

LEXINGTON CITY STAFF TAKE AIM AT GARBAGE HAULERS CROSSHAIRS FOCUSED ON GOVERNMENT CONTROL

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

“As long as there is no council objection, I’ll proceed to get a consultant”, said Lexington city administrator Bill Petracek near the end of a city council “workshop” meeting March 20. There were no objections expressed, only silence on the part of the council.

Although officials always say no votes are cast at “workshop” meetings, this was another example of staff being given direction to do something, which can be construed as a vote.

In this case, the decision made was to move ahead with a proposal for “organized garbage collection”, which has met with controversy wherever implementation has been attempted.

Under the “organized” scenario, city government puts a hauler under contract, thus giving it dictating rights: who can haul garbage, who cannot. (Haulers who had been operating in the city but do not win the contract, are put out of business in that city.)

Which days of the week can they operate, where can they operate, and most important of all — government can mandate where the garbage must be dumped.

The contracts often have other specifications that can include everything from the cleanliness of trucks to the behavior of the truck’s driver. Roseville, in Ramsey County, once had a stipulation in its recycling hauler contract that forbade the driver from smoking in his truck.

No driving in alleys, left turns not allowed, and many other edicts from soup to nuts, are often included in “organized collection” hauling contracts.

New to the issue is the legislative action passed last year that shortens the time frame required for input from the public and the haulers, thus allowing the local government to implement organized collection in a speedier manner. The new statute also allows existing haulers to form a consortium and bid for the government contract as one group. Each hauler in the consortium would keep its business market share at the time the contract is signed. The other option the local government has is to award the contract to a single hauler, and exclude all others from operating in the city.

There are four haulers doing business in Lexington: Ace, Allied, Walter’s and

Waste Management. They each pay a \$100 annual license fee plus \$75 per truck.

The March 20th discussion of the Lexington City Council centered around the consortium idea, with councilor John Hughes concluding, “you’re not eliminating anyone but you’re freezing the haulers’ market share.” Betty Bailey, who recently observed her 18th anniversary of being on the council, commented: “Organized Collection would not change things much — we’re just organizing the four [haulers] — so why would they be opposed?”

Councilor Carin Payment and Bailey made mention of the terrible road conditions in the city. Bailey said “we’ve been talking about this for years; the roads are horrendous right now and we need to move forward on this. I know the office girls (city employees Tina Northcutt and Mary Vinzant were in the audience) have worked on this [proposal] for quite a few years.” Their comments inferred that garbage trucks were responsible for the poor condition of the city’s streets. No consideration was spoken to the fact that we have had one of the coldest, most brutal winters in anyone’s memory.

Invited to the meeting was Trudy Richter, who has acted as a paid consultant and lobbyist for solid waste issues. Her firm has a contract with the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board to provide policy and management services. The board’s members are county commissioners from six metro-area counties including that of Anoka. Richter is a registered lobbyist for this board as well as the MN Resource Recovery Association. She said during her presentation that she wouldn’t take Lexington’s consulting job because it had been pointed out to her that it may present a conflict of interest situation in her role with the SWMCB. Making it clear that she was not going to work for Lexington, Richter turned to the small audience in the room and said, “If there are any spies in the room, I want it known that I’ve been above board with this,” and then said that she didn’t see any “familiar faces” in the room.

City administrator Petracek asked her if she would recommend a consultant. Richter offered the name of Dan Krivit, a senior project manager with Foth Infrastructure and Environment. Foth has been used by a number of cities and counties in the area for garbage and recycling consultation. Councilor Hughes

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‘TOM THUMB’ VISITS OUR NEIGHBOR COUNTY

Hennepin County Office Workers’ New Trash Cans Can Be Held In One Hand

by Tom Steward | *Watchdog Minnesota Bureau*

Hennepin County government wants to eliminate waste, a noble — and necessary — goal.

So, some 3,000 workers returned one morning to find their trash cans replaced with what amounts to glorified Big Gulp cups.

The “cans” came with a logo stamped on the side: “This is all the GARBAGE I make!”

“They removed the normal waste containers from all the offices and replaced them with these small garbage-can-shaped quart containers with lids,” said Danny Nadeau, chief of staff to Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson. “And the whole idea is that we would no longer generate trash.”

County environmental and property services staff this past fall deposited the quart-sized mini-bins to go along with a recycling program aimed at achieving a 20-percent reduction in the 144 tons of annual waste generated in the building.

The environmental edict applies across the board — from clerks to commissioners who work in the government center, including judges. But Watchdog Minnesota Bureau found the drastic reduction in capacity has led some employees to circumvent the system while appearing to comply.

“While I am not aware of any employees going around the system or using their own bags, it is altogether possible,” Mary Beaque, facility manager for Hennepin County Property Services Department, said in an email. “If we were to learn of such instances, we would remind them of the program, emphasize the benefits and encourage them to try.”

“I have used it for a variety of things over the last months. It’s a great Big Gulp for my pop when I’m really thirsty. I use it as a pencil holder,” said Jeff Johnson, a county commissioner. “So it’s got a lot of usage, just not garbage. You can’t fit any garbage in it. I don’t use it for garbage. I use my real garbage (basket).”

