



Anoka County's Sivarajah takes on Emmer for GOP endorsement in 6th District

by Cyndy Brucato — *MinnPost*

Another county is heard from in the contest to represent the sprawling and heavily GOP 6th Congressional District, an open seat following Michele Bachmann's decision not to seek another term.

Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah on Wednesday announced her candidacy for the Republican endorsement, saying that she is "uniquely qualified to get the job done."

Sivarajah becomes the second Republican candidate for the seat, joining former gubernatorial candidate Tom Emmer of Delano, in Wright County. Republican state Sen. John Pederson of St. Cloud, in Stearns County, has said he intends to file as a candidate by the end of the month.

Sivarajah has faced Emmer before in an endorsement contest, competing as the lieutenant-governor running mate of Marty Seifert, who lost the GOP nomination to Emmer in 2010. She did not refer to that experience in her announcement, instead touting her track record on the Anoka County Board.

At an auto repair shop in Ham Lake owned by one of her supporters, Sivarajah noted that she has "delivered conservative results."

Under her tenure, she said, Anoka County lowered property taxes, privatized a county job training

center and ended the prevailing-wage requirement for taxpayer-funded projects.

DFL Party Chair Ken Martin, in a statement, described Sivarajah as "a voice of dissent in efforts to move Anoka County forward."

Sivarajah, though, is forceful in claiming successes. "I think I certainly have a history of accomplishment," she said. "I have been able to take what people would

think of as nearly impossible, coming on the county board as a minority of one and I've been able to successfully turn that around, have a conservative majority, then implement various changes throughout the county."

Sivarajah quickly scooped up an endorsement from Voices of Conservative Women. "Rhonda blazed a trail as chairwoman of the Anoka County Board and we are looking forward to seeing great things from her as she moves her campaign forward," said Voices President Jennifer DeJournett in an email statement.

Fellow county board members, several area state legislators, political activist and attorney John Gilmore and former Republican Party chair Pat Shortridge attended the announcement.

Shortridge said he was there as "a friend" and has not committed to supporting any candidate. He also said he hasn't ruled out running for the seat himself.

Gilmore predicted a primary contest, saying that in a district as solidly Republican as the 6th, "Voters should be given a variety of candidates to choose from."

Sivarajah acknowledged the possibility of a primary. "I plan to seek the endorsement," she said, "and I've not made a decision" on whether to run if not endorsed.

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(photo by Brian Halliday)

Discussion Concludes on Oak Grove Conflict of Interest Issue

City Attorney provides council with four page legal opinion addressing Sullivan's roles

Oak Grove city council member Sean Sullivan's employment was again the topic of discussion at the meeting of June 10, 2013.



Sullivan

Mayor Mark Korin, with the support of two council members, continued to raise the concern about Mr. Sullivan serving as a member of the Oak Grove Economic Development Authority (EDA), while also serving as an economic development director in the neighboring

city of Isanti.

The Mayor stated that both job descriptions call for bringing in new business and retaining existing businesses in their respective communities. If a new business wished to relocate to the area, the question is which city would be the first priority.

Mayor Mark Korin opened the discussion by stating that he would like to bring a level of understanding to the issue. He reiterated that his concern was not an "attack" on Mr. Sullivan. He stated that residents have made comments and the media has extensively covered the issue. He furthermore said that this situation would not exist if Mr. Sullivan held any other position in a neighboring city.

Mayor Korin briefly addressed the city attorney's legal opinion of May 21, 2013, by stating that it appeared that nothing could legally be done about the situation. A person who has a conflict must make the decision themselves to voluntarily step down. The council has no option to remove that person.

While Mayor Korin stated that he was going to drop the issue at this point, he raised the concern that "perception is 99% of the view." He said, "I don't know how we or I or this council could feel that

it is justifiable knowing that every decision, what you do with your day job, could have a conflict with this council. After looking at all of the other articles, I still have this uncomfortable feeling. It isn't legally incorrect, but it is morally incorrect. When residents have a concern, I have to follow up. That's the last that I will talk about it tonight."

In response, Mr. Sullivan directed a response about morality to Mayor Korin. He said, "Mayor, it is sad that you brought up the moral issue. I think I am a moral person. I haven't had a single resident express concern. I will certainly speak one on one with anyone who does."

Addressing the council, Mr. Sullivan stated, "All members must be diligent to recognize conflict of interest concerns. We all have to do our best to serve the best we can and help each other out. We let each other know about it and bring up these situations. I believe we can move on at this point and look forward."

Mayor Korin and Council member Mike Wylie debated as to whether the city was actively recruiting businesses, with the mayor indicating that he continues to personally meet with business owners. What they did agree on, was that the future of the EDA needs to be reviewed. Mr. Wylie said that it should be abolished along with the pay that the council receives from it. Mayor Korin stated that he would consider looking at abolishing it at the end of the year.

Whether the abolishment of the EDA is possible is an unanswered legal question. The city attorney stated that because the EDA still owns property related to the Lake George redevelopment project, it may not be possible to abolish the entity at this point. He indicated that additional research would be required to get a definitive answer to this question.

Anoka County Record made a request to the council to release the city attorney's legal opinion on the Sullivan conflict of interest issue. The council will discuss this request at their June 24th council meeting.

Sivarajah's announcement

Editor's note: This is the full unedited statement of Sivarajah's speech provided by the campaign.

I'm Rhonda Sivarajah and I am proud to be running for Congress in Minnesota's Sixth District.

First, I'd like to say thank you to my family—my husband of 23 years, Ran whose career has been in law enforcement and my two children, Sonjay who just graduated from high school on Friday and Asha who attends Centennial High School. They are my rock and what keeps me grounded. They have always stood by my side and are my biggest supporters as I embark on this new journey.

I wanted to tell you a little about where I came from and who I am. I was born and raised in the rural Cambridge MN area as the oldest of 3 girls.

