported in the media and he had received comments from several citizens that raised concerns about the issue. He then went on to share his opinion that this was a conflict of interest for the citizens of Oak Grove.

In response to Mayor Korin's comments, Councilmember Sullivan stated, "I don't think there is any issue here, and until the city attorney tells me so, I am done with it."

Mayor Korin then continued explaining his concerns quoting Ramsey City Administrator Kurt Ulrich, who stated that Sullivan resigned due to conflicts of interest and taking political contributions from developers. In response, Councilmember Sullivan stated, "The reason I did not take the Ramsey position is stated in my letter to them." Councilmember Sullivan further stated, "People have a right to change their mind and that is what occurred here. Contributions that you reference in there have no bearing on the decision. There is no issue here."

Mayor Korin then turned to Councilmember Sullivan and said, "Maybe not in your opinion, but in my opinion I believe there is a conflict with the citizens of Oak Grove. You can't be employed by a full time city government job as an economic development authority and then have the same responsibility on the EDA and as a city council member, making decisions for land use, zoning and variances. To me there is a conflict pure and simple."

Councilmember Sullivan defended his position stating to Mayor Korin, "I'm sorry that you feel that way. As I said before, the city attorney makes it apparent to me, that there may be some things that we need to do, but not at this time. This is neither the time nor place to discuss this, especially if there is no legal conflict or legal compatibility of the office."

Councilmember Dan Denno quickly replied to Sullivan's comments stating, "I would disagree with that. This is the time and place. This is a public city council meeting. He (referring to Mayor Korin) has had concerns from citizens voiced to him. He has to bring this up in public otherwise he is not doing his duty."

Councilmember Denno further explained his position on the issue stating, "We are talking about a situation where your livelihood depends upon your job. If we had a company that was looking at Oak Grove and Isanti and your livelihood depended on getting that company to Isanti, how do we know that there is not a potential conflict of interest? Between what you know here and what

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Paulsen to seek re-election to U.S. House

Ends speculation about other offices

WASHINGTON — Republican U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen will not challenge Minnesota Sen. Al Franken or Gov. Mark Dayton next year, opting instead to run for re-election to his House seat.

Paulsen announced the news in a statement from his campaign. Paulsen said:

"After thinking carefully about how I can best help my fellow Minnesotans, I have decided to not seek election for a different office in 2014. If the people of the Third Congressional District will allow me, I hope to continue my work in the U.S. House of Representatives, where I can be most effective, in the years ahead.

"The warm encouragement from many people to run for U.S. senator or the governorship was deeply humbling. However, it is clear to me that the House is currently where I can best represent the people of my district and state. I have never run for office to be someone. Rather I have wanted to do good things."

Paulsen had been considered a potential challenger to either Franken or Dayton, though he had given off mixed messages about running in the past, telling both Minnesota Public Radio and, reportedly, a group of University of Minnesota fellows that he would not run. He and his staff walked back both statements, and before today, Paulsen had otherwise left the door open to a statewide campaign.

Rep. John Kline has also turned down potential challenges to Franken or Dayton. Franken is still without an opponent, though businessman Mike McFadden is said to be prepping to run against him. Two Republicans, Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson and businessman Scott Honour, have announced campaigns against Dayton.

Paulsen opens his re-election campaign as a clear favorite. He's won each of his last two campaigns by double-digit margins, topping 58 percent of the vote each time. In April, he had more than \$940,000 in the bank for a re-election run.

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Early Poll Shows Close Race Between Bachmann and Graves

WASHINGTON — The first public poll of the Rep. Michele Bachmann-Jim Graves 6th District rematch shows an essentially tied race between the two.

The poll gives Graves a slight lead, 47 percent to 45 percent, but that's well within the poll's 4.4 percent margin of error. About half of the poll's 500 respondents hold an unfavorable view of Bachmann, according to Public Policy Polling, a Democratic firm that conducted the poll for the Graves campaign.

A two-point lead is statistically insignificant, which makes the poll fairly consistent with the results of last November's elections, when Bachmann defeated Graves by 1.2 percent. The poll's partisan breakdown was: 39 percent Republican, 29 percent Democratic, 32 percent independent (The 6th District is considered the most Republican-leaning in Minnesota).

In response to the poll, Bachmann spokesman Dan Kotman said: "Democrat Jim Graves can buy all the polls from Democrat firms that he wants, but it won't change the fact that he is in lockstep with the Obama-Pelosi agenda and out of touch with

the 6th District."

Bachmann hit the airwaves last week with a TV ad highlighting House passage of her Affordable Care Act repeal bill, amid a growing investigation into potential campaign finance violations by her 2012 presidential campaign. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee recently added Graves to a program meant to help support its top challengers.

Some caveats: This is an internal poll for the Graves campaign, conducted by a Democratic firm using an automated telephone survey of only 500 voters. All that said, PPP is a very respected pollster (it performed especially well in Minnesota last November).

Q1: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Michele Bachmann?
Favorable 44%
Unfavorable 51%
Not sure 5%

Q2: Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jim Graves? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable 39%
Unfavorable 33%
Not sure 28%

Q3: If the election for Congress were today, would you vote for Democrat Jim Graves, or Republican Michele Bachmann? Or are you not sure?
Graves 47%
Bachmann 45%
Not sure 8%

Q4: Gender.
Woman 52%
Man 48%

Q5 (not disclosed)

Q6: Are you are a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or identify with another party?
Democrat 29%
Republican 39%
Independent/Other 32%

Q7: Do you consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?
Very Liberal 8%
Somewhat Liberal 15%
Moderate 33%

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The Affordable Care Act Not So Affordable for Local Property Taxpayers

Over the past several years there have been many discussions and much speculation about the Affordable Care Act: the positives and negatives, its implications and its cost. Throughout this discussion the cost to you, the local property tax payer, has been virtually ignored. You should know that many aspects of the Affordable Care Act will impact county government because we not only provide public health services but are also an employer. The County also administers public assistance programs. Locally, we are just beginning to fully realize how unaffordable the Affordable Care Act will be to carry out; specifically the publicly-funded medical assistance (Medicaid) portion of this law. We are still trying to decipher the fiscal impacts to us as a provider and an employer.