A few months into the experiment officials insist the program is on track and poised to expand. Besides



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PET CLINIC

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Update from Senator Benson

March 21 — Today, the Senate passed the 2014 omnibus tax bill. This bill contains tax relief for Minnesotans and language to partially conform Minnesota's tax code to the federal government's. It had strong bi-partisan support and I joined most of my fellow senators in voting in favor of its passage. However, I feel it does not do enough to repeal the burdensome taxes imposed on Minnesotans last year. Minnesota currently has a predicted surplus of \$1.233 billion dollars.

The bill that passed today would return approximately 1/3 of that surplus to the taxpayers, allowing the state to keep and spend the remaining 2/3. Even with the reforms passed today, taxes have been raised \$1.7 billion this budget cycle.

The next step for this bill is the House of Representatives. If the representatives choose to adopt the bill as it is, it will be voted on and sent to Governor Dayton upon passage. I hope and expect the House will take a vote on this soon. The quicker this bill is signed into law, the better for Minnesotans who are still waiting to file taxes and for businesses making decisions about their future.

This Week at the Capitol: *Bullying Bill-HF 826*, the anti-bullying bill, was heard again this week, this time in the Senate Finance Committee, its final hurdle before reaching the Senate Floor. Two significant amendments were made to the bill language. First, the language has been amended to clearly state that non-public schools are not bound by this law. Second, the Commissioner of Education no longer has the ability to withhold funding from schools deemed non-compliant. In spite of these improvements, I still have serious concerns about the bill and intend to oppose it once it reaches the Senate Floor.

Commerce Committee. The Commerce Committee heard more than a dozen liquor related proposals, all of which were laid over for possible inclusion in a "liquor omnibus bill." The Sunday Liquor Sale provision was not among those bills. The author of the bill, Senator Reinert, decided he did not have enough support in the committee to pass the bill.

Minimum Wage. The Minimum Wage Conference Committee did not meet this week. The 3 representatives and 3 senators on that committee have agreed that the new minimum wage should be set at \$9.50, but they disagree on whether or not the wage should be tied to inflation. Until they can reach an agreement on that point, the members of the committee appear to be at an impasse.

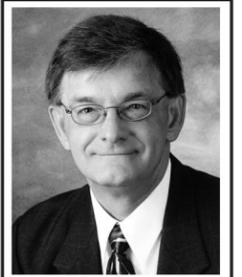
Transportation and Public Safety. The Transportation Committee voted to increase the state's default highway speed limit from 55 to 60 miles per hour.

Elections. There was movement on a bill, SF 1915, that expands campaign finance regulation. Currently, the law has clear definitions for who is participating in political speech. SF 1915 would replace current law with a subjective standard open for interpretation by the Campaign Finance Board. This view creates complex barriers for people participating in advocacy in Minnesota.

In spite of bipartisan opposition, this bill passed one committee and has been referred to another. I view it as an infringement on our constitutionally protected right to free speech and will strongly oppose it when it reaches the Senate Floor.



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State lottery sales in '13

The Minnesota State Lottery had \$560 million in statewide sales last year, setting a record for the sixth-straight year. This translated to another record: \$135 million in contributions to the state General Fund, Environmental Resources Trust Fund and more.

It is interesting how lottery revenue has shown consistent growth regardless of how our economy is performing in any given year.

Our House District 31B — which includes Linwood Township and the cities of Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake and parts of Oak Grove and Andover — contributed \$3.1 million in lottery sales last year, up from \$2.7 million in 2012. The 2013 total includes \$2 million in scratch games and \$1.1 million in lottery games.

A total of 19 businesses in District 31B served as lottery retailers last year, earning \$186,528 in commissions and incentives. Those sales resulted in estimated contributions \$414,106 to the General Fund, \$190,838 to the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and \$73,279 to each the Game and Fish Fund and the Natural Resources Fund.

The \$560 million in statewide sales resulted in contributions of \$135 million to state programs, with \$75 million to the General Fund, \$34 million to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, and \$13 million to both the Natural Resources Fund and the Game and Fish Fund.

We take care of our most vulnerable citizens in Minnesota, and passing this bill would reinforce that message loud and clear. We will continue to urge Democrats to put the political games aside and bring a clean 5% bill to the floor.

Survey Results. Thanks to everyone who took time to share your thoughts and opinions for my 2014 legislative survey. I wanted to share with you the results:

1. Last session Governor Dayton pushed through the largest tax and fee increase in Minnesota's history at more than \$2 billion. Do you agree with the decision to raise taxes by more than \$2 billion?

Yes: 6.9%
No: **90.2%**
Undecided: 2.9%

2. Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature approved a \$90 million office building for legislators. The new building comes at a cost of \$3.3 million per legislator. Do you think we should be spending money on a new office building?

Yes: 4.5%
No: **90.4%**
Undecided: 5.0%

3. Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature voted to tax your water and electric bill during the 2013 legislative session. Do you agree with higher taxes on your utilities?

Yes: 4.3%
No: **91.6%**
Undecided: 4.1%

4. Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that may require self-employed independent people running home-based childcare to become members of a union. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

Support: 3.6%
Oppose: **91.5%**
Undecided: 4.8%

5. Democrats have talked about raising the gas tax. Do you support any increase to the gas tax?

Yes: 10.6%
No: **84.4%**
Undecided: 5.0%

Tax bill action came too slowly

March 21 — Today the House passed legislation that brings Minnesota's tax code in alignment with some provisions of the federal tax code in tax year 2013, with the other major provisions starting in 2014. This bill also repeals the sales tax on commercial/industrial repair, warehousing and telecommunications machinery and equipment starting April 1, 2014.

