

## Half a billion dollars: will local governments go on a spending spree or use it to cut property taxes?

by Tom Steward | *Watchdog Minnesota*

ST. PAUL — It's an irresistible government program, and those who fall under its influence are much like characters from "The Lord of the Rings."

The ring, in this case, is a \$506 million state program called Local Government Aid, and the captivated characters include local officials enamored with the possibilities for spending it. "It seems very likely that most of that will stick at the local government level to restore these services that local governments claim are so essential and being cut, as opposed to finding its way to the taxpayer," said Mark Haveman of the Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence.

State legislators approved an increase of \$80 million in Local Government Aid in the recently wrapped up 2013 session, on the basis of an urgent need for property tax relief. Supporters stressed that at least half of the influx should be directed toward offsetting local property tax increases they blame on past cuts in state LGA funding.

"Over the last several years the underfunding of the LGA program has hobbled its effectiveness in delivering property tax relief to communities across the state," said Bruce Ahlgren, mayor of Cloquet and president of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities when the legislative deal was struck.

"These additional dollars are critical to ensuring that property tax relief is spread out across the state."

Some of Ahlgren's peers, however, warn the temptation to spend will be hard to resist. "It does not equate to tax relief unless it's passed along to the property tax owner, and that's now entirely up to each municipality," said Mankato Mayor Eric

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## No Cuts Expected for Coming Year Anoka County Libraries release 2012 Annual Report

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

No budget cuts or closing of libraries is expected for the coming year, said Anoka County Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen at the June 17th meeting of the Library Board.

The County Board was able to commit funds to maintain the status quo however there are some increases expected in operation costs.

The bills for utilities and employee health insurance will predictably go up, but the County expects to be able to absorb the increases without decreasing library services. Since local governments are no longer required to pay sales tax on their purchases, this is expected to free up funds which would have gone to the State. Savings in other areas will also help shore up budgets.

Planning for a worst case scenario, the libraries in Ham Lake, St. Francis and Fridley were being considered for cutbacks in operating hours or closing if the need should have arisen.

**2012 Annual Report discussed.** The Anoka County Library Board got its first look at the annual report for 2012, an 8-page color brochure which outlined accomplishments of the library system with hard numbers. Anyone who likes to read statistics will appreciate its content:

235,957 county residents have a library card; about 84% of the population. (This figure does not include Columbia Heights, since that city operates its own library). An additional 33,370 reciprocal users reside outside the county.

The Anoka County library system has been able to deliver its services for a cost of \$23 per resident, which is on the low end of typical library systems. Weeding out the inactive library cards from the system's user list is done every two to four years. A card that has had no activity in four years or more is usually

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## ANOKA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY UNITS TO SPONSOR CANDIDATE FORUM

A forum for declared Republican candidates for governor will be held Thursday, August 1st at the Mermaid Restaurant and Lounge at 2200 County Hwy. 10 in Mounds View.

Talk radio host and former Ramsey County Board candidate Sue Jeffers will open the forum at 7 p.m. Walter Hudson of the North Metro Tea Party Patriots will moderate.

At press time, declared candidates are Jeff Johnson, Scott Honour, Dave Thompson and Kurt Zellers.

A social hour with a cash bar will precede the forum beginning at 6:15 p.m. Questions from the audience will be taken as well as questions pre-submitted by the sponsoring Republican Party units of Senate District 31, 35, 36 and 37. The forum will serve as a fundraiser for these party units and will be held in the back (west side) of the building in the Coral Bay Ballroom. Admission is \$10.00.

## Oak Grove City Council releases attorney's legal opinion on Sullivan issue

During its June 24th meeting, the Oak Grove City Council debated whether to release the city attorney's four page legal opinion on the conflict of interest issue surrounding council member Sean Sullivan. The conflict involved Mr. Sullivan's service on the Oak Grove City Council and Economic Development Authority, while he also is employed as the Economic Development Director in the City of Isanti.



Sullivan

The city attorney had previously informed the council that at present time, Sullivan does not have a legal conflict of interest. Mayor Korin though had raised ethical concerns, but it was determined that ethical concerns were beyond the legal authority of the city council to address.

The issue before the council was whether to waive attorney client privilege and release the four page legal opinion. City Attorney Bob Voss of the law firm Kennedy and Graven explained that communications between a city attorney and a city council is unique in that some information is public and some is private. Generally all communications between an attorney and their client are private (criminal, divorce, etc.). Mr. Voss explained that when a city attorney gives legal advice at a public meeting, their comments are public. But when a city attorney is asked to provide legal advice

outside of a public meeting, their comments are private.

Mr. Voss further explained that the client in this situation is the Oak Grove City Council, or more specifically a majority of the members of the council. He stated that the privilege of keeping the information private is the council's privilege, not his. He said, "I have nothing to keep secret. I am giving you advice. It is entirely up to you to keep it privileged."

Council members asked questions and discussed various scenarios where it would be acceptable to release information to the public and situations where it would not. It was mentioned by Mayor Korin that clearly employee issues and lawsuits against the city would be situations where information would not normally be released in order to protect the city from further litigation. In response, Mr. Voss stated, "This is not one of the times where the advice is going to compromise the city's interests." He further emphasized that this was a council decision and he had no opinion one way or the other.

Near the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Sullivan informed the council that he would abstain from voting on the issue of whether to waive attorney client privilege and release the city attorney's opinion to the public. He stated, "Because this particular item involves me, I will not be voting on this item. I will be abstaining."

The council then approved a motion to waive attorney client privilege and approved releasing the four page legal opinion to the public. The vote was four in favor, zero against, and Mr. Sullivan abstained from the vote.

*The text of the city attorney's opinion:*

### Analysis

The law addressing incompatible offices is similar to the law governing city council member conflicts of interest. Minnesota state law prohibits city council members from having or acting on certain conflicts of interest. Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.311 provides in relevant part:

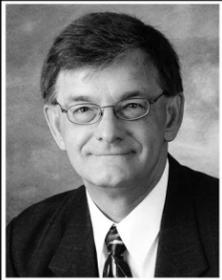
Except as provided in sections 471.87 to 471.89, no member of a council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract made by the council.