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JUDGE DETERMINES ANOKA COUNTY RECORD IS A QUALIFIED LEGAL NEWSPAPER

On June 5, 2013, Anoka County District Court Judge Thomas M. Fitzpatrick signed an order declaring that the *Anoka County Record* is a legal newspaper. The Declaratory Judgment states that the *Record* meets all of the laws to publish legal notices.

Owner and publisher John Kysylyczyn stated, "The reason we decided to seek a Declaratory Judgment was to provide additional confidence to future legal notice publishing clients in order to demonstrate to them that we meet or exceed all of the laws to be a qualified legal newspaper. District court staff was friendly, helpful, and easy to work with. We look forward to serving the county's legal notice needs in the future."



Will Legislature's tax increases roll back our economic progress?

We recently received some good news that Minnesota Management & Budget announced our state has received \$300 million more in revenue than projected in February.

This is on top of the \$2.8 billion in surplus already reported during the current budget cycle. This string of positive reports began shortly after Republicans in the House and Senate enacted a budget compromise in 2011.

The improvements we passed in 2011 continue producing results, exceeding previous economic projections time and again. Our more optimistic outlook is the product of crucial decisions we made to eliminate wasteful spending, cut red tape to promote economic freedom and make maximum use of tax money already provided by hardworking Minnesotans.

Democrats, who now control both bodies of the Legislature – and still have the governor's office – passed a new two-year budget in the final days of the 2013 session. There is strong concern the \$2.1 billion tax increase they passed will set back the economic progress our state has been making.

Minnesota's business filings are up, with 60,827 new businesses filed in 2012. A new business-to-business sales tax which passed this year will make Minnesota less competitive in the global market. North Dakota already is putting up billboards in our state, encouraging businesses to hop the border to take advantage of a better business climate.

Other new taxes passed this session include:

- Increases sales taxes by \$314 million on commercial warehousing and storage, electronic and commercial equipment repair and maintenance, and telecommunications equipment by small and large businesses.
- Increases sales taxes for individuals on all internet purchases, digital download like iTunes and eBooks, and television satellite services. The rate stays the same.
- Increases cigarette/tobacco taxes by \$434 million by \$1.60/pack. (From \$0.48 to \$2.08).
- Increases business taxes by a \$404 million in FY 2014-15 through the repeal of the Foreign Royalty Deduction, and FOC tax treatment, and more.
- \$119 million just from warehousing (people storing farm equipment, gasoline, etc.)
- Drivers license transaction fee increased by \$3, costing the public \$5.4 million annually.
- Wheelage tax doubled from \$5 to \$10 and expanded to non-metro counties.

Minnesota was projected to enjoy another \$856 million budget surplus in 2016-17, before these tax increases passed by the legislative majorities. The tax increases are more about funding extra government spending than making up for a shortfall.

One of the most controversial bills to pass this session not directly relating to the budget allows a vote by child care and personal care attendants (PCA) on unionization. This topic received many hours of debate in both legislative bodies. Public opinion, along with editorial boards from several major newspapers stood against the push for unionization. A recent KSTP poll shows 86 percent of licensed day care providers oppose forming a union.

I've heard from many providers in our district and there's nearly unanimous opposition to the plan. They run their own businesses and don't see any



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benefit in belonging to a union, but the governor and fellow House and Senate Democrats still pushed the bill into enactment.

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Legislation also passed this session that will reinstate the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund program after being defunded two years ago. It goes into effect July 1 and the terms of the program are the same as in previous years. The amount of the refund is \$50 per person per calendar year, or \$100 for a married couple filing a joint request form.

DFL Senate set out to point the state in a new direction

Dear Constituents of District 41:

After the 2012 election, many Minnesotans were eager to see how a one-party majority would work in our state. For years we had seen deficit after deficit, legislative gridlock, special sessions and even a government shutdown.

This session the DFL-lead Senate set out to point the state in a new direction. A direction that does not include balancing the budget with an all cuts-and-gimmicks approach that continues to increase class sizes, squeeze middle class families, and leave the state with yet another budget deficit.

Along with Governor Dayton, the Legislature created a budget plan that rejects the status quo in order to balance our budget deficit, invest in our schools (from our earliest learners to our college students) and build a stronger middle class.

Our budget delivers on these promises and invests in priorities that Minnesotans broadly share and support: education, job creation and property tax relief. This is done by asking the wealthiest two percent of Minnesotans to pay their fair share, closing corporate tax loopholes and reforming our tax system to make it fairer for middle-income Minnesotans.

With the passage of this budget we can now guarantee access to all-day kindergarten for every Minnesota kid, statewide. By failing to offer all-day kindergarten to every family in Minnesota, we are lagging behind other states in education. Now every parent will have the option of sending their young learner to all-day kindergarten and give them the same opportunity to learn as their peers.

Our plan also invests \$250 million in higher education and directs those resources to tuition and debt relief for students. Past budgets have slashed higher education funding to 1998 levels, leaving students to pick up the tab for skyrocketing tuition and burying families in debt. With our plan, this troubling trend will start to reverse.

The health and human services budget offers nursing homes their first increase in four years and their largest in the last decade. The state will also be investing \$4.5 million in Critical Access Dental services, \$986,000 to expand Medical Assistance dental services and includes a Medical Assistance rate increase for dental.

Finally, the budget offers Minnesotans over \$400 million in property tax relief. This investment will have a major impact on our property owners, cities and counties who have been called on time and time again by the GOP to pay for state debts.

Many difficult choices were made that will be scrutinized over the next couple of years, but those judging our actions cannot deny the fact that we balanced the state's budget without budget gimmicks and achieved long-term structural balance for years to come.