As an arm of the State of Minnesota, counties are mandated to administer the public assistance programs as well as other human services on behalf of the state. In Minnesota, the legislature chose to move people who are receiving medical assistance and Minnesota Care to the newly created Healthcare Exchange as part of the Affordable Care Act. Minnesota's version of the Healthcare Exchange has been named MNsure. To manage the complex program, the State of Minnesota has selected a computer system that's used in Canada, Ireland and the United Kingdom. It's not even known how it will handle the conversion to Minnesota's programs.

OPINION



Rhonda Sivarajah
Anoka County Board
chair

By October 1, 2013 individuals not covered by employer insurance, Medicare or other plans must be able to apply for coverage on the Health Care Exchange. This coverage will go into effect January 1, 2014. In fact, we have been told that the State of Minnesota will embark on a major marketing campaign to encourage you to apply for coverage.

Due to the marketing campaign and changes in eligibility for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) we anticipate in Anoka County alone we will see an increase in our publicly-funded health care caseload of 25-30%. The caseload is expected to increase by at least 7,000 cases (with an average of 2 people per case) from the County's current level of 25,500 cases. In addition, it's expected that between 25 and 40% of the 7,000 + new cases will also enroll in the SNAP food support program (formerly known as food stamps). But, because the computer systems are not connected and the programs evaluate income differently, we are anticipating having to enter the joint medical/food support cases into two different computer systems, meaning double data entry. Locally, the County will also have to convert the existing 25,500 cases using the new eligibility rules and Health Care Exchange computer system. On top of that, existing staff will need to be trained on the new program and computer systems.

After years of identifying efficiencies, streamlining services and reducing the county levy, we will now be hit with unfunded costs estimated to be as much as \$1.4 million over the next three years to pay for the additional staff and overtime needed to administer the "Affordable" Care Act.

Unfortunately, there has been a lack of a State plan for conversion, training, and the interface of the Exchange with other computer systems which leaves Minnesota counties in a difficult situation and local property taxpayers holding the bag.

Omnibus Energy Bill

The Senate passed the final version of the Omnibus Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Jobs, and Economic Development bill.

This bill contains the solar energy mandates that had been discussed in the Committee on Environment and Energy earlier this year. Although I continue to support solar energy as part of an "all of the above" approach to energy, I don't support solar mandates subsidized through a new solar tax. Additionally, I am disappointed that the bill focuses so strongly on solar while rejecting hydro and nuclear power as possible sources of energy.

This bill increases energy costs for nearly every Minnesotan, while carving out select Iron Range businesses (in the author's district). The increased energy costs hurt family budgets, make it harder for businesses to thrive, and discourage businesses from relocating to Minnesota.

This bill also contains:

- \$30 million upgrade for the Saint Paul River Centre, paid for from the general fund.
- Extended unemployment insurance specifically for employees locked out during business negotiations (not all unemployed Minnesotans).
- Secret deals for one business to relocate to Minnesota
- A shift of money from the Unemployment Insurance reserves
- A shift of money from the Worker's Comp Reserves



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Minnesota Commits Another Stadium Error

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ST. PAUL — For more than 30 years, Minnesota legislators and local officials have stumbled and bumbled their way through a half-dozen taxpayer-funded stadium deals. Today, as the 2013 legislative session draws to a close, they are about to commit still another in a long list of stadium building blunders.

This time, it's not the billion-dollar football palace for the New Jersey developer Zygi Wilf, but rather a small, \$50 million dollar ballpark in St. Paul.

This latest stadium blunder started last year, when the Legislature set up an economic development slush fund which let Gov. Mark Dayton pick the winners. In this multi-million dollar giveaway, Dayton picked his political ally, Mayor Chris Coleman, to get \$25 million in state taxpayer funds to build a new ballpark for the St. Paul Saints in downtown St. Paul.

The day after Dayton announced the \$25 million award, Coleman awarded a no-bid design build contract for the project. The mayor's hasty and illegal actions brought a lawsuit to require a competitive bidding process.

Dayton then met with Coleman and suggested that St. Paul should allow an open bidding process. The city then set up a sham of a process, and three months later awarded the contract to the same construction company it previously selected.

But like most stadium stories in Minnesota, this tale doesn't end here. For the past year, a small group of St. Paul residents have fought to provide input on the stadium design. Despite their pleas to City Council members, legislators and the mayor's office, no one will listen.

Their alternative plan would incorporate the ballpark into an existing building on the site and create more than 350,000 square feet of commercial space within the repurposed building.

This common-sense solution would cost taxpayers less and create an enormous public benefit.

Alas, Minnesota seems plagued with nearsighted lawmakers who bobble stadium funding and construction projects time after time.

It started back in the 1970s, when Minneapolis officials demanded that a new football stadium be built downtown. One key reason, they argued, was that the eastern edge of the downtown was a perfect site and would promote major redevelopment of the area.