Further, Section 471.87 bars a council member from participating in a matter before the council if he/she has a personal financial interest in that matter. Finally, council members should avoid the mere appearance of a conflict of interest even if there is no technical conflict.

As an Oak Grove city council member, Mr. Sullivan would have a potential conflict of interest if he had a unique interest, financial or contractual, in a matter before the city council. I have not been advised of any facts or circumstances related to Mr. Sullivan's employment in Isanti causing Mr. Sullivan to have a unique interest in any matter before the Oak Grove city council. Thus, I am not aware of any conflict of interest issue.

Mr. Sullivan's employment in Isanti appears to more properly relate to Minnesota's incompatible office doctrine. This doctrine focuses on the potential for inherent conflict between two public offices. Public offices are incompatible when they "are inconsistent, their performance resulting in antagonism and a conflict of duty, so that the incumbent of one can not discharge with fidelity and propriety the duties of both." *State ex rel. Hilton v. Sword*, 196 N.W. 467, 467 (1923). If offices are incompatible, the same person cannot legally hold both offices. *Id.*

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**New taxes under Rep. Hackbarth's magnifying glass**

Much of the \$2.1 billion in tax increases and hundreds of millions more in fee increases Gov. Mark Dayton and his fellow Democrats in the Legislature passed in the 2013 session took effect July 1.

Higher fees on driver's licenses and vehicle registration are coming. New taxes on Internet purchases are, too. There also is a fourth-tier income tax rate, increased cigarette taxes and more business taxes.

**Income tax**

The new 9.85 percent rate on the state's high-income earners will impact: married people who file jointly with a taxable income of more than \$250,000; married people who file separately with a taxable income of over \$125,000; heads of household with a taxable income of over \$200,000; and single filers making over \$150,000.

**Cigarette tax**

Taxes on a pack of cigarettes will rise by \$1.60 (from the current \$1.23 to \$2.83). Other tobacco products will also be taxed at higher rates, including taxing "little cigars" as cigarettes and taxing each container of "moist snuff" at the same rate as a pack of cigarettes or 95 percent of the wholesale sales price, whichever is higher

**Vikings stadium bail-out tax**

Part of the revenue from the first year of the cigarette tax increase will be used to help fund the all-out failure of e-pulltabs to generate the amount of revenue projected to pay for the state's portion of a new Vikings stadium.

To prevent retailers and wholesalers from stockpiling product before that date, a one-time new cigarette tax equal to the tax increase will be imposed on current inventories. That is expected to raise \$32.4 million, of which \$26.5 million will go to the special fund used for the stadium.

**Internet purchase tax**

A sales tax also will be added for online purchases such as ringtone downloads, music, videos, books and online computer games. Digital college textbooks will receive exemptions.

**Business tax**

Businesses will have to pay new sales taxes on warehousing and storage (not including mini-storage); electronic and commercial equipment repair and maintenance; and through repealing the current sales tax exemption on telecommunications equipment purchases.

These taxes will result in higher consumer costs for ALL of us, even the lowest earners.

The warehousing and storage services taxes have received wide criticism because they would make our state less competitive in the business world. They are scheduled for implementation in April of 2014.

**DMV fees**

New fee increases will be added to driver's licenses and vehicle registration. The option of a \$5 wheelage tax has been expanded to include all 87 counties in Minnesota, with the amount increased to \$10 in 2014 followed by up to \$20 beginning in 2018.

New law also increases a flat amount charged for some older model collector vehicles (from \$90 to \$150). Starting in 2017, fees for new vehicle titles will increase from \$6.25 to \$8.25, while a \$5.50 title transfer fee is eliminated.

The filing fee for a new or renewed driver's license or state identification card is increased from \$5 to \$8.

You can download a PDF file (<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/0713nrelease.pdf>) to find more information on these tax increases, along with all the other laws that take effect July 1. One note: The text of that document includes some language that comes across as salesmanship from the majority party, not just straight public information.

**The Minnesota Dept. of Revenue is hosting a conference call July 18** so citizens can learn more about these tax changes and ask questions. For more information, visit the Department of Revenue web site (<http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/>).

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purged from the list.

Slightly more than 2.82 million items were checked out during the year, with 52% in adult materials and 48% juvenile. Nearly 41,000 renewals made by telephone or the internet are included in the 2.82 million figure, which was a 2.7% drop in circulation compared to 2011.

There were over 112,000 checkouts of e-books, doubling the 2011 figure.

2,660 pieces of material were delivered to senior centers and shut-ins, sometimes by mail.

Library users ordered 14,465 items from libraries outside of the Anoka County system. Most libraries, including some college and university libraries, participate in the statewide inter-library loan program that is funded with state taxpayers' dollars. Nearly 41,000 renewals made by telephone were counted as part of the 2.82 million check-out figure.

The number of personal visits to libraries totaled 1,017,572, but was a 5.4% drop from the previous year. The Library Board's meeting packet explained that the drops in library visits and circulation could be attributed to more internet usage

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**New Laws Now in Effect**

**Taxes**

Taking effect July 1, Minnesota's income tax rate is now the second highest in the nation for comparative income and the fourth highest percentage in the nation through the creation of a fourth tier income tax bracket that taxes some high income earners and small businesses at 9.85%. In order to help finance the Vikings stadium, the tax on cigarettes will go from \$1.23 per pack to \$2.83 per pack. If you download music, videos, or books online, expect to pay be paying a new sales tax as well. Did you know that the tax bill also authorized the construction of a new building for state senators? Work on that \$90 million project will begin next year.

**Energy**

Don't be surprised to see a jump in your monthly energy bills in the next few months. Under the solar energy mandate passed by Democrats this session, your electric bills will skyrocket. While we need a comprehensive energy policy in Minnesota, setting arbitrary renewable energy standards makes energy more costly and less reliable for everyone.