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Candidate Statement

STATE REP. JIM ABELER ANNOUNCES RUN FOR FRANKEN'S U.S. SENATE SEAT

Minnesota needs a Senator from Minnesota who has invested his life in the fabric of the people who make our state great. That Senator must strongly protect our personal privacy and liberty, unlock the stifling stranglehold the federal government holds on Minnesota, and recapture the flexibility we need to run our own state. I know I can be that Senator.

I am starting this run for U.S. Senate because I believe America is in trouble. The personal and religious freedoms that were intended for us by our Founding Fathers are being steadily eroded. Government spending is out of control and unsustainable. Massive debt to foreign countries threatens our sovereignty. Our children and grandchildren are born into a future as indentured debtors of our country's careless spending. When we are dependent on the government, we are absolutely not free.

The American Dream for generations has been the freedom to own your own business if you choose, provide for your family and get them a good education, and the hope that your children can do better. People have been coming to our shores for these opportunities for over 200 years, bringing within their hearts the desire to build a future. Government needs to keep out of the way and not make it harder to have those dreams come true.

As a second generation small businessman on Main Street for 34 years, father of six sons and founder of Minnesota's ninth charter school, I have a unique per-

spective on the challenges families and businesses face. For the last 15 years in the Minnesota House, I have applied that experience to ensure Minnesota meets our citizens' needs while making certain we can keep the promises we make. We can do the same thing in Washington without giving every young adult the graduation present of a future bill for their government's compulsive spending habit.

We need to change for the better. Congress and the President spend too much time and effort on divisive partisan squabbles that accomplish nothing. The issues confronting us have already crossed party lines. If America is to compete in the global economy and give our nation the chance to succeed, we need to focus on real solutions, not simply jostle for partisan gain. What happens in Washington—or doesn't happen—has a direct effect on the lives of all Americans. But first we need leaders who are not afraid to come together to solve problems effectively.

My home-grown Minnesotan values guide me and my personal decision-making priorities of 'Creator, conscience, and constituents,' in that order, provide me guidance for the tough decisions I face in my current elected responsibilities.

I am a real problem solver and face hard decisions head-on. I think outside the box, consider all sides of an issue, and then make a reasoned, thoughtful deci-

sion. I have a strong track record of delivering results through principled work in a respectful manner. In 2011, I led a strong, bipartisan effort to reform Minnesota's health and human services programs—the fastest growing area in Minnesota's budget—that resulted in improved programs and dramatic state savings.

I believe the majority of Minnesotans share these values and appreciate the special ethic that makes our state unique. And I believe that given the choice, the majority of Minnesotans will choose the kind of leadership I have provided so far — the kind that solves real problems to bring change for the better. With my experience and knowledge, I am ready to hit the ground running in Washington.

Rep. Jim Abeler (R-Anoka) is a life-long resident of Minnesota. He has practiced chiropractic in Anoka for 34 years. He and his wife of 32 years, Barb, have six sons ages 30 to 14, proudly boast of three wonderful daughters-in-law and three grandchildren, and reside in Anoka. Contact information: 600 E Main St. Anoka, MN 55303; jimabeler@hotmail.com, 612-245-3764; website: www.jimabeler.com



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My dad was a merchant marine on the Great Lakes which meant he was gone much of the time. That meant my mom was often left alone to raise us kids. We learned the value of hard work. I graduated from Cambridge High School and then earned my degree from St. Cloud State University.

I'll bring some common sense to Washington, which as my Grandmother says isn't so common anymore. We need someone who will fight to get things done, who will make our conservative principles a reality. Washington is full of people who talk and talk and talk, but we need to send some people who know how to deliver results!

My husband immigrated to this great nation because it offered freedom, hope and opportunity. With the growing debt and erosion of our freedoms, our children will not enjoy the same bright future that previous generations have enjoyed. Instead of giving us real solutions and a new direction, Washington gives us more of the same.

It's hard to keep track of the various scandals from the Obama Administration from the past couple months – whether it's the NSA tracking American citizens, the IRS targeting conservative groups, or the State Department's mishandling of Benghazi. Washington is broken but it's not enough just to talk about it, it's time to do something about it.

It's time we change things in Washington and my record in Anoka County shows I'm uniquely qualified to get the job done.

When I was first elected to the county board ten

years ago, I was a minority. In fact, I was a minority of one! I was so thankful when Robyn West joined the county board because I finally had someone to second my motions so we could debate the issues.

It was a lonely fight at times, and it would have been very easy to just go along to get along, but that is not who I am. I knew that I was not elected to be a rubber stamp, but was elected to represent my constituents who had given me the honor to serve. Even in the minority, I was able to work with my colleagues to privatize a county owned and operated day training and habilitation program that was being subsidized with property tax dollars and competing with the private sector. As a result we saved the taxpayers over \$700,000 per year.

I know first-hand what one determined person who exercises real leadership can do. When the insiders and experts said the only way to solve our problems and make things better was higher taxes, more spending, more government, we said "No. There's a better way." We took our case to the people and we won.

We gained a conservative majority on the board and in 2011, and my peers elected me to serve as their Chair. Working together, we moved the county in the right direction.

After the state legislature made changes to the property tax system, many counties made the decision to raise taxes. We were 1 of only 2 counties out of 87 that did not. In Anoka County, we CUT the property tax levy by nearly 7.5% -- the biggest reduction of any county in the state and the first time in over 40 years there had been a reduction in the county levy. Since then we have lowered the

property tax levy each year.

We also focused on debt reduction. Last year for the first time in over 15 years, we did not borrow one single dollar for capital improvement projects.

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We asked employees for their ideas on cutting waste in government and received hundreds of suggestions. What a novel concept—asking the people who do the work for ideas.

This resulted in real savings to the taxpayers of Anoka County and will help make us competitive in attracting jobs and economic opportunity.

Our district needs a Representative who has delivered conservative results and real accomplishments, a representative who will take on and win the tough fights, even if she's fighting alone. In Washington, I'll get things done, even when it's difficult and they say we can't, just as I have in Anoka County.