OPINION



Phil Krinkie
The Taxpayers' League

The Legislature capitulated. But it's now 30 years later, no major development ever occurred around the site — and the Metrodome will soon be torn down to make way for the latest billion-dollar stadium boondoggle.

In addition to the terrible location, lawmakers forced the Minnesota Twins to play in a facility designed for football. The deal also forced the University of Minnesota to play football in the Metrodome, which soon led to the demolition of Memorial Stadium on the U of M campus.

On the occasion of professional basketball's arrival in the nineties, the owners decided to build their own facility. But within a short time, they couldn't finance both the team and the facility; so with help from state taxpayers, Minneapolis bought Target Center.

Next came the return of professional hockey to Minnesota. The new team couldn't play at the Target Center; the team's owners demanded a new, \$130 million arena for hockey in St. Paul.

This created two competing venues for concerts and events, ensuring that both would lose money.

Stadium blunders continued next when the University of Minnesota decided they were tired of playing at the Metrodome and needed a new football stadium. Of course, there could not be a joint use facility with the Vikings; the university needed its own, exclusive \$350 million stadium.

Then the Twins' lease expired at the Metrodome. Despite having won two World Series at the dome, the Twins after 10 long years of whining finally persuaded Hennepin County taxpayers to foot the cost of a new \$500 million outdoor ballpark in Minneapolis.

The new ballpark features the smallest footprint in major league baseball and returns Minnesota baseball fans to snowy openers and scorching 100-degree sunbathing, not to mention fumes from the county trash burner at \$100 a ticket.

And Minnesota's saga of stadium blunders wouldn't be complete without mentioning Zygi World, the billion-dollar sports palace that lawmakers have yet to figure out how to pay for.

After legislators promised not to finance a new Vikings stadium with taxpayer dollars, they passed a flawed funding scheme that depended on revenue from electronic pull tabs. During the debate, one state senator called the funding source "fairy dust." He was right: The revenue from E-pull tabs has fallen far short, so state legislators have proposed filling the funding gap with taxes on, among other things, sports memorabilia and cigarettes.

As the 2013 legislative session draws to a close, lawmakers could avoid one more costly stadium blunder.

Legislators could require another look at the design of the St. Paul ballpark. But chances are slim this will happen, because as legislators work to fix last year's stadium blunder, they are about to commit one more.

Krinkie, a former eight-term Republican state representative from Lino Lakes, Minn., is president of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota.

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you know there. That is where the issue comes in. Not what you are doing now, but the potential.”

Building upon what Councilmember Denno stated, Councilmember Scott Lawrence shared his opinion on the issue. He said, “if it comes down to bringing in a company to one place or another, you obviously have to make a choice, I’m not sure how that isn’t a conflict. You know you can’t sit behind closed doors and talk about it.”

At this point in the discussion, Mayor Korin informed the council that he had obtained his own legal opinion, informing them that there were concerns raised when he explained the situation to his attorney.

Mayor Korin wrapped up discussion stating, “I think it is in the public’s best interest to understand that although I cannot point my finger today at an actual conflict of interest issue, it does bode the fact that there could be the potential for discussions especially because not only are you (Councilmember Sullivan) no longer I the City of Ramsey, but now you are back up in the City of Isanti, and in my opinion, what citizens are being shortchanged, the citizens of Isanti or the citizens of Oak Grove. That is where I am coming from.”

Addressing the public nature of the discussion, Mayor Korin said, “I wanted to say this to all of us city council members, but I can’t do that behind closed doors. I have to do this out in the open.” Directing his comments to Councilmember Sullivan, Mayor Korin stated, “I’m not here to attack you, I’m just telling you what my concerns are and what citizens’ concerns are.”

Mayor Korin then provided Councilmember Sullivan and the rest of the council with another opportunity to further comment, but all of the members indicated that they had concluded their comments.

None of the members gave any indication as to whether this issue would continue to be discussed at future meetings. Councilmember Mike Wylie was not in attendance at the meeting due to prior commitments.

Timeline of events:

February 12, 2013 - Ramsey starts process to recruit an Economic Development Manager

April 9, 2013 - Sullivan provided with contingent job offer from Ramsey

April 23, 2013 - Ramsey Council approves hiring of Sullivan

April -?-, 2013 - Isanti Council receives Sullivan resignation letter

May 3, 2013 - Anoka County Watchdog report on Sullivan conflict of interest issues and campaign donations

May 7, 2013 - Sullivan submits resignation letter to Ramsey

May 7, 2013 - Sullivan withdraws resignation letter from Isanti

May 8, 2013 - Sullivan emails Isanti business informing them of his intent to remain as Economic Development Director

May 17, 2013 - Anoka County Watchdog announces intent to publish second report on Sullivan issue on May 24, 2013

May 28, 2013 - Estimated start date had Sullivan taken Ramsey position

Councilmember Sullivan’s May 7, 2013 letter to the City of Ramsey:

May 7, 2013

RE: Economic Development Manager Position

Mayor Strommen and Ramsey City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to interview for the Economic Development Manager Position and the offer of employment for the City of Ramsey. I have taken some time to further review the position offered I have come to the conclusion that Economic Development Manager position in Ramsey is not the best fit for me at this time. City Administrator Ulrich has communicated to me that there have been questions asked by City Council members pertaining to a Compatibilities of Office and Conflict of Interest issues holding the positions of Economic Development Manager for the City of Ramsey and sitting as an elected official on the Oak Grove City Council. Although there are **NO** compatibilities of office and **NO** conflicts of interest issues with the Ramsey Economic Development Manager Position and the Oak Grove City Council, there would be some that would question them anyway. This is unfortunate, as I believe that I would have been a great asset for the community and could have helped the City of Ramsey embrace the positive economic conditions, develop the COR, facilitate more commercial/ industrial development and increased cooperation with the business community. Rather than have the City of Ramsey spend time and taxpayer dollars defending the decision to hire me to show that there is no compatibility of offices or no conflict of issues, I would formally ask you to withdraw me from consideration of employment.