Last year, House Republicans voted unanimously against these tax increases and I'm glad Democrats have come to their senses to provide this tax adjustment. While Republicans weren't part of the problem, we're happy to be part of the solution.

The bill is a good start, but falls woefully short considering there is a \$1.2 billion surplus. Notably absent items:

- **Increased Standard Deduction for married joint filers** which would have saved 640,000 married couples an average of \$112 per return for tax year 2013.
- **Retroactive repeal of business-to-business sales tax** that went into effect in 2013 which would have returned \$55.9 million to hardworking Minnesota taxpayers.

These are not tax cuts we are passing today - the net result of the adjustments in this bill is still a \$1.7 billion tax increase for the biennium.

I wish we could have done this sooner. Some Republicans had suggested we come together during special session in 2013 to repeal these job-killing business-to-business taxes. Unfortunately, the Democrat leadership and Governor Dayton wouldn't agree to it. I was disappointed to learn this week the reason for Democrats' delay in passing this bill was due to an internal Democrat dispute about a wasteful, lavish, \$90 million office complex for politicians. Minnesotans should expect better of their elected leaders.

Results of Rep. Daudt's survey of constituents

March 21 — This session, Republicans have pushed Democrats to focus on legislation that puts Minnesota families first. We've worked to correct the Democrat tax errors made in 2013, voting to repeal business-to-business taxes and restore middle-class tax breaks from federal conformity that Democrats failed to implement last session.

We voted to increase school lunch aid for low-income students, helping fix a Democrat mistake after they voted against an amendment that would have fixed this problem in 2013.

This week, Republicans urged Democrats to take the politics out of a widely-supported effort known as the 5% Campaign. The 5% Campaign, HF2408, would provide a 5% increase for home and community based care service providers that care for some of our most vulnerable citizens. This increase is long overdue and crucial to attracting and securing high-quality workers to this important profession.

There are more than 70 co-authors from both parties supporting this measure. We could pass this bill today, as written, with super-majority support -- no politics, no games, no gimmicks. The House passed a motion to bring the bill to the General Register, which is a necessary step before a bill can be brought to the floor, by a vote of 120-10, underscoring the broad support for this bill.

Unfortunately, Democrats on three separate occasions blocked efforts to bring a clean 5% bill to the floor for a vote. They chose to put their own selfish political interests before doing the right thing by prioritizing this piece of legislation.

This bill is a common-sense priority for Minnesotans.



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COMMUTER RAIL FAILS AGAIN

The folks at Metro Transit might want to update their web site, especially the part that brags:

Northstar provides reliable and safe transportation and saves commuters significant travel time.

Uh, no, no and no.

After all sorts of problems this winter breaking down, running late, colliding with cars and generally falling victim to all the delays it's advocates (who today are nowhere to be found) said would never happen, The Expensive Train That Couldn't visited one more instance of indignity on its shrinking base of believers.

Because of the train's unreliability, the bureaucrats tried to create a simple text and email alert program to tell commuters of the train's unreliability and delays.

The only problem is that the system set up to warn of the train's unreliability was found to be itself unreliable.

According to article in the Star Tribune, the text and email alert system offers information that is vague, uninformative, and untimely, according to riders.

The Met Council responded by telling the taxpayers that the system works like crap because it was rolled out before it was ready.

Still in "beta testing" they say.

No word on whether the contractors who worked on this system were the same ones involved in the health insurance exchange web site development.

Really. How hard is this? Why does government have such a difficult time replicating things that the private sector perfected a long time ago?

It likely has something to do with that whole competition and profit motive thing, which is distinctly missing from the government's manner of doing business.

If there's one thing that will scare riders off mass transit, it's an unreliable system.

What a debacle. No wonder legislators like State Rep. Melissa Hortman can't be found touting Northstar these days.

THAT OLD CIRCULAR FIRING SQUAD

We hope you haven't gotten sick of the Republican Circular Firing Squad because it's not done.

The Minnesota Family Council (MFC) brought their circus of goons to Eden Prairie to deny endorsement to State Rep. Jenifer Loon.

Apparently, the beef with Rep. Loon is solely her vote in favor of same sex marriage.

RINO? Unworthy of support? You decide:

2013 Taxpayer's League of Minnesota score of 92%.

NFIB "Friend of Small Business" 100% rating.

2013 Minnesota Chamber of Commerce 100% rating.

2013 MCCL rating of 100%

"A" rated by the National Rifle Association

In short, it looks like the goons have gone on another fool's errand, attempting to knee cap the very candidates many of us consider to be doing good work in Saint Paul.

If these folks want any credibility, they should let us know when they plan on taking on and taking out Democrats.

You know, the folks who pass the tax and spend laws and believe in Big Government doing big things.

Being pro-jobs, pro-life, and pro Second Amendment isn't enough for a group that believes that, "Supporting Christ-centered statesmen and stateswomen to rebuild a foundation of godly leadership in Minnesota is one of our key strategies."

Taking out solid conservatives seems to be a strange way to achieve that objective.

All that strategy leads to is a DFL majority most assuredly not interested in "godly leadership."