I cannot do this alone, it will take all of us working together and I humbly ask for your support.

I look forward to continuing the conversation with Minnesotans in all corners of the Sixth District.

Editor's note: the Sivarajah campaign website can be found at <http://www.rhondaforcongress.com>.

Political Tidbits

The City of Oak Grove Economic Development Authority (EDA) met last week, and there were a few comments that brought laughter to the room. The first was from Mayor Mark Korin who asked if a road block could be put up in Oak Grove to stop the NLX train to Duluth. The second was a discussion about how EDA's can be used. Council member Sean Sullivan, the EDA director in Isanti, said that EDA's have a more liberal ability to spend money, and he mentioned a few examples. Council member Mike Wylie quipped in a sarcastic tone, "More liberal ability to spend money? That's great. That's all we needed to hear." Mr. Wylie stated earlier in the meeting that the city's EDA should be abolished.

MNGOP 4th Congressional District (CD4) Chair Jim Carson has been seen lurking around 6th Congressional District photo ops. The 6th Congressional District stretches from northern Washington County, through Anoka County, and up to Saint Cloud. The fact that CD4 has not elected a Republican since shortly after WWII is not the biggest problem facing that congressional district. Carson was under fire last year when it was revealed that CD4 had failed to file Federal Election Commission reports for the past three years while continuing to raise and spend party funds. Carson's traveling to a neighboring congressional district for photo ops hasn't gone unnoticed in CD4. Greg Copeland, Chair of the MNGOP Saint Paul City Committee had this to say, "I saw Carson on one of the metro TV news reports... and Carson was looking quite lost indeed... perhaps he is house hunting."

Sometimes when you have nothing intelligent to say, you are better off not saying anything at all... is the statement that comes to mind after reading Minnesota State DFL Chair Ken Martin's comments in response to Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah's announcement that she is running for Congress. MinnPost quoted Martin as describing Sivarajah as "a voice of dissent in efforts to move Anoka County forward." Umm... as in how? Apparently Martin had no good examples that were worthy of publishing in MinnPost's

Publisher's Column

John Kysylyczyn

online article. As I believe Martin is a resident of south Minneapolis, I'm sure he would have liked to have seen Anoka County "move forward" with the Vikings Stadium. Instead his city council took the bait and now has to deal with that financial albatross. Sivarajah should send Martin the printouts of the last few county board elections. While Sivarajah may be a "voice of dissent" to residents of south Minneapolis, it appears that she is a "voice of agreement" to the voters of Anoka County when reviewing recent election results.

Associated Press eliminates Jerry Soma's job as Anoka County Administrator. Well not really, but those of us in politics did get a chuckle from the headline on the AP wire last week that stated, "Anoka County executive enters race for Bachmann seat." Whoever wrote the headline apparently did not know that being chair of the board, as Rhonda Sivarajah is, is not the same job as being a county executive. In a county executive form of government, the day to day administration of the county, which is Soma's job, is a county-wide elected position, not appointed as it is in Anoka County. Then there is a separate elected county board that serves as a legislative body, often times with more than the seven elected members that Anoka County currently has. Examples of people who have held the actual position of county executive would be former King County Executive Ron Sims (Seattle, WA), and former Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker (Milwaukee, WI) who is now Governor Walker. In the newspaper business, it is not unusual for someone other than the author of an article to write the headline, and this is the result. That is why at the *Record*, the author of an article writes their own headline.

The Good Abeler. It must be tough to run for a partisan office when your own party leadership shows little support. GOP Senate District 35 Deputy Chairman Don Huizenga had little good to say about Jim Abeler's announcement that he was running for the US Senate. One newspaper article said that Abeler didn't notify local party leadership until 12 days after he made his final decision to run, which probably doesn't help either. Abeler doesn't have much support with the Roseville GOP crowd either. His brother John is active in the local party and is referred to as "the good Abeler." Many times when brother Jim casts a controversial vote, brother John gets grief for it.

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CANDIDATE FILING FOR CITY AND SCHOOL BOARD SEATS TO START JULY 30

Six school districts that are entirely in or partly in Anoka County will be having elections November 5, as well as two cities in the county.

Circle Pines and Lino Lakes are the last two cities in Anoka County that still hold their city elections in the odd year.

In Circle Pines, the seats of mayor Dave Bartholomay and city councilors Richard Runbeck and Deb O'Brien will be on the ballot; in Lino Lakes, the seats of mayor Jeff Reinert and city councilors Rob Rafferty and Dale Stoesz will also be on the ballot.

The Anoka-Hennepin school board will have three seats for election, currently held by Michael Sullivan, the District 4 member and resident of Ham Lake; Bill Harvey, District 3, resident of Champlin, and Jeff Simon, District 6, resident of Coon Rapids.

Harvey and Simon were both appointed to the school board and have not yet had to run election campaigns. Harvey was appointed five months ago to the seat that had been held by John Hoffman, who won a state senate seat in 2012.

Simon was appointed in July 2012 to the seat that had been resigned by Kathy Tingelstad. Simon challenged Tingelstad in the 2009 election but came in third place in a three-candidate field.

Three school board seats in Fridley ISD 14 will be up for election, now held by Gordon Backlund, Marcia Lindblad and Mary Kay Delvo.

Delvo was appointed in November 2012 after the resignation of Brad Richter. Lindblad was originally appointed to the school board in June 2005 to fill the seat vacated by Sandra Rudolph. Lindblad had worked on the 2002 school district levy referendum campaign. Backlund was elected to the school board

in May 1990, and served one term in the State House, 1985-1987.

Three seats will be on the Nov. 5 ballot in Independent School District #15 in St. Francis. They are now held by Harry Grams of Zimmerman, David Anderson of Cedar and Marsha Van Denburgh of Oak Grove. The voter turnout four years ago when these seats were last up for election was 35%.