Local job creation and the growth of tax base are the primary focus of an economic development professional. I worked for the City of Ramsey for nearly 10 years (2000-2010) and am proud at the growth in tax base I fostered and relationships with the business community I helped facilitate for the community during my tenure there. My results and track record speak for themselves for the time spent in Ramsey and I am proud of those results. I apologize for the late communication of this matter but it was a tough decision to make but one that is best for me professionally and personally. My decision to not accept the Ramsey position is purely a personal choice and the questions raised regarding compatibility offices and conflict of interest made did not lead to my decision to ask the City Council to withdraw me from consideration. The City Administrator has stated that there are no financial ramifications for me for withdrawing from employment in the city of Ramsey.

Sincerely,

Sean M. Sullivan

Councilmember Sean Sullivan’s May 8, 2013 email to the Isanti business community:

From: Sean Sullivan [mailto:ssullivan@cityofisanti.us]

Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 12:08 PM

To: ssullivan@cityofisanti.us

Subject: Economic Development Director for City of Isanti

Isanti Businesses:

In order to clear up any uncertainty as to my employment with the City of Isanti I thought it best to send an e-mail to all businesses. I will continue in my role as Economic Development Director for the City of Isanti. I was offered another job in another community but after careful thought and consideration I felt that remaining in Isanti was the right thing to do. The economy in Isanti is improving and there are many projects I have undertaken that need to be brought to fruition. I look forward to continuing to build a positive relationship with your business and provide whatever assistance I can to help you succeed. I am very happy to be working in the City of Isanti.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sean

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Somewhat Conservative 26%
Very Conservative..... 17%

Q8: Race.
White 94%
Other 6%

Q9: Age.
18 to 29 18%
30 to 45 28%
46 to 65 39%
Older than 65 15%

Bachmann Favorability			
	Base	Woman	Man
Favorable	44%	37%	51%
Unfavorable	51%	57%	44%
Not sure	5%	6%	5%

Graves Favorability			
	Base	Woman	Man
Favorable	39%	38%	40%
Unfavorable	33%	29%	37%
Not sure	28%	33%	23%

Graves/Bachmann Favorability			
	Base	Woman	Man
Graves	47%	50%	43%
Bachmann	45%	38%	52%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%

Bachmann Favorability Party				
	Base	Dem	GOP	Ind.
Favorable	44%	12%	73%	39%
Unfavorable	51%	87%	22%	52%
Not sure	5%	2%	5%	9%

Graves Favorability Party				
	Base	Dem	GOP	Ind.
Favorable	39%	68%	17%	40%
Unfavorable	33%	12%	51%	29%
Not sure	28%	20%	32%	30%

Graves/Bachmann Favorability Party				
	Base	Dem	GOP	Ind.
Graves	47%	88%	17%	44%
Bachmann	45%	8%	77%	40%
Not sure	8%	4%	6%	16%

Bachmann Favorability Ideology						
	Base	VL	SL	M	SC	VC
Fav	44%	19%	12%	21%	68%	92%
Unfav	51%	77%	84%	72%	25%	7%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	8%	7%	2%

Graves Favorability Ideology						
	Base	VL	SL	M	SC	VC
Fav	39%	70%	66%	48%	22%	11%
Unfav	33%	22%	10%	20%	49%	58%
Not sure	28%	8%	24%	32%	29%	31%

Graves/Bachmann Favorability Ideology						
	Base	VL	SL	M	SC	VC
Graves	47%	83%	81%	62%	21%	7%
Bach...	45%	17%	13%	21%	71%	93%
Not sure	8%	-	5%	17%	7%	-

VL = Very Liberal
SL = Somewhat Liberal
M = Moderate
SC = Somewhat Conservative
VC = Very Conservative

Bachmann Favorability Race			
	Base	White	Other
Favorable	44%	43%	56%
Unfavorable	51%	52%	34%
Not sure	5%	5%	9%

Graves Favorability Race			
	Base	White	Other
Favorable	39%	39%	44%
Unfavorable	33%	33%	37%
Not sure	28%	28%	19%

Graves/Bachmann Race			
	Base	White	Other
Graves	47%	47%	48%
Bachmann	45%	45%	37%
Not sure	8%	8%	15%

Source: Public Policy Polling - May 15, 2013
Minnesota 6th CD Survey Results - Survey of 500 MN-6 voters

Bachmann, Tea Party rally against IRS disclosures

WASHINGTON — Rep. Michele Bachmann's press conference on the IRS nearly turned into a spontaneous, bona fide Tea Party rally Thursday morning.

Bachmann was flanked by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Tea Party favorites Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and Mike Lee and activists from all over the country — Ohio, South Carolina, etc. — who had gathered on the East Front of the U.S. Capitol to slam the IRS and, in their words, the Obama administration for targeting Tea Party groups ahead of the 2012 election.

Along the way, the group roped in two other controversies — the Justice Department's collection of Associated Press phone records and the ongoing Republican inquiry into September's terror attack in Benghazi — to paint the Obama administration as, at worst, complicit in those events, or, at best, losing control of an overreaching federal government.