Remember back in 2011 when the MFC and allied groups thought it would be pure political genius to put a ban on gay marriage on the ballot in 2012?

In 2010, voters listened to the GOP's promise to focus on jobs and the economy and made them a majority in the House and Senate.

In 2011, the GOP acted on that promise with their budget yet that promise was washed away by the focus on a high profile constitutional amendment campaign to write traditional marriage into the constitution.

This despite the fact that gay marriage was already banned under state law.

For the record, the Watchdog is opposed to gay marriage.

But we're more opposed to political ineptness and incompetence.

The backlash that effort engendered surely helped install a DFL House and Senate majority that completed a DFL political trifecta that has done the following in Minnesota:

- \$2 billion in tax increases
- Expansions of government employee union power and benefits
- A solar energy white elephant
- Unionized day care workers
- Obamacare in Minnesota known as MnSure
- Gay marriage
- A new office building for senators



And this year, the prospect of a minimum wage hike and a "bullying" bill.

Great strategy, guys. Thanks.

The next time you want to pump out a press release bragging about all your "influence," do it when you actually do something to make this state a place of greater freedom and individual liberty. And that starts with focusing on the true obstacle to that freedom — liberals.

CIRCULAR FIRING SQUAD FOLLOW UP

Our comments on the Minnesota Family Council's (MFC) effort to unseat Reps. David FitzSimmons and Jenifer Loon engendered a good deal of feedback from readers, much of it positive and some of it negative.

Unfortunately, the negative feedback seemed to be rooted in a failure to carefully read the piece.

A careful or even cursory reading of the item clearly stated that the Watchdog opposes gay marriage and supports traditional marriage.

"For the record, the Watchdog is opposed to gay marriage," we wrote.

The item went in to support the thesis of the argument by next noting, "But we're more opposed to political ineptness and incompetence."

There is no need to re-litigate the issue, but the Watchdog would note a couple of more facts that buttress the argument that the effort to whack Loon and FitzSimmons was more show than substance.

In 2013, both Reps. Loon and FitzSimmons scored a strong 92% approval rating from the MFC.

Yes, a 92% approval rating, meaning that both voted for the MFC position on every scored issue except one.

That's 11 out of 12 votes as selected by the MFC.

Using their score card, there were 122 legislators on both sides of the aisle who scored lower than Loon and FitzSimmons on the score card, including many who scored a "zero."

In closing, this publication will assign credibility to the MFC when and only when they show success in taking on the true enemies of traditional principles and values and not the people who disagreed on only one of the 12 most important 2013 session votes - as chosen by the MFC themselves.

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Sincerely,

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promoting recycling, the program aims to reduce pest control problems and lead to more tidy work spaces. The mini-cans promote physical activity for staff who must dump the baskets in a central repository, found on every floor of the 24-story building.

"In the first four months alone, we saw an 11 percent reduction and that will continue to grow," said Beaque. "Hennepin County will have additional savings as the mini-bin program is rolled out to other county facilities this spring."

The idea has led some workers to break bad; they point to excess waste squirreled away under desks and out of sight. Call it the garbage underground.

"This bag is my solution," said one country worker who, worried about showing a reporter a half-filled grocery bag, asked not to be identified. "And every

couple of days, I take my paper bag out from under here and get rid of it. I do recycle a whole lot more, though."

Some workers eat less, too.

"I mean, you can't get a paper plate in one of these little containers. If you were going to have lunch at your desk you can't even put it in your container," said Nadeau, who admitted to trashing his mini-bin for a conventional wastebasket. "So they're not very effective, but I think they made people think about the amount of trash they generate, probably."

Hundreds of residents doing county business every day also must use the mini-bins, leaving staff to empty the tissue, napkins and cups crammed into the undersized receptacles.

Some workers complain the lack of trash options

makes for even more of a mess.

"With regards to sanitary concerns of handling the mini baskets with Kleenex in them, employees are encouraged to clean them out — either with disinfecting wipes, using warm water (and) soap in the restrooms or kitchenette areas," said Beaque.

In the long run, county officials expect the program to pay for itself in savings from increased recycling and lower waste-disposal costs. The outlay for the mini-bins, recycling containers and collection carts came to about \$20,000. In the first four months, officials say taxpayers realized more than \$11,000 in savings on trash liners for wastebaskets and trash hauling.

"They're more novelty items at this point, I think. I've never seen anybody carrying one down the hall to empty it. That's all I know," said Nadeau. "... For sure I've never seen a commissioner carrying one."

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No sense of urgency

March 21 — It was an eventful week at the capitol. It began with Governor Dayton criticizing the Senate DFL for delaying a vote on the tax bill that overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives. My Republican colleagues and I have been complaining about this since session began; these are items that should have been a priority from day one, but the DFL simply didn't feel the same sense of urgency.

After getting an opportunity to read and understand House File 1777, commonly referred to as the tax bill, the Senate passed it earlier today. The tax bill contains federal conformity provisions that Republicans have been asking for, specifically the elimination of the marriage penalty. This will help thousands of Minnesota families.

Additionally, it contains provisions that would allow students to deduct their student loan interest, qualified tuition, and similar expenses. It contains deductions for mortgage insurance premiums, teacher expenses, and adoption assistance. It also increases business investment tax credits, and repeals all of the harmful business-to-business taxes the DFL passed last year.