Four seats will be elected for the Spring Lake Park School District #16; those positions are now held by board chair John Stroebel, Marilynn Forsberg, Kelly Delfs and Jodi Ruch.

ISD #624, the White Bear Lake school district will also have four school board seats to be elected, now held by Janet Newberg, George Kimball, Kim Chapman and Bob Shevik.

Three school board seats will be up for election in the Forest Lake ISD #831. The terms of Kathy Bystrom, Karen Morehead and Erin Turner will expire in January.

The filing period for all seats will run for two weeks, from July 30 to August 13. Filings for the Circle Pines and Lino Lakes city offices will be taken at the respective city halls.

The county elections department at the Anoka County courthouse will take candidate filings for the Anoka-Hennepin, Fridley and Spring Lake Park school board races.

Candidates wishing to enter the school board races in St. Francis, White Bear Lake and Forest Lake districts are directed to file with the respective school district offices.

The voter turnouts for the 2011 school board races ranged from 20% to 26%, with the exception of St.

Francis ISD #15 where the turnout was only 6.7%. The voter turnout for the city races in Lino Lakes and Circle Pines were 37% and 38% respectively.

The city of Coon Rapids will place a parks referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot, although city offices are elected in the even years. An extensive report on the referendum proposal will be featured in a future edition of the *Record*.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN RAMSEY TUESDAY JULY 30

A Special Election for the vacant city council seat in Ramsey's Ward 1 will be held Tuesday, July 30. David Elvig resigned the seat April 23 (see *Anoka County Record*, May 9).

Monday, Anoka County Judge Spencer Sokolowski ordered Elvig to pay restitution of nearly \$25,000 and sentenced him to five years' probation and a 60-day jail term on two felony counts of theft by swindle — embezzling employee benefit funds from his now defunct business.

Elvig had previously been found guilty of driving under the influence three times. His second offense was a gross misdemeanor, and his third offense occurred during his tenure as a city councilor.

Only two candidates filed for the vacant seat: Jill Johns, 6043 174th Ave. N.W., and Tom Heifort, 6311 163rd Lane N.W.

All candidates for elected office this year are invited to submit statements to the *Anoka County Record* for publication. We also welcome letters to the editor and opinion columns. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to: editor@anokacountyrecord.com or by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 21014, Columbia Heights MN 55421-0014. — *ACR staff*

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY EMPLOYEES GET PAY RAISES FOR 2013 AND 2014

CITY MANAGER'S SALARY ALSO BUMPED UP

by Bryan Olson — Special to the *Anoka County Record*

The June 10th meeting of the Columbia Heights City Council put the finishing touches on the employee wage contracts for 2013 (effective May 1) and 2014. The contracts had lapsed at the end of 2012.

The first round of contracts was approved 4-0-1 by the council at its Feb. 11, 2013 meeting, where the contract with AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) Local 495 gave clerical and technical city employees a 2% raise over the 2012 wage rates. That increase covers May 1 through Dec. 31, 2013, and then another 2% increase will be added at the start of calendar year 2014. Municipal liquor store employees will be paid time and a half when working four specified holidays during each year.

Insurance benefits to be paid by city taxpayers will be \$835 per month in 2013 (an increase of \$30 per month over 2012 rates). Employees will receive an \$865 per-month benefit during 2014.

The contract for non-union supervisory employees was similarly structured and approved by the city council. The job positions in this category and their top pay rate in 2013, for at least 3 years of service, include: *Liquor Operations Manager* (\$7,839/mo.); *Liquor Store Supervisor* (\$3,127 per month); *Liquor Store Manager* (\$5,530/mo); *Assistant Liquor Manager* (\$4,395/mo); *Information Systems Director* (\$7,244/mo); *I.S. Technician* (\$3,704/mo); *Assistant I. S. Director* (\$5,018/mo); *Police I.S. Technician* (\$4,148/mo); *Building Official* (\$5,939/mo); *Recreation Director* (\$6,930/mo); *Public Works Superintendent* (\$6,723/mo); *Planner* (\$6,406/mo); *Children's Librarian* and *Adult Services Librarian*, each \$5,459/mo.; *Assistant City Engineer* (\$6,829); *Assistant Community Development Director* (\$6,877/mo); *Assistant Finance Director* (\$6,909); *Accountant* (\$5,596/mo), and *Senior Citizens Coordinator* (\$4,798/mo).

Each dollar that an employee contributes will be matched by a city taxpayer dollar up to \$425 per calendar year in a deferred compensation program.

The \$425 figure was raised to \$575 for the category of Non-Essential and Confidential Employees, which also received the same 2% increase for each of 2013 and 2014. These job positions are to be paid at the following top pay rates (at least 3 years of service) during 2013: *Assistant to the City Manager/Human Resources Director* (\$8,009/per month); *Police Captain* (\$7,326/mo); *Assistant Fire Chief* (\$6,829/mo); *City Clerk* (\$4,798/mo); *Administrative Assistant—Human Resources* (\$4,549/mo); *Payroll Accountant* (\$4,549/mo). Add 2% to these figures for the 2014 salary scale.

The final round of contracts were approved by the city council on a vote of 4-1 at its June 10th meeting, with councilman Bruce Nawrocki expressing dissatisfaction with the process. During both meetings Nawrocki contended that

the contracts should have been discussed at council work session meetings. On both occasions he made a motion to send the items to a work session meeting but his motion died for lack of a second both times. Nawrocki abstained from the Feb. 11 vote but voted a sharp "no" on June 10.

On the June 10th agenda were the contracts for the department heads and the City Manager. The department heads' contract was again largely the same, with the 2% increases in each of the years 2013 and 2014, but the deferred compensation match was raised to a cap of \$1,650 per calendar year.

The salary scale for 2013 for the following positions is given below from the lowest (Step 1, entry level) to highest (Step 7, 10 years of service).