**Pay Raises**

According to the Minnesota House Public Information Services, "the salary limit for about 20 agency heads will increase to 133 percent of the governor's salary and increase thereafter annually by the Consumer Price Index." Also, the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and state auditor will receive a 3% increase in pay in 2015 and 2016.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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**Looking back on the 2013 session**

Now that we're a little more than a month removed, and the dust has settled from the 2013 legislative session, I wanted take some time to update you on some of the work from last session, and give you a preview of what's coming after July 1st.

One of my goals when I came to Saint Paul was to work with Democrats and Republicans alike on issues that impact our communities here in Champlin and Coon Rapids. To that end, I was very proud to be a co-author on several bills with bipartisan support with direct impacts on our communities.

I co-authored legislation with DFL Rep. Jerry Newton that would have allowed local cities to set their own speed limits, allowing local communities to determine the safest speeds to go in their areas.

I co-authored multiple bipartisan bonding proposals, including money that would have secured bonding funds for Anoka Technical and Anoka-Ramsey Community Colleges, as well as a bill to renovate the Rum River Dam to help protect against Aquatic Invasive Species.

I was also one of more than 70 Democrat and Republican co-authors on a gun bill compromise that would have strengthened data sharing and made it more difficult for criminals to get their hands on guns while protecting the second amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The bill had support from the NRA and Rep. Tony Cornish, a leader in the legislature on second amendment issues.

Looking ahead, I wanted to share with you some of the changes to our taxes and fees that took effect July 1st. I didn't vote for these tax increases, because

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Accordingly, the first question is whether the positions in question are "offices." There is no doubt that the elective position of Oak Grove city council member is an "office," as is membership on the city's EDA board. However, it is not clear whether employment as a city's economic development director constitutes an "office" as defined in Minnesota law.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has defined a "public office" as a position that "has independent authority under the law, either alone or with others of equal authority, to determine public policy or to make a final decision not subject to the supervisory approval or disapproval of another." *McCutcheon v. City of St. Paul*, 216 N.W.2d 137 (1974). In *McCutcheon*, the Supreme Court held that the position of police chief would constitute an "office" and, therefore, a chief could not simultaneously serve as a state legislator. The Court also found that the positions of deputy police chief or police officer were not "offices."

Several Attorney General opinions suggest that city department head positions will typically be treated as "offices." Even though a city department head may ultimately be subject to supervisory review by the city administrator or the city council, these opinions recognize that a department head also normally has some independent authority to determine policy and make decisions. City department heads often write letters, memoranda, or reports expressing official city positions, perform employee reviews, provide public comment on city matters, or exercise other authority or duties typically associated with a degree of independent decision-making authority.

I am unsure of Mr. Sullivan's specific authority and duties as Isanti's economic development director. The position, however, is presumably a department head. Thus, Mr. Sullivan likely has some degree of independent authority over Isanti's economic development activities. Accordingly, I presume his employment position with Isanti constitutes an "office" for purposes of this memo.

The next question is whether the offices in question are incompatible. Most incompatible office questions arise when an individual holds two positions within the same governmental entity, or a position in one governmental unit that "oversees" a position in a lower unit; i.e. county commissioner and a city councilor for a city located in that county).

For example, in *State ex rel. Hilton v. Sword*, the Minnesota Supreme Court found that the same person could not serve on the board of county commissioners and a school board in the same county because the county board exercised considerable authority over the school board. The statutory duties of the offices created numerous conflicts of loyalty. On the other hand, in *Kenney v. Goergen*, the Court found that the same person could properly serve as deputy clerk of the district court and court commissioner since "[t]he one is not subordinate to the other, and neither officer can interfere with or has any supervision over the other." 31 N.W.210, 211 (1886). The Attorney General has issued several opinions to the same effect. See, e.g., Op. Atty. Gen. 358a-5 (Nov. 25, 1985) (sheriff could properly be appointed deputy coroner); Op. Atty. Gen. 358e-3 (Aug. 18, 1982) ("contract" city attorney could provide legal services to county or could become salaried assistant county attorney and law partner to county attorney); Op. Atty. Gen. 358e-6 (Dec. 23, 1963) (discussing compatibility of various village and town offices).

The various authorities on this subject indicate a central consideration in evaluating the potential incompatibility of offices is whether one position oversees, controls, or supervises the other. Evaluating the specific duties of the offices in question is important and, as previously noted, I am uncertain of Mr. Sullivan's specific duties as Isanti's economic development director. However, I have located no reported case holding that offices in separate, co-equal governmental units are incompatible. This is presumably because such offices cannot, except in very unusual situations, involve a supervisory/subordinate relationship.

For this reason, the offices in question here do not appear to be incompatible. The offices are in separate, co-equal governmental jurisdictions that have no control over the other. The offices are not superior or subordinate and, in fact, have no direct connection at all. The Oak Grove City Council and EDA board has no power, supervisory or otherwise, over Isanti's economic development director position, and vice versa.

The only remaining question is whether there is inherent antagonism between duties or loyalties of the offices. Public offices are not incompatible simply because there is a theoretical possibility that a conflict in loyalties may arise. Rather, the issue is whether holding the offices inherently creates antagonism and conflict "so that the incumbent of one can not discharge with fidelity and propriety the duties of both."

It is theoretically possible that an economic development opportunity could put Oak Grove's interests in conflict with Isanti's interests. If, for example, a business expressed an interest in locating in either Oak Grove or Isanti — effectively placing the two communities in competition then Mr. Sullivan may face a conflict in his loyalties. Should he seek to further Oak Grove's interests as a city councilor/EDA member, or Isanti's interests as its economic development director?

Minnesota municipalities periodically compete directly for business or development opportunities in this way. For example, the Minnesota Vikings announced that it was considering sites for development of a new stadium in several metro cities. Surly Brewing announced similar plans. These actions created direct competition among the potential host cities.