Though I am pleased that we were able to help correct these problems, we must also remember that these changes shouldn't have been necessary in the first place, and great harm has already been done. And though I supported this bill, it still falls well short of what we could have done.

The tax bill does not fully correct the mistakes the DFL made last session. The marriage penalty is not removed until the end of 2014; in other words, more than half a million married couples will not see any relief until 2015 because the DFL chose not to apply this provision to your 2013 taxes.

Additionally, it delays the capital equipment sales tax exemption by a year, meaning businesses will be less interested in investing in our economy because of higher costs. It expands the school levy authority, meaning your property taxes will increase. Nor does it increase the thresholds on itemized deductions.

We can -- and we should -- do more. This is the theme of our new "Families First" agenda that we announced earlier this week. This is our 2014 legislative agenda, which is focused entirely on providing hardworking families some relief. Government has asked you for a lot over the past year; we should take this opportunity to make your lives easier.

Our "Families First" plan has six key components:

- Permanent half-percent sales tax reduction (\$362 million for FY 2015)
- \$200 million transportation package that funds roads and bridges, not rail (offset by promised efficiencies in MNDOT spending)
- Full, retroactive repeal of Democrats' 2013 business-to-business taxes (\$313 million)
- Elimination of the marriage penalty, adoption tax & full conformity to the federal income tax code (\$333 million)
- Undo the Democrats' 2013 gift tax (\$41 million) and phase in estate tax reform (\$12.5 million)
- Fund the 5% campaign (\$80 million)

As I've said, these are achievable, realistic goals that will help ease the strain felt by taxpayers all over Minnesota. We should act quickly to pass this entire plan.

Little has changed on the White Bear Lake water level issue since last week. We are having regular discussions while we await committee action, and we're trying to get a handle on costs.

Our dyslexia tax credit bill, SF 2057, will likely get a hearing in the tax committee next week. This is terrific news, and I am optimistic the bill will be included in the omnibus tax bill this session. This bill is intended to be only a temporary fix while we continue to work on getting schools up-to-speed on dyslexia training, but it should positively impact a number of families throughout Minnesota.



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Tax Refunds Coming

March 24 — Many hardworking Minnesotans will receive greater tax refunds, and nearly all business owners can breathe a sigh of relief now that a comprehensive tax bill is law.

Last year, taxes were increased by \$2 billion and nearly a quarter of that will be returned to Minnesotans in the form of business-to-business tax repeals, the gift tax repeal, and income tax conformity. Conformity allows filers to take advantage of federal standard deductions and credits, which result in higher refunds on their tax returns.

For Tax Year 2013 the following credits and deductions are available:

- Employer paid education assistance
- Qualified tuition and related expenses
- Loan forgiveness from income taxes
- Increased income threshold for the Working Family Credit
- Employer paid adoption assistance
- Employer paid education assistance
- Increased income threshold for student loan interest deduction

Starting in Tax Year 2014:

- Increased standard deduction for married joint filers
- Increased eligible expense limit for Dependent Care Credit

Several legislators agree that returning just one-fourth of the new tax increases is not enough, especially in light of the fact the state has a \$1.2 billion surplus. We attempted to include the following provisions, but unfortunately, they were defeated:

- Eliminate the "marriage penalty" for 640,000 married couples to save them an average of \$112 for Tax Year 2013
- Reinstate the Dependent Care Credit for Tax Year



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2013 to save working moms and dads about \$80

- Retroactively refund businesses that have already incurred \$56 million in new business-to-business taxes

TAX CONFORMITY: DO I NEED TO RE-FILE MY TAXES?

Tax Day is just around the corner, and I have been contacted by several tax preparers and concerned constituents about what to expect with the delayed tax conformity. Many have asked if they need to re-file to benefit from newly available tax deductions and credits.

If you have already filed your taxes, the Department of Revenue announced they will examine returns to determine if they require changes. Right now, taxpayers are urged to wait for notification or contact from the Department. If I hear any differently, I will be sure to alert local residents. Otherwise, officials at the Department of Revenue can be reached at 651-556-3000.

TRANSPORTATION TAXES CONSIDERED

The House Transportation committee passed a bill last week that would create \$750 million in new taxes to go toward road and bridge repair and transit projects.

The bill seeks to increase the state gas tax on the wholesale level, resulting in about a 12 cent per gallon increase. It would also quadruple the metro transit tax to fund transit programs, like light rail and bus services.

This plan funds roads and bridges less than 20% of statewide need, yet it funds metro transit by nearly 150%.

MNSURE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHING

Under the Affordable Care Act, the IRS deadline to be fully enrolled in a health insurance plan is March 31.

The new health law penalizes individuals, families and businesses if they are not enrolled. Families of four will have to pay \$285, and starting in 2016, that penalty will increase to \$695 per person.

Please contact my office if you have questions about this deadline.

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asked if there was anyone else available besides Krivit. Richter mentioned that Fridley (also proposing to change to organized garbage collection, see *Anoka County Record*, Dec. 19, 2013) used city hall staff, and that the League of Minnesota Cities would be a good resource. Petracek said he has spoken with the LMC.

Richter showed a series of slides to the council which gave an overview of the process and outlined strategies for a successful outcome.