Library Director (Step 1, \$6,842/month), (Step 7, \$8,243/month)
Community Development Dir. (Step 1, \$7,210/month), (Step 7, \$8,687/month)
Fire Chief (Step 1, \$7,210/month), (Step 7, \$8,687/month)
Police Chief (Step 1, \$7,638/month), (Step 7, \$9,202/month)
Finance Director (Step 1, \$7,844/month), (Step 7, \$9,451/month)
Public Works Director (Step 1, \$8,140/month), (Step 7, \$9,807/month)

The City Manager's contract also carried the 2% pay increases. The 2013 level, effective May 1, will be \$127,581 and in 2014 another 2% raise will bring the manager's compensation to \$130,133.

Nawrocki asked Human Resources Director/Assistant to the City Manager Linda Magee about the City Manager's deferred compensation. Magee, a 30-year city employee, said that since the manager's deferred compensation was not being changed, it was not included as part of the new contract or the council agenda item. Nawrocki asked Magee what the deferred compensation is currently — \$8,800. Nawrocki added that the City Manager receives a car allowance of \$350 per month and that these additional amounts should be totaled up when discussing the manager's overall compensation.

"He's pretty well paid now without having another increase," Nawrocki said, reminding the council that a job performance review of the city manager has not been done in two or three years. Nawrocki said such periodic review was a clause written into City Manager Walter Fehst's contract when he was hired in 1996.

Among the city council, only Nawrocki made comments or asked questions at both meetings about the employee contracts. He said the city manager's salary is very high for a city of Columbia Heights's size. Taking an overview of all the contracts, Nawrocki said, "It appears to me that the compensation proposed is more than other comparable cities. We need to remember that the average family income in Columbia Heights is about the lowest in the metropolitan area."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MEETING

NUMBER OF ANOKA COUNTY CITIES RECEIVING LGA TO DOUBLE

by Bryan Olson — Special to the Anoka County Record

Elected officials and staff from local governments within Anoka County met May 29 at Ramsey City Hall for their quarterly meeting.

The meetings are held at various locations to share information amongst county, city and school officials about government matters that pertain to Anoka County as a whole.

Officials from Ramsey, state legislators, Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart and other county personnel were among those who gave presentations to the audience.

Circle Pines mayor Dave Bartholomay gave a report about the 15-member bi-partisan task force he served on, commissioned by the governor to develop a new formula for the distribution of Local Government Aid (LGA) funds, which is a pool of money that is sourced from taxpayers around the state.

The task force was comprised of 15 mayors (see Feb. 28, 2013 *Anoka County Record*) who “took the politics out of it”, as Bartholomay put it, referring to the LGA distribution methodology.

The criticism that has often been leveled against LGA was touched upon by Columbia Heights city councilman Bruce Nawrocki, who attended the meeting in Ramsey and summarized his thoughts about it during a city council meeting June 10. Nawrocki said, “the intent of (the LGA funding) was that it should be used to reduce the property tax levy for people.” He judged “this should eliminate the need for any property tax increase in the city next year.”

But the Legislative Auditor, in a 1990 study, found that 82% of cities used the LGA funding for increased spending and only 18% used it for reducing property

taxes. Critics today say little has changed.

The creation of LGA came out of legislation in the early 1970’s, dubbed “the Minnesota Miracle”, a complicated formula, changed many times since then, that pooled money from taxpayers statewide and redistributed it to cities where taxes (particularly rural) were getting too high. Some small cities lacked infrastructure and public safety protection and the funding aid was supposed to reduce city property taxes and provide for some of these essential needs.

A recent newsletter of the Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence quoted passages from the Legislative Auditor’s report, which said, “by 1987, the fastest growing and largest expenditure category was not fire, police, parks or streets but rather a category labeled ‘Other’”.

“Property tax relief programs succeeded in keeping taxes low *only as long as major new revenues were pumped into the system.*” (emphasis made by the MCFE, formerly known as the Minnesota Taxpayers Association).

The recent newsletter also said, “in the booming late 1990’s, LGA increased an average of 3.3% per year. But during this same period, city levies grew at a robust 5 to 7% per year. Such juxtaposition raises major doubts about claims regarding the relationship between LGA and property tax restraint.”

One critic, Rep. Steve Drazkowski (R-Mazeppa) once lambasted the Local Government Aid concept on the House floor by ticking off a laundry list of wasteful spending committed by the city of Minneapolis, bringing back memories of U.S. Senator William Proxmire and his “Golden Fleece” awards. Minneapolis had received large amounts of LGA. Little did taxpayers in Roseau,

Babbitt or 850 other cities know that some of their dollars would go to frivolous expenditures made in Minneapolis.

Components of the new formula include population considerations, whether the city has had population declines over the last 40 years, the amount of housing stock of pre-1940 vintage and housing stock built between 1940 and 1970.

A handout passed out at the Ramsey meeting showed the calculations for 2014 LGA funding for cities in Anoka County.

Anoka is poised to receive a 72% increase, from 2013’s \$901,095 to 2014’s expected \$1.548 million.

Columbia Heights will see a 57% increase, from 2013’s \$895,180 to \$1.4 million in 2014 — over \$509,000 additional revenue.

Fridley will receive a 59% increase, and St. Francis’s allotment will go up by three-and-a-half fold.

In 2013, 8 cities in the county received LGA funds, but that number will double in 2014. Only 4 cities

Blaine, Columbus, Ham Lake and Lino Lakes will not receive any funds in 2014. None received funds in 2013 either.