However, I have not been made aware of any particular anticipated economic development opportunity, or even a likely possibility, where Mr. Sullivan will be faced with a possible conflict in loyalties or duties. Thus, I cannot conclude that there is an inherent competition for Mr. Sullivan's loyalty to economic development in Oak Grove versus Isanti. Any such competition would be depend on the

emergence of a particular opportunity. I am not aware of any such economic development opportunity that exists currently.

**Conclusion**

I am unable to speculate about what a future, hypothetical economic development opportunity may mean to Oak Grove or Isanti. Mr. Sullivan's pursuit of an economic development opportunity in Isanti could, theoretically, conflict with his duties and loyalties as an Oak Grove city council member. But economic development in Isanti could also further Oak Grove's interests. The emergence of new business in Isanti may present employment, shopping, other opportunities to Oak Grove residents.

For this reason, I conclude that while there is a potential for conflict between the offices Mr. Sullivan holds, there is no inherent conflict. If a situation arises where furthering Oak Grove's interests as a city council/EDA member conflicts with or is antagonistic to serving as the economic development director for Isanti, then Mr. Sullivan or the Oak Grove city council may need to take further actions. Mr. Sullivan should seek to avoid even the mere appearance of such a conflict. This may include Mr. Sullivan being disqualified from participating in or voting on a particular Oak Grove agenda item, or may even require Mr. Sullivan's removal from the city council depending on the facts.

If the city council wishes to receive a more formal opinion an appropriate approach would be to request an opinion from the Minnesota Attorney General.

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Anderson. "But I'd be very surprised if those new revenues coming in weren't already spent."

Though Mankato plans to weigh some sort of property tax relief with the city's about \$500,000 LGA bump, Anderson may be onto something. Most local governments will not begin next year's budget planning for a few weeks.

A Watchdog Minnesota survey of media outlets around the state indicates local officials appear to be focusing on spending the LGA windfall, rather than returning it directly to taxpayers.

One suburban headline said it all: "How Should Hopkins Spend Its \$290K in Extra State Money?" Hopkins officials say they will recommend the City Council allocate the state check to subsidizing the annual losses at the city's arts center, anywhere from \$41,000 in 2012 to \$96,000 in 2011.

"We're not putting it in the general fund because we're not going to rely on it again," Finance Director Christine Harkess said.

Winona officials ticked off a laundry list of possibilities, before an anticipated meeting to explore their options for the southeastern Minnesota city's \$538,000 LGA bonus. "Certainly, it would give us the ability to possibly do some activities that we wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to do," said City Manager Judy Bodway.

At the other end of the state, the spending impulse surfaced in Crookston. Among the projects already under consideration: promoting the sports center, increasing the municipal land and buildings fund, stricter enforcement of city codes, rehabilitating public housing and more.

Some City Council members drew the line, however, at a recommendation to increase the property tax levy by as much as 4 percent. "I would rather see us work within our means and if possible not increase our levy," said City Council member Dana Johnson. "I think it's a poor choice to do all these extra things, no matter how wonderful they may be, but increase taxes in order to do them."

Despite a \$1.5 million or so LGA increase, the local property tax levy could also be escalating in Duluth. "If we make some hard cuts at city hall, then I, as a taxpayer as well as a city councilor, am willing to increase taxes to also supplement our street improvement program. I'm also willing to increase the assessments," said Jim Stauber, a council member.

Owatonna taxpayers don't stand much chance of seeing any of the city's \$783,000 additional LGA funding. Not unless Mayor Tom Kuntz's plans fall through.

"I will lobby to have it go toward capital improvement and infrastructure repair," said Kuntz. "I want to make sure that the taxpayer sees some benefit out of that. The big push will be, 'OK, we've got that kind of money. What can we do to lower taxes?' But if we maintain the same on tax rate, what improvements can we really show the citizens of Owatonna?" That's why I say it should be for the road repair, overlays and building repairs — something that we can really point out is needed."

City leaders in Fergus Falls plan to put a \$59,000 increase toward basic operational costs and services. "We had nothing earmarked," said Bill Sonmor, city finance director. "That amount isn't very large. It's just kind of an inflationary increase to what we are currently operating."

In Austin, local officials are said to favor injecting nearly \$800,000 in unexpected LGA funds into modernizing the police radio system and updating the city's comprehensive plan, among other projects.

"City staff cautioned the council to wait on tax breaks, as it's uncertain whether the state will need to cut LGA funding to make up a Minnesota budget deficit over the next few years," according to the Austin Daily Herald.

The infusion of LGA funds came with one firewall for taxpayers: A one year, 3 percent cap on property tax hikes for cities with more than 2,500 in population and for counties with more than 5,000 residents. Contact Tom Steward at tom@watchdogminnesota.org

*Editor's note: See the Anoka County Record of June 20, 2013 for another article on LGA, specific to Anoka County.*

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and reductions in library operating hours. The number of visits to the library system's website is nearly equal to personal library visits.

Among the eight Anoka County library buildings, the Rum River and Northtown libraries were the leaders in circulation. Rum River came out on top with over 578,000 items checked out, followed by Northtown's 555,000. The Centennial (Circle Pines), Johnsville (Blaine) and Crooked Lake (Coon Rapids) libraries had circulation numbers ranging from 232,000 to 245,000, forming a middle group among the system. In the lower tier were the Mississippi library (Fridley) with 138,000, North Central library (Ham Lake) with 92,000 and St. Francis had 72,000 items checked out.

Over 634,000 items are in the library system's collection, with 510,000 of that in books and magazines. There are 40,000 videos, 55,000 audio items and over 21,000 e-books.

964 programs were put on at the libraries with 31,000 people participating.

Over 300 volunteers contributed more than 6,600 hours of their time assisting in the libraries.

Operating expenditures totaled \$7,314,734, with \$897,000 of that spent for materials, \$1.6 million on operations, \$3.7 million for personnel salaries and \$1.15 million for personnel benefits.