"Take control of the message: educate the public along the way" was one of the bullet points of her presentation. Richter advised the council, "tell residents the cities are being helped by the new law." She also feels "we are following a process that protects our current haulers."

Further discussion revolved around the billing procedures — would the city bill for garbage services and take that out of the hands of haulers as well? Richter said some cities have done that, such as Maplewood. That city of 36,000 also spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to purchase new garbage carts. Councilor Bailey chuckled, "we're too small for all that!"

Petracek said that in Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he had been city administrator previous to coming to Lexington, the collection of garbage could have been called "disorganized collection". The city, even smaller than Lexington, started adding garbage pickup as a line item on the same utility bill that city hall was already sending out. He said it went smoothly, and his statements at this March 20th meeting showed he had confidence in Lexington city staff's abilities to do the billing. He also said with assurance that he and staff "are comfortable with moving this forward."

Documents in the meeting packet showed that Petracek began having conversations with Richter about the new garbage plan within only a few weeks of taking Lexington's city administrator job last November. City council discussion of the matter also occurred at another "workshop" meeting February 20. The agenda item was titled "Trash Hauler Licensing" however the organized collection proposal was discussed.

Following many other local governments' policies of televising only certain meetings or portions of meetings, Lexington does not televise "workshop" meetings. On March 20, the "regular" meeting at 7 p.m. was barely five minutes long. Then the camera was shut off so that the council could converse with only those in the room being able to witness the proceedings.

Mayor Michael Pitchford and city attorney Kurt Glaser did not attend the meeting. Pitchford has been convalescing from a fall he took on the slippery entrance to city hall.

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ANDOVER

Arrests/Incidents

March 15 — 159xx Vale St NW — unsecure residence; wallet
Thefts & Damage to Property

March 4 — 15200 Hanson Blvd NW — business; unsecure vehicle; purse

March 4 — 144xx Wintergreen St NW — mail stolen from mailbox

March 7 — 30xx 138 Ave NW — jewelry was taken from a home; a suspect was identified and arrested.

March 10 — 18xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — a wallet was left unattended and stolen at the movie theater.

March 11 — 34xx 134 Ave NW — garbage has been being illegally dumped in the cans at the location

March 16 — 136xx Martin St NW — vehicle window shattered; cash

March 16 — 6xx 140 Ln NW — Vandalism to a vehicle; mirrors broken off

March 16 — 139xx Juniper St NW — vandalism to two vehicles; mirrors broken off

March 16 — 2xx 141 Ave NW — garage door vandalism; dent

March 16 — 142xx Drake St NW — license plate stolen off a vehicle

March 17 — 15200 Hanson Blvd NW — business; unsecured I-pad stolen from the locker room at the YMCA

Arrests/Incidents

March 1 — Theft — 1800 Block of Bunker; deputies responded to a shoplifter in custody at a business. A female was arrested.

March 2 — 5th degree Controlled Substance, Warrant Arrest - Bunker Lake Blvd/Round Lake Blvd; a deputy stopped a driver because he knew his driver's license was revoked. Both the driver and passenger were identified and the passenger was found to have 2 warrants. A K9 was called to the location to sniff the vehicle and meth was located in the vehicle. Both men were arrested; the Drug Task Force was notified.

March 2 — Check the Welfare, DWI — 13300 Block of Hanson Blvd; deputies were asked to check the welfare of a female sleeping in her vehicle. A deputy made contact with the woman who appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. Charges are pending until test results returned.

March 4 — 4th degree DWI, Carrying While Impaired — Bunker Lake Blvd/Prairie Rd; a sergeant on patrol observed a vehicle in the ditch. He stopped to assist and found the driver who appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The driver advised he was carrying a pistol in the vehicle. The gun was located and the man was arrested. .114

March 6 — Accidental Gunshot — 145 and Kerry; deputies responded to a male who accidentally shot himself. The victim was transported to the hospital and the Crime Scene Unit responded to document the scene.

March 7 — 4100 Block 146 Ln NW — 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The female appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.19)

March 7 — 143 Ave NW/Round Lake Blvd NW — 4th Degree DWI; driver stopped for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.16)

March 10 — 32xx 165 Ln NW — 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to two females fighting at the location. One of the females was arrested.

March 10 — 24xx 174 Ln NW — Domestic Assault; sister/brother domestic. The male was arrested.

March 15 — 13500 Block Round Lake Blvd NW — 5th Degree Possession; a deputy stopped a driver for a traffic violation. The occupants gave many reasons for the deputy to believe narcotics were in the vehicle. The k9 unit was requested for a sniff. The k9 alerted to the presence of narcotics. Narcotics were located in the vehicle. The male was arrested.

EAST BETHEL

Burglaries

March 4 — 20xx 221 Ave NW — foreclosed home; furnace, water heater, appliances

March 7 — 243xx Hwy 65 NE — a back door was ajar; homeowner called for deputies to clear the house because it was suspicious. Deputies cleared the home and it appeared entry may have been made through a window — nothing was taken.

Thefts & Damage to Property

March 9 — 48xx Viking Blvd NE — a snowmobile trailer was stolen out of a parking lot

March 11 — 4xx Hawthorn Rd NE — vehicle window broken; \$600 cash stolen from a purse

March 14 — 188xx Breezy Point Dt NE — snow blower stolen from the property

Arrests

March 5 — Possession of Burglary Tools, Attempted Theft, Trespass — 20400 Block of Hwy 65; a deputy was

responding to an alarm at a business. When he arrived several items were located near the fence line and it appeared suspects had jumped the fence and left on foot. A K9 was called to track the suspects. Two men were located in a nearby parking lot and they were arrested.