LOCAL OFFICIALS MEETING *continued on page 6*

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

Thurs. June 20

Community Corrections Advisory Bd,
Noon, Rm 710, ACGC
Public Safety Cmte., 3 pm,
Public Safety Bldg., Andover

Tues. June 25

Management Cmte., 8:30 am,
Rm 772, ACGC
Anoka County Board, 9:30 am,
Rm 705, ACGC, followed by HRA

Mon. July 1

Public Wrks Cmte, 9 am, Rm 772, ACGC

Tues. July 2

Parks & Rec. Cmte., 9 am, Bunker
Beach Water Park
Tues. July 9
Management Cmte., 8:30 am,
Anoka County Board, 9:30 am *both meetings to be held at Lexington City Hall, 9180 Lexington Ave.*

Wed. July 10

Waste Management & Energy Cmte.,
8:15 am, Rm 772, ACGC

FRIDLEY

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

Thurs. June 20

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Community Advisory Group Mtg, re
Fridley Superfund sites; 6 pm, Fridley
Comm. Ctr., 6085 7th St. NE., Rm 109

Mon. June 24

Reception for City Manager Wally
Wysopal, 6 pm; City Council, 7:30 pm

Mon. July 8

City Council, 7 pm

Tues. July 9

Envir. Quality & Energy Comm., 7 pm

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

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. June 24 & July 8

Planning Comm., 6 pm

Mon. July 1 & 15

City Council, 6 pm

LINWOOD TWP

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

Mon. June 24 & July 22

Park Board, 6 pm

Tues. June 25 & July 9

Town Board, 6 pm

Tues. July 2

Road & 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)

3rd Wednesday

Parks Comm., 6 pm

3rd Thursday

Planning Comm., 7 pm

RAMSEY

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

Thurs. June 20

Public Open House, 5 to 7 pm, Cty
Hwy 5 & Alpine Dr signal project, at
Council Chambers in City Hall

Tues. June 25 & July 9

City Council “work session”, 5:30 pm
reg mtg 7 pm, followed by HRA

Mon. July 1

EPB, 6:30 pm

Tues. July 2

City Council/HRA “work session”, 6 pm
July 4 Planning Comm. meeting has been moved to July 18 at 7 pm

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Mon. July 15

Board of Supervisors, 5 pm

CENTENNIAL ISD #12

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

Mon. July 15

Board Dinner with Superintendent, 5 pm
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. July 16

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. June 25

School Bd “work session”, 6 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
Wed. July 17, 6 pm, Cable
Commission Mtg., Spring Lake Park
City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE, SLP.

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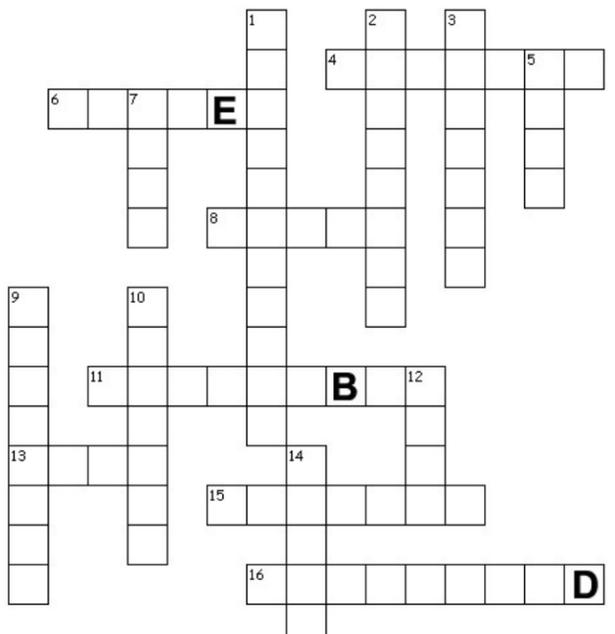
The last names of the city mayors in Anoka County
Answers will appear in the July 4 edition

ACROSS

- 4. Andover
- 6. Bethel
- 8. Oak Grove
- 11. Centerville
- 13. Anoka
- 15. Columbus
- 16. Lexington

DOWN

- 1. Circle Pines
- 2. East Bethel
- 3. Ham Lake
- 5. Coon Rapids
- 7. Fridley
- 9. Columbia Heights
- 10. Lino Lakes



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on May 28, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolution was adopted: #2013-Economic Assistance Payments. 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 June 20, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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, July 8, 2013 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of considering the application of Ken Worden requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate Skyline Automotive Inc. at 1327 153rd Lane NE, a parcel of land situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota and which is described as follows to wit:

THE ELY 200 FT OF WLY 400 FT (AS MEAS ALG N & S LINES THEREOF) OF N1/2 OF SE1/4 OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 OF SEC 20 TWP 32 RGE 23, EX RDS, SUBJ TO EASE OF RWC

At such hearing both written and oral comments will be heard. DATED: June 20, 2013 Dawnette M. Shimek Zoning Official / Building Clerk City of Ham Lake (Published June 20, 2013 Anoka County Record)

CITY OF OAK GROVE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Oak Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at or around 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 19900 Nightingale St NW to hear written and oral comments and questions concerning the proposed vacation of the following described property:

To vacate a portion of the drainage and utility easement located on Lot 6, Block 1, Beaver Ponds, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Sheryl F. Fiskewold City Clerk Posted June 19 - July 11, 2013 (Published June 20, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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FILED: May 20, 2013 #67192070003 /s/ Deborah C. Trent, Owner/Registered Agent (Published June 6, 2013, June 20, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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Jose Leonel Salazar Bonilla, 630 Osborne Rd. N.E., Apt. #304, Fridley MN 55432

Jose Alejandro Salazar Bonilla, 630 Osborne Rd. N.E., Apt. #304, Fridley MN 55432

Julia Nely Dokken, 630 Osborne Rd. N.E., Apt. #304, Fridley MN 55432

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FILED: May 14, 2013 #672524900020 /s/ Jose Leonel Salazar Bonilla (Published June 6, 2013, June 20, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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607 County Rd. 10 N.E., Suite 100, Blaine MN 55434

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Craig L. Rathjen, 11831 Dunkirk Circle N.E., Blaine MN 55449

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FILED: June 17, 2013, #677514900023 /s/Craig L. Rathjen, D.D.S. (Published June 20, 2013, July 4, 2013, Anoka County Record)

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LOCAL OFFICIALS MEETING contd. from page 5

The sum total of LGA funding that will be received by cities in the county will increase 73% from 2013 to 2014. Just under \$2 million was given to Anoka County cities in 2013, while the expected 2014 allotment will be near \$3.44 million. For the first time, some townships will also receive LGA funds.