Besides the rising costs of utilities and benefits for employees, it was also noted at the Library Board meeting that the cost of materials keeps rising. Fewer items may be purchased since there is no additional

funding foreseen to keep up with those increases.

One of the most expensive items for any library to purchase is an e-book. Since their inception, publishers have sold and distributed e-books with a wholly different set of restrictions and pricing than the traditional bound and printed book.

Although publishers sell e-books to the public at retail for about the same, or slightly lesser price than the printed book, libraries are often made to pay four to five times the retail price. In some instances, a library could purchase four printed books for the price of one e-book.

For library use, some e-books are sold with caveats. According to Anoka County Library Director Janssen, some e-books are restricted to 26 circulations and usually cost \$15 to \$27, but she also says that e-books with no restrictions are often priced over \$80. Some publishers will not sell e-books to libraries, and many titles are simply not made available in the format. Libraries have to carefully weigh all these factors when acquiring e-books.

**New policies initiated.** Effective June 1, all Anoka County libraries have extended the borrowing period to three weeks, a policy that encompasses all materials. Another new policy affects the collection of overdue fines:

Unique Management Services, which has offices in Indiana and in foreign countries, has been selected as the collection agency that will attempt to recover fines and lost materials for the Anoka County library system. Unique's website ([www.unique-mgmt.com](http://www.unique-mgmt.com)) says its client base of 1,400 is made up of only libraries, which makes them a "unique" collection agency.

Anoka County library patrons with fines of over \$25, or materials that are more than 60 days overdue will be turned over to the collection agency, with a \$10 service charge added. Unique's website states that the company's policy is to not file a credit report until after 120 days of unsuccessful attempts, which are made by telephone and letter. Unique also performs skip tracing to locate people who have changed addresses, and the company says its access to the technologies of library check-out and record-keeping systems makes it more efficient than having library staff having to research records by hand

**Outstanding fines and materials.** Director Janssen told the *Anoka County Record* that the library system has \$350,846 in outstanding balances from 2001 to the present. She admits that some of these fines are uncollectible and will eventually have to be taken off the books.

There are 1,619 library users who have unpaid fines.

One individual has racked up \$3,654 in fines dating back to 2006, while four others have balances of over \$2,000 and twenty more owe at least \$1,000

In 2012, the library system successfully collected \$294,161, which included \$207,664 in overdue fines, \$9,324 in payments for damaged materials and over \$40,000 collected for lost materials.

**Northtown Library remodeling.** A request for proposals (RFP) was sent to four architectural firms that area library systems have used. During the Library Board meeting, Library Director Janssen summarized the staff opinions on the proposals from

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**The Andover Family Fun Fest July 12-13 at the Andover City Hall Complex**

Among the exhibits on Saturday the 13th is the Minnesota Zoomobile. The Minnesota Zoomobile, which will be on the Andover YMCA Community Center Grounds, offers a variety of presentations designed to educate and entertain audiences of all ages. The programs are designed for both schools and community events throughout Minnesota. They use live animals (like the ball python, great-horned owl, Madagascar hissing cockroach, opossum and hedgehog) along with biological artifacts, theater techniques, and audience participation to make each program dynamic, personal, and fun. These educational programs generally run forty-five minutes to one hour. — *submitted by Rep. Peggy Scott*

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Kids in Free Deal Return to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres**

With a crash of drums and a flash of light, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is now playing on the Main Stage at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. In keeping with a 25-year-old tradition, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres will offer *Joseph Kids in Free* discounts through the summer months (June 18–August 7), valid on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

This popular deal gives parents and grandparents an opportunity to expose their children and grandchildren to the magical world of Chanhassen Dinner Theatres at a great price. (\*Purchase one adult dinner and show ticket at regular price, receive one free dinner and show ticket for a child aged 5-17.)

A family-friendly production, *Joseph* is easily experienced and enjoyed by multi-generations. In particular, children enjoy the colorful and highly energetic show, which is only 90 minutes in length.

CDT President and Artistic Director Michael Brindisi dreamed up a plan of his own to incorporate children from the audience into the production. Each night, through a lottery process, two lucky children are selected to appear on stage in

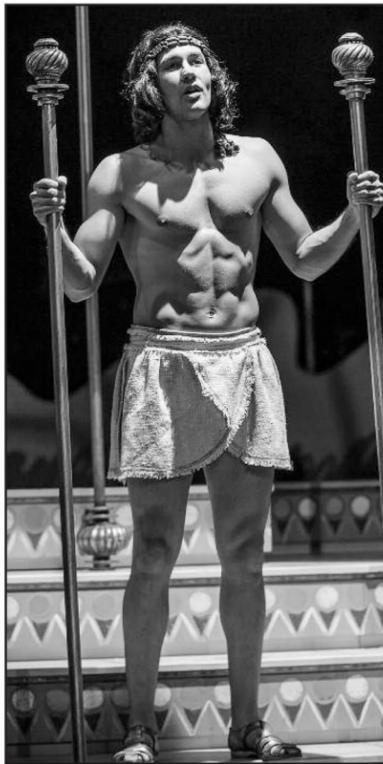
*Joseph*. The children will take part in the performance from start to finish, culminating in a photo opportunity with the cast to take home as a souvenir of their on-stage experience.

The children (aged 8-12) will take part in the stage action without advance preparation or rehearsal, being led through "Egypt" by two professional child actors. Brindisi said, "It continues to be a big hit with everyone, especially the kids. Every night it becomes a slightly different show and the kids are the stars." Interested children should sign up for the lottery in the lobby before going into the theatre.

*Joseph* was the first work of the widely acclaimed composer and lyricist team, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, creators of such musical blockbusters as *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Cats*. The work is a secular version of the powerful and beloved historical story of *Joseph*, favorite son of Jacob, who is given a splendid coat of many colors. His jealous brothers throw him in a pit, sell him to slave traders bound for Egypt, and trick Jacob into believing *Joseph* has been killed by wild animals.