March 8 — 18500 Block Hwy 65 NE — 4th Degr. DWI; driver stopped for poor driving conduct; driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.13)

March 9 — 19900 Block Viking Blvd NE — 3rd Degr. DWI, Open Bottle; driver stopped for poor driving conduct; driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.17)

March 18 — Viking Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE — 3rd Degree DWI Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for not using his turn signal. The driver appeared intoxicated. The driver refused field sobriety tests and a breath test. The male was arrested.

HAM LAKE

Burglaries

March 1 — 176xx Hwy 65 NE — Business; broke window on the front of the store — spools of wire taken

March 2 — 23xx 175 Ln NE — unsecure residence; jewelry, cash

March 2 — 16800 Hwy 65 NE — business; locks cut off a storage unit; tools

March 2 — 15555 Hwy 65 NE — Business; locks cut off; tools

March 2 — 15525 Hwy 65 NE — business; forced entry; tools

March 8 — 171xx Hwy 65 NE — garage service door unlocked — tarps and misc items were stolen

March 10 — 176xx Hwy 65 NE — Business; broke window on the front of the store — nothing taken

Thefts & Damage to Property

March 3 — 154xx Rendova St NE — snowmobile stolen from the property

March 11 — 19xx N Ham Lake Dr NE — Victim purchased an I-phone on Ebay for \$290. When he brought the phone to Sprint to have it activated it was found to be stolen from New York; the phone company would not activate it because it is stolen and the seller cannot be reached.

March 18 — 177xx Taylor St NE — construction materials stolen from the property

March 18 — 33xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE — camper window shattered; nothing of value was stolen

March 18 — 138xx Lincoln St NE — license plate stolen off a vehicle

March 19 — 13xx Constance Blvd NE — vehicle damaged during a break-in attempt

March 19 — 148xx Aberdeen St NE — unsecure work trailer; tools

March 20 — 135xx Hwy 65 NE — wood power pole and wires stolen from the location

Arrests

Feb. 28 — 5th degree Controlled Substance — Xylite & 153 Ave; a deputy stopped a driver for not wearing his seatbelt; driver was acting suspicious and a K9 was called to sniff the vehicle. Narcotics were located by the K9 and meth was found. The man was arrested and the Drug Task Force was notified.

March 1 — 5th degree Controlled Substance — 1400 Block of Constance; a caller reported an intoxicated female leaving a parking lot. A deputy arrived and located the woman who has a history of drug use. A K9 was called to sniff the vehicle due to suspicious circumstances; paraphernalia and meth were located. The female was arrested.

March 1 — Canceled IPS — 171 Block of Hwy 65; a deputy stopped a driver for expired tabs. When the driver provided his license the deputy observed it was canceled. The man was arrested.

March 2 — 4th degree DWI, .08 or More in 2 hours — Hwy 65 & 177 Ave; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct, expired tabs and a head light out. The driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety tests. She was arrested. (.194)

March 6 — Terroristic Threats — Hwy 65 & 169 Ave; deputies located a male who was wanted for domestic assault driving a vehicle. He was stopped and arrested.

March 9 — 14xx 169 Ave NE — Warrant Arrest; a deputy observed four occupants in a vehicle acting suspicious at a used car lot. After identifying the occupants the deputy learned that two of them have confirmed warrants. A male and female were arrested.

March 11 — Hwy 65 NE/167 Ave NE — 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for excessive acceleration; driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.22)

March 11 — 146 & Hwy 65 NE — Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a girlfriend/boyfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

March 14 — 34xx Interlachen Dr NE — Warrant Arrest, 5th degree Possession Controlled Substance; deputies were looking for a female with a felony warrant out of Chisago County. They went to a home and a male answered the door and denied the female was there. The female was located and while searching for her,

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

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Mon. April 7

City Council, 6 pm

Mon. April 14

Planning Comm., 6 pm

Wed. April 16

Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm

Mon. April 21

City Council, 6 pm

Mon. April 28

Planning Comm., 6 pm

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove City Hall
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2nd & last Mon., Mar. 31

City Council, 7 pm

3rd Wednesday, Apr. 16

Parks Comm., 6:30 pm

3rd Thursday, Apr. 17

Planning Comm., 7 pm

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Wed. April 2

Executive Cmte., 6 pm, NMTV 12520 Polk St NE, Blaine

Wed. April 16

Cable Commission., 6 pm, Spring Lake Park City Hall, 1301 81st Ave NE

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
ORDINANCE NO. 14-06**

An Ordinance relating to certain non-conforming uses.