"What did the president of the United States know, what did his administration know, what did his counselors know, what did his political operatives know, when did they know it?" Bachmann said after the event. "We don't have answers to any of those, we haven't even scratched the surface, we haven't even begun. This is far worse than Watergate. This isn't an enemies list, this is direct actions taken against Americans who sought to exercise their free speech rights under the First Amendment."

Calling for more investigation

The press conference was billed as a response to the IRS disclosures that have electrified conservatives in Washington. Last Friday, the IRS apologized for improperly targeting Tea Party groups that were seeking tax-exempt status, often issuing invasive questionnaires to them and delaying recognition of their organizations. The acting head of the IRS resigned on Wednesday night and members of Congress have promised further investigation.

Bachmann said the actions were troubling for two reasons: First, and most obviously, the federal government was targeting political groups for their beliefs, but she also questioned how far the IRS would go to retaliate against conservatives.

"This is extremely troubling, because the axiom is, the power to tax is the power to destroy," she said. "Knowing that the IRS will be the enforcing mechanism for [the Affordable Care Act], it's very important to ask: Could there potentially be political implications regarding health care — access to health care, denial of health care — will that happen based upon a person's political beliefs or their religiously-held beliefs? These questions would have been considered out of bounds a week ago, but today these questions are considered more than reasonable and more than fair for the American people."

Bachmann tied the actions to the Obama administration, but said Congress needed more information to determine how much President Obama himself knew. Asked if the triple controversies should lead to impeachment — something she said several of her constituents have called for — Bachmann said: "We also don't want to jump to conclusions, we want to go where the facts lead us. We aren't interested in creating our own facts."

Obama has said he knew nothing of the IRS incident until recently. On Wednesday night, he said: "I'll do everything in my power to make sure nothing like this happens again by holding the responsible parties accountable, by putting in place new checks and new safeguards, and going forward, by making sure that the law is applied as it should be -- in a fair and impartial way."

Offering solutions

The press conference drew scores of conservative lawmakers who had come out to support their political base, grassroots small-government conservatives who say their opposition to the Obama administration made them targets.

Though much of the event was about the IRS, it was also a rallying cry for the Tea Party, a movement that has lost some of its influence since hurting Democrats at the polls in 2010. The group highlighted some of its deepest-held grievances against the government, and said the IRS disclosures indicated it's grown too large to be properly managed.

"To take the abuse of a \$3.8 trillion government, the power of that government, and use it to stifle opposition is profoundly un-American," Sen. Rand Paul said.

Some members offered a handful of conservative solutions: Abolish the IRS, said Diane Belson of the Laurens County Tea Party, and replace the tax code with a flat tax. Jenny Beth Martin of the Tea Party Patriots called for an IRS audit. Bachmann drew cheers when she said the U.S. House would vote today on repealing the Affordable Care Act, which, if successful, would shrink the size of government.

Tea Party groups are also planning a more immediate response. Jordan Sekulow of the conservative American Center for Law and Justice said his group will bring a lawsuit against the IRS on several groups' behalf as soon as next week.

On Wednesday, Obama seemed to go on the offensive on all three controversies, calling for a federal reporter shield law (after the Associated Press investigation), releasing a string of emails related to post-Benghazi talking points and accepting the acting IRS director's resignation. But Bachmann said congressional Republicans are just beginning their investigations into the controversies.

"This is the appropriate place to start," she said. "This is not a 24-hour news cycle story, this is something that we are going to continue to pursue going forward, because again, there is a common thread that runs through all of these stories. It's abuse of power, potentially, by this administration to advance their political ends."

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Bachmann to air TV ads

WASHINGTON — Michele Bachmann's re-election campaign has purchased airtime to run television on KMSP-TV over the next two weeks.

According to Federal Communications Commission filings, Bachmann's campaign is spending \$14,565 to air 31 30-second spots on Fox 9 between Thursday and May 27. The ads are scheduled to run primarily during news broadcasts, and Democratic sources said the spots appear to be part of a broader \$85,000 buy.

A Bachmann spokesman did not immediately return an email asking for comment. We'll update if he does.

National Journal was the first to find the FCC filings and called it "extremely unusual" for a candidate to begin airing ads this early in an election cycle. At this stage in the game, political organizations will occasionally make tiny ad buys and alert the media of them in the hopes of winning free media coverage for whatever message they're trying to convey. But Bachmann's campaign did not announce this ad buy ahead of time. And while a \$14,500 ad buy would not be considered especially large in the heat of election season, a 30-commercial ad campaign 18 months ahead of Election Day is unusual.

Bachmann won re-election to her U.S. House seat last fall by 4,300 votes, or 1.2%, over businessman Jim Graves, who will challenge her again in 2014 (the Graves campaign was already fundraising off Bachmann's ad buy on Wednesday evening). Democratic groups like the House Majority PAC and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee are expected to target Bachmann next year.

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LEARN HOW TO USE THE ELM DATABASE
AT ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARIES**

Would you like to know how to access high quality information anywhere? Don't let our library databases intimidate you! Learn how to access the information you are looking for at the upcoming class Introduction to the Electronic Library of Minnesota (ELM). The class will be held Tuesday, June 11, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at Rum River Library. Rum River Library is located at 4201 6th Avenue in Anoka.

This class will introduce you to the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), which gives Minnesota residents online access to full-text magazine, journal, newspaper, and encyclopedia articles, images and videos, and other information resources. ELM provides information on a vast array of topics, including consumer information, arts and humanities, current events, health, science, social science, politics, business, and more. In this class, you will learn where to go to access these trustworthy online resources made freely available to all Minnesota residents.

Seating is limited for this hands-on class. Registration is required. Go to anokacountylibrary.org or call 763-576-4695 to register.