Through a series of ordained circumstances, including his uncanny gift to interpret dreams, *Joseph* is eventually brought into the house of the great Pharaoh, where he is elevated to ruler status. Through his dreams, *Joseph* leads the people of Egypt into a food store-housing plan to see them through a long and terrible famine, which eventually brings *Joseph* and his brothers face-to-face after a 25-year separation.

The musical telling of this familiar story, *Joseph* includes twenty-two major production numbers filled with colorful costuming, creative staging, upbeat music and exuberant choreography. *Joseph* was first produced at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres in the summer of



1983, and has consistently been an audience favorite ever since, running at 93 percent capacity during its run in 2007.

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* has recently been extended and will play through September 21, 2013 eight times weekly. Ticket prices for dinner and show: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings \$70; Friday \$81; Saturday evening \$81; Wednesday matinee \$61; Saturday matinee \$65 and Sunday early evening \$71. Show-only tickets are available no sooner than 10 days prior to the performance. Student Rush tickets may be purchased one hour prior to the performance with valid student ID, and are based on availability. Tickets for groups of 12 or more are now on sale for *Joseph* by calling Group Sales at 952-934-1547. Individual tickets can be purchased by phone at 952.934.1525 or online at [ChanhassenDT.com](http://ChanhassenDT.com).

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**NEWS FROM ANOKA COUNTY**

**Cities and Elementary School Honored for Recycling Efforts**

Anoka County residents recycled nearly 34,000 tons of materials in 2012, exceeding their goal by 14 percent.

Of the county's 21 municipalities, 13 met or exceeded their 2012 recycling goals: Andover, Bethel, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbus, Coon Rapids, Ham Lake, Hilltop, Lino Lakes, Oak Grove, Ramsey, and St. Francis. Their achievements were recognized recently by the Anoka County Solid Waste Abatement Advisory Team, which advises the Anoka County board on issues related to recycling and solid waste management.

"It's remarkable to look at the recycling totals countywide in 1988, when we were just getting started, and compare it with where we are today," said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak, who chairs the county's Waste Management and Energy Committee. "We've gone from 4,734 tons of recycled materials back then to today's impressive total. It has taken a lot of hard work and persistence to convey the message that it is well worth our time and efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle as many materials as we can."

The City of East Bethel received special recognition for having the most improved municipal recycling program in Anoka County, increasing recycling totals from 158.32 pounds per city resident in 2011 to 176.61 pounds per resident in 2012. The city's recycling center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, the city holds special spring and fall recycling events and a once-a-month recycling drop-off event for appliances, auto batteries, computers/ electronics/TVs, and tires.

The City of Andover was cited for having the most prolific municipal recycling program in Anoka County. Andover has consistently met its recycling goals every year since 1988. In 2012, Andover residents recycled more than 4,781 tons of materials. Its recycling rate of more than 312 pounds per resident per year for all materials is the highest of any Anoka County municipality. Andover promotes recycling through the city newsletter and website, cable TV, ads in the local newspaper and movie theatre, and flyers. In 2012, more than 411 tons of material was collected at the city's drop-off recycling center and at spring and fall recycling events.

North Park Elementary School in Fridley was honored for enhancing its recycling efforts and establishing a composting program. At a sorting table in the school lunchroom, students separate compostable materials, recyclables, reusable items, and garbage. Compostable material, such as food waste and non-recyclable paper, is placed in a special dumpster where it is picked up once a week and delivered to a commercial composting facility. The sorting table is also used in the evenings at special events where students and staff supervise the separation of materials. Thanks to the efforts of students and staff, the number of lunchroom garbage barrels has decreased from 18 per day to less than one! The school sent more than 12 tons of organic material to the composting facility and recycled more than 11 tons of cardboard, paper, cans, and bottles.

**ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING** *continued from page 4*

Cunningham Group, HGA, Leo A. Daly and MS&R. They had evaluated the proposals but did not conduct interviews. The Board approved the staff recommendation to award MS&R the contract for the bid price of \$65,000. The firm designed the recent \$18 million makeover of the Roseville Library, part of the Ramsey County system and the busiest library in the state. The Roseville project included an expensive LEED environmentally-friendly certification.

The Leo A. Daly firm's bid came in the highest of the four, at \$72,000. The Daly firm has been working on the proposed Columbia Heights library project.

Janssen said \$693,000 has been set aside for the Northtown project and additional funds may be available. The key focus of the remodeling will be the installation of an automated materials return system and a drive-through return system, which Janssen said was a priority. Glass doors would be added in the children's area. More lighting and a redesigned entryway would improve traffic flow. The information desk near the front door would be made smaller, while the reference desk would be enlarged and made a focal point.

**Library Board member to resign.** Norma Jean Falink said during the meeting that next month's meeting would be her last due to her moving out of the area. The Fridley resident has been on the Library Board since 2002 and her third term would have expired at the end of this year. By state statute Chapter 134, Section 9, Library Board members are limited to three consecutive, three-year terms plus any additional unexpired term.

**New "Anoka County Library On the Go" locations.** The grand openings of the Ramsey and Andover library kiosk and locker systems will be held next week. Library staff will be on hand to show library users how to use the new services — just be sure to bring your library card.