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

Article 9-150.1 of the Ham Lake City Code is hereby amended by adding the following language as a freestanding paragraph to follow the existing text of Article 9-150.1:

Notwithstanding the foregoing language, a parcel containing a structure originally constructed as a single family dwelling in areas zoned CD-1, CD-2, CD-3 or CD-4 that converts to a non-residential use may return to use as a single-family dwelling if the non-residential use terminates. This exception to the normal non-conforming use limitations applies only to structures that were in existence as of January 1, 2014.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on March 3, 2014 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 17th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor /s/Denise Webster, City Clerk
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Law, a public hearing shall be held before the Ham Lake Planning Commission on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:01 p.m. at the City Hall located at 15544 Central Avenue NE for the purpose of redefining certain criteria to Article 9 of the Ham Lake City Code as follows:

An Ordinance relating to Zoning, redefining Permitted and Conditional Uses in the CD-1 (Commercial Development Tier 1), CD-2 (Commercial Development Tier 2), CD-3 (Commercial Development Tier 3) and CD-4 (Commercial Development Tier 4) zoning districts.

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

DATED: March 28, 2014

Dawnette M. Shimek
Zoning Official/Building Clerk
City of Ham Lake

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Jeanne Lintner, 7022 Centerville Road, #106, Centerville MN 55038

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/s/ Jeanne (or Jean) Lintner

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**ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF
CRIME REPORT** *continued from page 5*

meth was located at the home. Both the male and female were arrested; Drug Task Force notified.

March 16 — 155xx S. Ham Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a ex-boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. The male was arrested.

NOWTHEN

Arrests

March 12 — 224xx St Francis Blvd – 5th degree Assault; assault between staff and a juvenile at the location. The juvenile was arrested.

OAK GROVE

Thefts & Damage to Property

March 5 — 202xx Rum River Blvd NW – firewood stolen from the yard

March 7 — 183xx Gladiola St NW – firewood was stolen from the property; three people were identified and the investigation is continuing.

March 10 — 21800 Block Lake George Blvd NW – the victim got his ATV stuck in the area and when he went back with help and the ATV was gone

March 17 — 45xx 200 Ln NW – male reporting his SS# was used to file a fraudulent tax return

March 18 — 3166 Viking Blvd NW – vehicle stolen from SA parking lot; vehicle was unattended and left running

March 19 — 31xx Viking Blvd NW – shattered back window; nothing of value was stolen

Arrests

March 3 — 5th degree Controlled Substance, Disorderly Conduct – 3100 Block of Viking Blvd; a business reported a suspicious male at their location. Deputies arrived and located the male and while speaking with him observed a glass pipe with white residue on it. The pipe was tested and showed positive for meth. The male was arrested; Drug Task Force notified.

March 9 — Viking Blvd NW/Eidelweiss St NW – 3rd Degree DWI; driver stopped for poor driving conduct; driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.22)

Orkestar Bez Ime will perform at the Rum River Library on Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Feel at home with the varied rhythms of the music of the Balkans. This music comes from a cultural area that includes Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Turkey and Greece as well as Jewish and Gypsy folk styles. Join Dee Langley, as she leads this professional Balkan dance band, to learn more about the culture, music, and dance styles from this area. Orkestar Bez Ime is presented by Grassroots Culture in partnership with MELSA. The program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Rum River Library is located at 4201 6th Ave in Anoka.

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“The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)” will be presented as part of the ongoing “Page & Stage” series sponsored by the Anoka County Library and the Lyric Arts Theater in Anoka. The performance will be **Sunday, April 6** at 12 p.m. at the Lyric Arts Main Street Stage, 420 E. Main Street in Anoka.

Participants will receive a copy of the script and a study guide for the pre-show discussion. Lyric Arts staff will facilitate the discussion of the script, its characters, and “what to look for” in the performance. Afterward, there will be a post-show discussion.

“Here’s your opportunity to get a better understanding of the world’s best known scribe,” said Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. “It’s terrific to have this behind-the-scenes opportunity in partnership with the great community asset that is the Lyric Arts Theater.”

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The program is open to ages 15 and older. Registration is required and seating is limited. Registration begins March 14. To register for this free event, contact Lyric Arts’ Education Director Cassandra Proball at 763-233-0804 or cassandra@lyricarts.org and mention the Anoka County Library “Page and Stage” program. Participants must register by March 28 and are expected to take part in all aspects of the program, including pre-show and post-show discussions.

Brian Freeman will speak at Rum River Library on **Monday, April 7** at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Club Book program.

Club Book, a program of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) and coordinated by Library Strategies, the nonprofit consulting group of The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, is bringing best-selling and award-winning national and regional authors to library communities across the seven-county metropolitan region.

“Ever wonder what motivates a writer to write what they do?” said Anoka County Commissioner Jim Kordiak. “Here’s your chance to ask!”

Brian Freeman is Minnesota’s own master of the psychological suspense genre. He is best known for his internationally acclaimed Jonathan Stride detective series, set in and around Duluth. The newest installment, *The Cold Nowhere*, debuts on April 1.

Rum River Library is located at 4201 6th Avenue NW in Anoka. This program is free and open to the public but seating is limited. Seating is first come, first seated. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Civil War re-enactors will recreate the life of a soldier away from camp, while the ladies hold an Aid Society meeting back home, in a presentation called **Civil War Camp and Ladies Aid Society**. The 3-hour program begins at 10:30 a.m. on **Saturday, April 12** and will be held at the Rum River Library in Anoka.

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Rebecca Lee Rozovics, 8665 Dunkirk Ct NE, Blaine MN 55449

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/s/ Rebecca L. Rozovics

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Matthew Stephen Burch, 3479 228th Ave NE, East Bethel MN 55005

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/s/ Barbara P. Winbush

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