This class is presented by Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) staff. More information about ELM can be found at www.elm4you.org. ELM is brought to you by your local library or school media center, Minitex, and State Library Services, the Minnesota state library agency, with state appropriations to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the Minnesota Department of Education, and federal LSTA funds under the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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**EAW FOR NEW WAL-MART STORE ON BLAINE CITY
COUNCIL AGENDA JUNE 6**

Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust has requested that the City Council authorize preparation of a Discretionary EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet). The Blaine City Council reviewed and concurred with the request at their February 21st meeting. The City Council determined that the Discretionary EAW is appropriate for the proposed 182,000 square foot Wal-Mart (plus other small retail) at Ball Road and Lexington given that the project falls below the size threshold necessary for a mandatory EAW. A draft of the EAW was presented to the City Council at a May 9th "work session".

The EAW will now be placed on a formal City Council agenda for Thursday June 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. The City Council will be asked at that time to determine if the EAW is substantially complete and to authorize its distribution to all reviewing agencies and the public for formal comments. The formal public and agency comment period runs for generally 30 days after EAW publication/distribution (estimated to be June 24th thru July 24th). Final action on the EAW could be considered by the City Council at the August 1st meeting.

No development applications have been submitted from Wal-Mart and none can be considered while the EAW is in preparation or review. Any questions as to project status or EAW process can be addressed to Bryan Schafer (763-785-6144) or email at: bschafer@ci.blaine.mn.us.

Parks Referendum to be on Coon Rapids ballot in Nov.

The Coon Rapids City Council has decided to ask voters for a 20-year levy of approximately \$17 to \$21 million for city parks improvements this fall.

A few months ago, the council approved expending \$13,500 to have Decision Resources conduct a survey by telephone of 400 residents who were randomly selected for calls that averaged 15 minutes each. 25% of respondents rated the city's "quality of life" as excellent and 66% said it was good. 79% of those interviewed owned their homes, and 32% of the interviewees were aged 55 or over. 22% were between the ages of 18 and 34.

One-third of those questioned had nothing to offer when asked what is the most serious issue in the city. A small percentage cited crime and high taxes as most serious issues. The survey results also show that residents were uncertain about the tax rates of Coon Rapids and neighboring cities. 14% were unsure how the city's tax rates compare with others, and 4% thought the city's taxes were low. 7% however thought the tax rate was very high, and 30% feel it's "somewhat high". 54% said they "strongly supported" or "supported" a parks referendum. About 25%

participated in leagues or parks programs. 26% said they were against all referendums.

Since Coon Rapids city offices are elected in the even years, only the Anoka-Hennepin school board races will accompany the city parks referendum on the November 5, 2013 general election ballot. —ACR staff

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

ANOKA COUNTY

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

- Wed. May 29**
Local Govt Officials meeting, 6 pm,
Ramsey City Hall
- Mon. June 3**
Public Works Cmte., 9 am, Rm 772,
ACGC
- Library Board Special Mtg.
- Tues. June 4**
Parks & Rec. Cmte, 9 am, Lake
George Regional Park,
Shelter #1
- Thurs. June 6**
Workforce Council, 7:30 am, Blaine
Human Services Ctr, Rm 202
- Tues. June 11**
Management Cmte., 8:30 am,
Rm 772, ACGC
- Anoka County Board, 9:30 am,
Rm 705, ACGC
- Anoka Co. HRA, 10:30 am

FRIDLEY

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

- Mon. June 3**
Parks & Rec. Comm., 7 pm
- Wed. June 5**
Appeals Comm. — *Cancelled*
- Thurs. June 6**
HRA, 7 pm
- Mon. June 10**
City Council, 7 pm
- Mon. June 17**
City Council Budget "Work session", 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

- Tues. May 28 & Mon. June 10**
Planning Comm., 6 pm
- Mon. June 3 & 17**
City Council, 6 pm

LINWOOD TWP

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

- Tues. May 28**
Town Board, 6 pm
- Mon. June 3**
School Forest Cmte., 5 pm
- Linwood Family Fun Day Cmte., 6 pm
- Tues. June 4**
Road and Bridge Cmte., 7 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)
(No Council meeting on May 28)
- 3rd Wednesday**
Parks Comm., 7 pm
- 3rd Thursday**
Planning Comm., 7 pm

RAMSEY

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

- Tues. May 28 & June 11**
City Council "work session", 5:30 pm
reg mtg 7 pm, followed by HRA
- Wed. May 29**
Local Govt Officials Mtg, 6 pm
- Mon. June 3**
EPB, 6:30 pm
- Tues. June 4**
City Council "work session", 6 pm
- Thurs. June 6**
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**ANOKA CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

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

- Mon. June 17**
Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

CENTENNIAL ISD #12

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

- Mon. June 3**
School Bd "work session", 5:30 pm
- Mon. June 17**
School Bd "regular" mtg, 6:30 pm

FRIDLEY ISD #14

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

- Tues. June 18**
School Bd "work session," 5:30pm,
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

- Tues. May 28**
School Bd "work session", 6 pm
- Tues. June 11**
School Bd, 6:45 pm

QCTV Cable Commission

Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka
Thurs. June 20, 10 am, Anoka
City Hall

**North Metro TV
Cable Commission**

Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino
Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines
Tues. June 4, 10:30 am, Operations
Cmte., North Metro TV studios,
12520 Polk St NE, Blaine
Wed. June 5, 6 pm, Executive
Cmte., North Metro TV studios,
12520 Polk St NE, Blaine
Wed. June 19, 6 pm, Cable
Commission Mtg., Spring Lake Park
City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, SLP.