Vending machines will contain materials to check out, while lockers will be used to store reserved materials for customer pickup. E-books will also be available to check out. The installations were partly funded by taxpayers nationwide, via a federal agency, The Institute of Museum and Library Services. The federal grant of \$117,389 was made possible by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) with the intent of providing library services to under-served areas. The Ramsey event will take place Tuesday, July 9 from 4 to 7 pm at Ramsey City Hall, followed by the Andover unveiling on Saturday, July 13, to take place after the 12:30 p.m. Family Fun Fest parade, at the Andover YMCA Community Center. *ACR*

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT TCAAP**



*We have been trying to figure out why the Ramsey County commissioners, U. S. Senator Amy Klobuchar and 4th District Congresswoman Betty McCollum are using sledge hammers rather than shovels during a recent ceremony to celebrate the county's purchase of the former Army ammunition plant in Arden Hills. Perhaps sledge hammers are needed to break the contaminated soil of the property that the county paid nearly \$30 million for. Dreams of locating the Vikings Stadium here failed miserably. County officials claim that clean-up of the soil can be done without additional cost beyond the purchase price. They have no idea yet as to what they are going to do with the land. — ACR staff*

**Fundraisers to support Linwood Family Fun Day**

**TUES. JULY 16**  
**Wyoming DAIRY QUEEN**  
will donate 10% of their sales between 6 pm and 9 pm

**GARAGE SALE at LINWOOD SENIOR CTR**  
22817 TYPO CREEK DR  
**FRI JULY 26 7am-6pm**  
**SAT JULY 27 9am-2pm**  
**SUN JULY 28 Noon-2pm**  
Donations Accepted  
Volunteers Needed  
Call Judy at 651-462-5565  
*Family Fun Day is Sept 7*

**PUBLICATION SCHEDULE JULY**

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**PHOTO SNICKER**  
*We saw this lawn sign in Columbia Heights*

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**GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR**

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2100 3rd Ave.  
Anoka MN 55303-5024  
Ph.: 763-323-5700  
[www.co.anoka.mn.us](http://www.co.anoka.mn.us)

**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

**Mon. July 15**  
Public Works Cmte., 9 am, Rm 772, ACGC  
Library Board, 5:30 pm, Library offices behind Northtown Library

**Tues. July 16**  
Human Services Cmte., 8:30 am, Rm 710, ACGC  
Information Technology Cmte., 10:30 am, Rm 772, ACGC  
Finance & Capital Improv. Cmte., 1 pm, Rm 772, ACGC

**Thurs. July 18**  
Community Corrections Advisory Bd., Noon, Rm 710, ACGC

**FRIDLEY**  
Fridley City Hall  
6431 University Ave NE  
Fridley, MN 55432  
Ph: 763-571-3450  
[www.ci.fridley.mn.us](http://www.ci.fridley.mn.us)

**Mon. July 8 & 22**  
City Council, 7 pm

**Tues. July 9**  
Envir. Quality & Energy Comm., 7 pm

**Wed. July 17**  
Planning Comm., 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](http://www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us)  
Hours: M-Th 7 AM - 4:30 PM  
Fri: 7 AM-12 NOON

**Mon. July 8 & 22**  
Planning Comm., 6 pm

**Mon. July 15**  
City Council, 6 pm

**Wed. July 17**  
Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm

**LINWOOD TWP**  
Linwood Town Hall  
22817 Typo Creek Dr. NE  
Linwood, MN 55079  
Ph: 651-462-2812  
[linwoodtownship.org](http://linwoodtownship.org)

**Tues. July 2**  
Road & Bridge Cmte., 7 pm

**Tues. July 9 & 23**  
Town Board, 6 pm

**Mon. July 15**  
Senior Advisory Board, 9 am

**Tues. July 16**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**Mon. July 22**  
Park & Rec. Comm., 6 pm

**OAK GROVE**  
Oak Grove City Hall  
19900 Nightingale St. NW  
Oak Grove, MN 55011  
Ph: 763-404-7000  
[www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us](http://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  
*NOTE: July Planning Comm. meeting has been moved to July 11, 7 pm*

**RAMSEY**  
7550 Sunwood Dr. NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303  
Ph: 763-427-1410  
[www.ci.ramsey.mn.us](http://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us)

**Tues. July 9**  
City Council "work session" 5:30 pm, reg mtg, 7 pm, followed by HRA

**Thurs. July 11**  
EDA, 7:30 am  
Parks Comm., 6:30 pm, North Commons  
7695 147th Ln NW at Zeolite St; moves to city hall if bad weather

**Tues. July 16**  
Public Works Cmte., City Council "work session", 6 pm

**Thurs. July 18**  
Planning Comm., 7 pm

**ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
1318 McKay Dr NE #300  
Ham Lake, MN 55304  
Ph.: (763) 434-2030  
[anokaswcd.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://springlakeparkschools.org)

**Tues. Aug. 13**  
School Bd, 6:45 pm

**QCTV Cable Commission**  
Ramsey, Andover, Champlin, Anoka  
**Thurs. July 18**, 10 am, Anoka City Hall

**North Metro TV Cable Commission**  
Ham Lake, Blaine, Spring Lake Park, Lino Lakes, Lexington, Centerville, Circle Pines  
Executive Committee and Cable Commission meetings cancelled for July and August

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

**Sen. Hoffman holds sticker contest for A Night to Unite event**

Help Senator John Hoffman (DFL-Champlin) celebrate A Night to Unite by designing a vibrant sticker for the August 6 event. A Night to Unite is a fun evening event where neighbors and local safety officials join together to raise crime prevention awareness and build a stronger community.

A Night to Unite sticker should colorfully illustrate how communities are stronger when police, fire fighters and neighbors work together to keep everyone safe. If you have an idea, draw it! Pictures must be on a 3x5 note card and submitted to Senator Hoffman by Thursday July 11.

The winning sticker artist and a family member will receive a personal Minnesota State Capitol tour and lunch with Senator Hoffman. The winning sticker will also be handed out by Senator Hoffman during A Night to Unite on Aug. 6. Let your creativity soar and have fun. Good luck!

Send entries to:  
Office of Senator John Hoffman  
Capitol Room G24  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, MN 55155

Contact Bill Fleming at (651) 296-4154 or [bill.fleming@senate.mn](mailto:bill.fleming@senate.mn) with questions.

**MAYORS PUZZLE**  
Answers to our June 20 puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 4. Gamache
  - 6. Miller
  - 8. Korin
  - 11. Wilharber
  - 13. Rice
  - 15. Povolny
  - 16. Pitchford

- DOWN**
- 1. Bartholomay
  - 2. Lawrence
  - 3. Van Kirk
  - 5. Howe
  - 7. Lund
  - 9. Peterson
  - 10. Reinert

**ORDINANCE 13-05  
CITY OF OAK GROVE  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING  
THE OAK GROVE CITY CODE

The City contracted with Municipal Code Corporation to recodify the City Code. The process added an Administration Chapter; realigned the code with Statute Statutes; fixed inconsistencies; removed redundancies and reformatted the code. Substantive changes were not made to the City's rules or policies. A copy of the full text of the codified City Code is available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the City Administrator, City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St NW. This ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Oak Grove City Council on June 24, 2013.