Bartholomay also mentioned that the return of the

in Anoka County. Minnesota is also one of the main suppliers of prostitutes to the Las Vegas area.

Sheriff Stuart says investigating these cases takes a great amount of time and not enough resources and manpower are being assigned to them. Tracking is also thwarted when the internet is often used to make sales and delivery arrangements between pimps and johns, which allows free movement. Gone are the days when

hookers stood on a specific street corner and it was common knowledge where they could be found.

According to the sheriff, only a minority of prostitutes are engaging in the activity willingly. His presentation emphasized that the majority are being threatened and held against their will. He advised the officials in the audience that they ought to be aware of the signs that someone is being held against their will. One of those signs is the pimp or controlling figure stays close to the victim's side and does all the talking.

Sheriff Stuart said the traffickers or pimps

can even be mothers. A mother in Anoka County was apprehended for forcing her own children into prostitution. Apartments and hotels are often used as brothels, perhaps rental homes as well. Mattresses are thrown down on the floors throughout a building and the shop is set up quickly.

The sheriff painted a rather ugly picture that was far from a Hollywood movie of old where high-end prostitution may have been portrayed as glamorous or classy.

He said most of the slaves, as we shall call them here, are minors, both male and female. His descriptions, which he said he sanitized for this presentation, made it clear that the slaves are being worked nearly to death. The slave industry reaps \$9 billion a year in profits, according to Sheriff Stuart. Those profits are only surpassed by drug trafficking.

The national Human Trafficking hotline is 888-373-7888 and the criminal investigations department of the Anoka County Sheriff's office can be reached at 763-323-5000.

NEW LGA FORMULA DISTRIBUTION FOR ANOKA CITIES							
City	2012 Total Tax Capacity	2011 Population	Total Tax Capacity Per Capita	2013 Certified LGA (amount received)	2014 New Formula Plus \$80 Million	Increased 2014 vs. 2013 Certified LGA	
Andover	\$ 23,449,581	30,847	\$ 760	\$ -	\$ 74,726	\$ 74,726	
Anoka	\$ 13,398,784	17,331	\$ 773	\$ 901,095	\$ 1,548,092	\$ 646,997	
Bethel	\$ 293,607	466	\$ 630	\$ 35,117	\$ 46,117	\$ 11,000	
Blaine	\$ 57,953,252	58,331	\$ 994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Centerville	\$ 3,121,652	3,804	\$ 821	\$ -	\$ 53,501	\$ 53,501	
Circle Pines	\$ 3,303,142	4,922	\$ 671	\$ 152,142	\$ 314,585	\$ 162,443	
Columbia Heights	\$ 11,228,806	19,619	\$ 572	\$ 895,180	\$ 1,404,664	\$ 509,484	
Columbus	\$ 5,033,928	3,919	\$ 1,284	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Coon Rapids	\$ 48,217,805	61,766	\$ 781	\$ -	\$ 935,436	\$ 935,436	
East Bethel	\$ 8,420,234	11,783	\$ 715	\$ -	\$ 23,495	\$ 23,495	
Fridley	\$ 29,269,729	27,515	\$ 1,064	\$ 759,414	\$ 1,211,459	\$ 452,045	
Ham Lake	\$ 15,045,315	15,374	\$ 979	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Hilltop	\$ 336,589	745	\$ 452	\$ 116,309	\$ 138,643	\$ 22,334	
Lexington	\$ 1,248,635	2,074	\$ 602	\$ 335,280	\$ 385,349	\$ 50,069	
Lino Lakes	\$ 17,999,453	20,505	\$ 878	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Nowthen	\$ 4,272,105	4,469	\$ 956	\$ -	\$ 11,578	\$ 11,578	
Oak Grove	\$ 6,650,456	8,045	\$ 827	\$ -	\$ 81,633	\$ 81,633	
Ramsey	\$ 20,606,344	23,865	\$ 863	\$ -	\$ 91,469	\$ 91,469	
St. Francis	\$ 4,499,969	7,255	\$ 620	\$ 80,929	\$ 313,715	\$ 232,786	
Spring Lake Park	\$ 5,202,819	6,432	\$ 809	\$ -	\$ 291,550	\$ 291,550	
				ANOKA COUNTY	8 cities receiving LGA	16 cities receiving LGA	Additional LGA in 2014
				TOTALS	\$ 1,983,534	\$ 3,441,685	\$ 1,458,151

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sales tax exemption for local governments, passed in the last legislative session, will allow cities to retain more funds. For a number of years, local governments were required to pay sales tax on most purchases.

Roundabouts are coming to Anoka County

County Engineer Doug Fischer mentioned that the first roundabout projects in the county will be soon initiated. There are plans for a roundabout at Broadway Ave. N.E. (18) and Kettle River Blvd. N.E. (62) in Columbus; and two roundabouts near St. Francis High School (County Road 72 & Bridge Street (County State Aid Highway 24), and Lake George Blvd. (CSAH 9) and Bridge Street (CSAH 24).

Sheriff warns about human trafficking

Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart discussed human trafficking, which he described as "holding people against their will for labor or sex, (constituting) modern day slavery." He said the problem is larger than people may think, and such crime is going on

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Montu Enterprises, Inc., 5135 Dominick Drive, Minnetonka MN 55343

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FILED: April 15, 2013, #66633230003 /s/ James R. Gilliam, President (Published June 6, 2013, June 20, 2013, Anoka County Record)



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