**Meetings listed on this page
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PHOTO SNICKERS



We saw this bumper sticker on a truck heading toward Ham Lake; At the Tax Cut Rally April 27, watchdogs and "pork" are always popular.



State pays up to \$500 cab fare to take methadone patients from Duluth to Brainerd

by Joe Kimball — Minn Post
Methadone patients around the state often take state-paid cab rides to pick up their medication, even traveling one-at-a-time from Duluth to Brainerd, says a report on Fox 9 News.

Says the story:
For four months, the FOX 9 Investigators watched and noticed cab after cab kept coming from the Duluth area roughly 115 miles away despite the fact that Duluth has its own methadone clinic.

One methadone patient described the process as "outrageous," and said the state pays as much as \$500 a day for those fares.

State officials apparently aren't even sure how much cab rides cost state taxpayers, the story said:

...the companies administering Medicaid for the state don't keep track of what kind of appointments patients travel to by cab, be it an eye clinic or one providing methadone.

The FOX 9 Investigators suggested the state could tally taxi fares for patients at methadone clinics and narrowed the request to Pinnacle Recovery Services in Brainerd. Between February 2012 and March 2013, the state spent \$2,554,000 on transporting patients to that clinic alone.

"That is incredible," [State Sen. Julie] Rosen said. "It doesn't make sense."

The state now plans to investigate some of those charges to see whether they are accurate, legitimate and what can be done to cut the costs.

Patients ride from Duluth to Brainerd, some daily, in cabs by themselves, because the Duluth methadone clinic can't take any new patients.

Yet, if there are many patients traveling from one area, couldn't they ride together?

Drivers explained that the answer is no, due to patient confidentiality; however, time and time again, the FOX 9 Investigators saw patients mingling and interacting with one another while they waited for their cabs to arrive.

The state told FOX 9 it would work with patients and providers on carpooling, and patients who are doing well can work their way up to taking out medications in a locked box instead of making daily trips.

This happens in the metro area, too:

In fact, all over the state, patients receiving medical assistance from the government take taxis or medical transportation to get to methadone treatment — often driving past clinics that are closer to their homes. Even drivers who profit from the system say they are disgusted.

ORDINANCE 13-03
CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REPEALING CHAPTER 1004 OF THE OAK GROVE CITY CODE AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8-2

The Ordinance repeals the current language regulating individual sewage disposal systems and replaces it with language adopted by Anoka County in Ordinance 2013-1 on April 23, 2013. This ordinance will align Oak Grove's City Code language on Individual Sewage Disposal Systems with Anoka County and the State of Minnesota. This ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Oak Grove City Council on May 13, 2013. This summary of Ordinance 13-03 was published on Thursday, May 23, 2013. (Published May 23, 2013 Anoka County Record)

ORDINANCE 13-04
CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES UTILIZED IN THE CITY OF OAK GROVE

The ordinance amends "Appendix A" which lists the schedule of fees for the City of Oak Grove which includes fees for Administration; Water/Sewer; Building; Fire Department; Liquor Licensing; Planning; and Public Works. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available for inspection at the City Hall during regular office hours. This ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Oak Grove City Council on May 13, 2013. This summary of Ordinance 13-04 was published on Thursday, May 23, 2013. (Published May 23, 2013 Anoka County Record)

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on April 23, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions/ordinances were adopted: #2013-48 Recognizing Correctional Employees; #2013-49 Approving Economic Assistance Payments; #2013-50 Volunteer Recognition Week; #2013-51 Mental Health Month; #2013-52 Boating Safety Contract Signatory; #2013-53 Ham Lake Chamber Donation; #2013-54 Peace Officer Week; #2013-55 Hazard Mitigation Planning; #2013-56 Promoting Mutual-Aid Agreements; #2013-57 Amending #2013-1; #2013-58 CDBG Grant/HOME Program; Ordinance #2013-1 Sewage Treatment. A public hearing was held regarding the sewage treatment ordinance. 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 (Published May 23, 2013 Anoka County Record)

Stacy Arego takes a cab from Oak Park Heights to Valhalla Place in Woodbury, which is the closest clinic to her home — and she said she sees about 100 cabs or more coming and going each day.

And some patients said there's potential for abuse:

One patient confirmed being approached in the parking lot by people who want to buy her medicine. She never sells, but a different patient who makes three trips a week for prescription pickups in a state-paid cab admitted to selling the medicine for \$40 a dose.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 02-PR-13-279
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Estate of Mark Calvin Barklind, Decedent
Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Morgan Barklind, whose address is: 10008 Butternut Street SW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

/s/Peggy Zdon, Registrar, 5/13/13
/s/Jennifer A. Schlieper, Court Administrator, 5/13/13
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kevin C. Lanigan, Attorney ID #143339
Carlson Estate Planning
3300 Edinborough Way, Ste. 550
Edina, MN 55435
Tel: (952) 832-9000
Fax: (952) 896-0001
(Published May 23, 2013, June 6, 2013 Anoka County Record)

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

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

Flyers Development Camp
2. Principal Place of Business:
19155 Staples St NE, East Bethel MN 55011

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:
Daniel R. Kishish, 19155 Staples St NE, East Bethel MN 55011

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 14, 2013 #65973760002
/s/ Daniel R. Kishish
(Published May 23, 2013, June 6, 2013 Anoka County Record)

CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 13-04

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

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:

I. Amendment to Large Assembly Provisions of the City Code

There is hereby added to the end of Article 7-622 (c) the following language:
This license requirement shall not apply to activities carried on by a Farm Winery licensed by the State of Minnesota under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 340A. 315 and which also operates under a Conditional Use Permit issued under Ham Lake City Code Articles 9-210.32 (b) (vi) and 9-330.4.