This summary of Ordinance 13-05 was published in on Thursday, July 4, 2012.

By /s/Mark R. Korin, Mayor

ATTEST: By /s/ Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk

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**ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

The Anoka County Board met on June 11, 2013. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2013-68-Recognizing Parks System, #2013-69-Highway Project Prep, #2013-70-July Parks Month, #2013-71-Grant-in-Aid Programs, #2013-72 thru 74-Archery Permits 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](http://www.anokacounty.us) (Published July 4, 2013 Anoka County Record)

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far too many will disproportionately impact low and middle-income Minnesotans.

Starting July 1st, the new fourth-tier income tax will kick in, taking the top tax rate from 7.85% to 9.85% for individuals making \$150,000 or more, and couples making \$250,000 or more.

The price of a box of cigarettes is set to jump \$.48 to \$2.08, with part of that funding going toward the new Vikings stadium. If you have satellite or cable television services, those taxes are going up as well.

There will be a new internet sales tax on digital download such as iTunes songs or e-book purchases, as well as a sales tax on some online purchases from companies like Amazon.

For businesses, there are new sales taxes on telecommunications equipment, as well as equipment repair taxes that will impact farmers who need to have their machinery repaired.

A small piece of good news: cities and counties will save money thanks to an exemption on the state sales tax.

The legislature is not scheduled to convene again until next February. In the meantime, if you have any comments, suggestions, or concerns, I welcome your input and would like to hear from you. You can reach my office any time by emailing [rep.mark.uglem@house.mn](mailto:rep.mark.uglem@house.mn) or by calling 651-296-5513.

**Sen. Chamberlain does not support the new taxes and new spending**

The Fourth of July marks the unofficial half-way point of summer. But it is also an important time to reflect on where we are as a nation. It is a celebration not only of the events that freed America from colonial rule, but of the continued freedom, prosperity, and diversity we enjoy that makes our nation a beacon of hope for people from continents around the world. The principles of our Founding Fathers continue to guide us, and the spirit of the American Revolution is alive and well.



**Senator Roger Chamberlain District 38**  
129 State Office Bldg.  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul MN 55155  
**651-296-1253**

The new fiscal year for the state of Minnesota began on Monday, July 1, and with it came a number of new tax and spending increases. I made clear this session that I opposed these spending and tax hikes because they will undue all of the progress we made over the previous two years to get back on solid fiscal footing. Our economy has been improving, but it remains fragile; these new policies threaten to send us back into the turmoil we just climbed out of.

Even though I do not support these tax and spending increases, I wanted to give each of you a brief overview of the changes so you are aware of what is happening. (To find a more comprehensive list of law changes, see: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/0713nlrelease.pdf>)

Some of the bigger changes:

1. The taxes on a pack of cigarettes will jump from \$1.23 to \$2.83.
2. The "Amazon Tax" goes into effect, meaning you'll be charged more on anything you buy online. This includes iTunes downloads, movies, books, ringtones, or anything from sites like Amazon.com.
3. New 4th-tier income tax of 9.85 percent on income over \$250,000 for families.
4. Increases in wheelage taxes, title fees, motor vehicle sales taxes, and driver's license fees.

The one thing all of these changes have in common is that they make our state less competitive. Everyone in Minnesota will pay more under their plan. A tax incidence study by the Department of Revenue recently confirmed that taxpayers will see their tax burden increase as a result of this plan, and that lower-income taxpayers will be hit the hardest.

We're continuing to have ongoing meetings and discussions on the White Bear Lake water level issue. Now that funding has been authorized to study the causes and solutions, I am hopeful that we will be able to find a permanent fix in the near future.

If you have any questions about these or any other legislative issues, please don't hesitate to contact my office. I hope you and your family have a great Fourth of July.

The Oak Grove Lions Club will host  
**Acorn Day in Oak Grove**  
**August 10, 2013**  
**11 am to 8 pm**  
**Volunteers needed**

Proposed activities will include games for Children, Crafts, Fire Department Display, Food, Car Show, Bingo, Country Western Band and other educational displays and entertainment. There will also be the Lion's Wellness Van that will be checking blood pressure, Cholesterol, and other concerns free of charge.

We will need volunteers to help with various aspects of this event. Please call for details on planning meetings, etc. Call Lion President Mark Silernagel 763-753-2215 or Lion Roger Welch 763-753-4810

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ANOKA**

**DISTRICT COURT  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 02-PR-13-319**

**NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT**

In Re: Estate of Isidra Z. Calica, Decedent

Gregoria A. Galamgam has filed a Petition for Formal Summary Assignment. It is Ordered that on July 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 325 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, on the petition.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

**BY THE COURT**  
/s/Barry A. Sullivan  
Judge of District Court  
Dated: 6/18/13

/s/Jennifer A. Schlieper, Court Administrator, filed June 18, 2013

John E. Trojack, Attorney ID #0110929

John E. Trojack Law Office P.A.

1549 Livingston Avenue

Suite 101

West St. Paul, MN 55118

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**Northpointe Dental Sleep Medicine**  
2. Principal Place of Business:  
**607 County Rd. 10 N.E., Suite 100, Blaine MN 55434**

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

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

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

FILED: June 17, 2013, #677514900023

/s/Craig L. Rathjen, D.D.S.

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**Blackland Manufacturing**  
2. Principal Place of Business:  
**13924 Olive Street N.W., Andover MN 55304**

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

**D & K Investments, LLC, 13924 Olive Street N.W., Andover MN 55304**

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FILED: June 17, 2013, #677417300025

/s/John David Schrager

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