II. Amendment to uses in the R-A zoning district.

Article 9-210.3 is hereby repealed, to be replaced by the following Article 9-210.3:

9-210.3 Rural Single Family Residential (R-A) R-A districts are intended for residential dwellings occupied by a single housekeeping unit, located in unplatted areas.

9-210.31) Permitted Uses: The following shall be permitted uses in the R-A Districts:

- a) All permitted uses in the R-1 District
b) Sod Farming
c) Horticulture
d) Sales of Produce grown on the site
e) Maintaining Horses, Donkeys or Mules pursuant to Article 5 200 of the Ham Lake City Code;

9-210.32) Conditional Uses: The following shall apply to Conditional Uses in the R-A Districts.

- a) General Requirements for Conditional Uses
i) Road Frontage: The lot upon which the conditional use is proposed must contain at least 200 feet of frontage on a public road; and
ii) Setback: The building and/or perimeter area of the land upon which activity for which the conditional use permit is proposed is set back at least fifty (50) feet from all lot lines, and
iii) Screening: If deemed appropriate by the City Council after review and recommendation of the Planning Commission, an adequate screening barrier of a type and composition acceptable to the City shall be provided.
iv) Small Lots: Notwithstanding the following, for R-A lots of three acres or less in size, as measured from the centerline of adjacent roadways, the only Permitted Uses, Conditional Uses and

Temporary Conditional Uses allowed shall be those in the R-1 zoning district.

b) Listing of Conditional Uses: The following Conditional Uses shall apply in the R-A Districts:

- i) All Conditional Uses in the R-1 District
ii) Public Dog Kennels meeting the requirements of Article 5-163
iii) The raising of cattle Livestock or Poultry in limited numbers
iv) Cemeteries
v) Excavation or mining pursuant to permits issued under Article 11-600 of the Ham Lake City Code, but only within Mining Overlay Districts as defined therein
vi) Farm Wineries under Article 9-330.4 of the Ham Lake City Code

vii) Other Small Businesses which:

- aa) Generate no noise which would violate the standards for residential land uses as found in the regulations of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, as expressed therein, which regulations are hereby adopted by reference insofar as they pertain to permitted decibel levels adjacent to or near residential properties, and
bb) Generate no odors, fumes, vibrations or light beyond the property lines, and
cc) Are largely screened from outside view, and
dd) Accommodate all parking on-site, and
ee) Do not generate unreasonable customer traffic, and
ff) Do not engage in on-site retail sales

9-210.33 Temporary Conditional Uses: The following Temporary Conditional Uses shall apply in the R-A districts:

- i) All Temporary Conditional Uses in the R-1 District.
ii) Seasonal Temporary Conditional Uses by Permit under Article 9-330.8.

III. Amendment regarding Farm Wineries

Article 9-330.4 of the Ham Lake City Code is hereby repealed, to be replaced by the following Article 9-330.4:

9-330.4 Farm Wineries A Farm Winery is a business licensed by the State of Minnesota under the provision of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 340A.315 to produce table, sparkling or fortified wines. All of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 340A. 315 pertaining to Farm Wineries are hereby adopted by reference and made applicable to this Code, whether or not stated herein. Conditional Use Permits may be issued to Farm Wineries in the same manner and under the same procedures as for other Conditional Use Permits, but subject to the following conditions.

A. Statutory Conditions It shall be a mandatory condition of any Conditional Use Permit issued for a Farm Winery that the party holding

the permit at all times maintains a Farm Winery License issued by the State of Minnesota. The license shall be prominently displayed at a location where wine is sold on sale or off sale. The licensee shall also furnish evidence of current licensure and liquor liability insurance to the City Administrator at least once each year, at the time the state Farm Winery License is renewed. The party holding the permit shall also at all times maintain compliance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 340A.315.

B. Social Events Social Events include weddings, seminars, craft shows, farmers markets, parties and other organized gatherings of people for a specific purpose, as opposed to random visits by members of the public. The following regulations shall apply to all Social Events:

- 1) If the Social Event will extend after sunset, the grounds will be adequately illuminated to promote guest safety.
2) Adequate bathrooms will be provided to serve the anticipated crowd.
3) No more than 250 guests shall be permitted in attendance at any one time.
4) Shelter and seating will be provided as needed, and may be in the form of tents and folding chairs.
5) Parking may be on grass surfaces, but shall be arranged in orderly rows and lanes.
6) If food other than commercially packaged snacks is served, all applicable conditions of the State and County Health Departments shall be observed, regardless of whether the food is prepared on site or furnished by a caterer.
7) The rules and regulations of all units of government pertaining to activities carried on at the Social Event shall be observed at all times.

C. General On-Sale, Off-Sale and Wine Tasting

All sales of wine by the glass (on-sale) and all wine tasting outside of a Social Event shall be conducted in a building used for that purpose. The structure shall observe all fire codes and building codes, contain at least one indoor permanent bathroom, and have adequate paved parking to accommodate the customer base. Sales of wine by bottles (off-Sale) shall occur in the same structure, and the premises shall be adequately secured to inhibit burglary or theft.

D. Reservation of Rights by City

The City may impose additional requirements for any individual Social Event or for the conditional use permit in general, and each permit shall also provide that the City may alter the conditions from time to time as needed.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on May 6, 2013 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 20th day of May, 2013.

/s/Denise Webster, Deputy City Clerk
/s/Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor

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