

## HAM LAKE GARAGE FIRE

Ham Lake crews were dispatched to the 2200 block of 149th Ave around 4:30 Sunday morning June 14 for a reported attached garage fire.

Mutual aid was requested from Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View, Andover, East Bethel and Oak Grove Fire for engine companies and water tenders to support operations.

SBM Engine 4 and additional Ham Lake crews stretched additional lines to assist with fire control and to check for extension into the structure.

There were extensive salvage and overhaul operations required. Crews cleared the scene around 7:30 a.m. — *Twin Cities Fire Wire*



## Nivala retires after 37 years in Ham Lake

### Council honors her with resolution

On July 20, the Ham Lake City Council honored retiring City Administrator Doris Nivala for 37 years of service to the city. Nivala officially retired on July 31, 2015.

Nivala began her career with the City of Ham Lake in May 1978 working as a general office assistant. In November 1979, she was appointed Deputy City Clerk. In June 1984 she was appointed City Clerk/Treasurer. In July 1987, she was appointed the city's first Administrator holding the title of Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. In 2005, the city hired a Finance Director and in 2013 the City Clerk position was assigned as a separate position, leaving Nivala with the sole position of City Administrator.

The unanimously approved council resolution stated, "Appreciation for her dignified, impartial, faithful and professional service to the citizens of Ham Lake

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## Meyer resigns from Col Hts School Board

Columbia Heights school board member Lori Meyer has resigned, effective July 23. Her resignation letter was received by the ISD 13 school board at its July 21st meeting.

Meyer said in her letter that the reason for her resignation was due to plans to move her residency outside of the school district.

Meyer was elected in the Nov. 6, 2012 general election and was the contest's top vote-getter.

The school board plans to discuss the process to fill the vacant seat at its August 11th meeting.

A number of changes as to how school board seats are elected and filled when vacant, were made in the last legislative session. It would appear that the vacant seat will be put to a special election since 17 months remain on Meyer's term. The new state statute 123B.095, Sec. 3. subds. 1, 2 and 3 were among the new additions made:

**"Sec. 3. [123B.095] VACANCY IN OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.**

**Subdivision 1. Option for filling vacancies; special election.** (a) Except as provided in section 123B.09, subdivision 4, a vacancy in the office of school board may be filled as provided in this subdivision and subdivision 2, or as provided in subdivision 3. If the vacancy is to be filled under this subdivision and subdivision 2, it must be filled at a special election. The school board may by resolution call for a special election to be held according to the earliest of the following time schedules:

- (1) not less than 120 days following the date the vacancy is declared, but no later than 12 weeks prior to the date of the next regularly scheduled primary election;
  - (2) concurrently with the next regularly scheduled primary election and general election; or
  - (3) no sooner than 120 days following the next regularly scheduled general election.
- (b) The person elected at the special election shall take office immediately after receipt of the certificate of election and upon filing the bond and taking the oath of office and shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

**Subd. 2. When victor seated immediately.** If a vacancy for which a special election is required occurs less than 120 days before the general election preceding the end of the term, the vacancy shall be filled by

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## Candidate filing for city and school board offices closes Tuesday

Candidates planning to file for city or school board offices this year have until Tuesday August 11th to do so, at the city halls or school district offices. Withdrawals are allowed until the close of the business day August 13.

In Anoka County, four school districts will have their general election on November 3. Two cities will do the same.

However, the White Bear Lake school district (ISD #624) will also have a primary election on August 11th, as ten candidates filed in May for three available seats. Four candidates will be eliminated in the primary. (See the June 5, 2015 edition of the *Record* for more information on the ISD #624 election). As of press time for this edition, the following

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the person elected at that election for the ensuing term who shall take office immediately after receiving the certificate of election, filing the bond and taking the oath of office.

Subd. 3. **Vacancies of less than one year; appointment option.** Except as provided in section 123B.09, subdivision 4, and as an alternative to the procedure provided in subdivisions 1 and 2, any other vacancy in the office of school board member may be filled by board appointment at a regular or special meeting. The appointment shall be evidenced by a resolution entered in the minutes and shall continue until an election is held under this subdivision. All elections to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term. If one year or more remains in the unexpired term, a special election must be held under subdivision 1. If less than one year remains in the unexpired term, the school board may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, unless the vacancy occurs within 90 days of the next school district general election, in which case an appointment shall not be made and the vacancy must be filled at the general election. The person elected to fill a vacancy at the general election takes office immediately in the same manner as for a special election under subdivision 1, and serves the remainder of the unexpired term and the new term for which the election was otherwise held.” — *Bryan Olson for ACR*

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candidates have filed:

**Anoka-Hennepin School Board (ISD #11):** Incumbents Tom Heide-mann (District 1), Marci Anderson (District 2) and Nicole Hayes (District 5) have filed.

**Fridley School Board (ISD #14):** Donna Prewedo and Chris Riddle have filed; three seats are on the ballot. Riddle previously served on the school board.

**Spring Lake Park School Board (ISD #16):** Amy Hennen, an incumbent, has filed. Three seats to be elected.

**Circle Pines:** Mayor Dave Bartholomay has filed for re-election and will face challenger Richard Runbeck, a city councilor. In the last two elections, Bartholomay was unopposed. Two city council seats will be on the ballot. Matt Percy seeks re-election and Mike Schweigert has also filed for a council seat.

**Lino Lakes:** Mayor Jeff Reinert has filed for re-election, and Michael Mooney will challenge. Two council seats are up for election: Dale Stoesz, an incumbent, has filed, as well as Byron Roland, Michael Manthey and Melissa S. Maher.

The Lino Lakes city council’s decision in January 2014 to pull out of the joint powers agreement with Centerville and Circle Pines to start its own fire department has been a controversial battle involving petitions and the courts. So far, petitioners have not been able to get the issue to a referendum, where their objective is to have voters decide whether or not the city should leave the Centennial Fire District. Petitioners contend that the council decision was not an “administrative” one, as city officials claim.

The city’s charter allows residents to bring forth an initiative but the petition was thrown out by the Tenth Judicial District Court in Anoka County and

by the Minnesota Court of Appeals, both seeing the initiative as meddling in the business of the city council.

Consequently, the issue has motivated Schweigert of Circle Pines, and Mooney and Manthey of Lino Lakes, all of whom are employees of the Centennial Fire Department, to run for city offices.

Mooney, Manthey and Maher have formed a campaign coalition they call “Leadership for Lino Lakes”. — *Bryan Olson for ACR*

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and offers its best wishes for good health, success, and prosperity in the years to come.”

Mayor Mike Van Kirk said, “I personally want to thank her for everything she’s done prior to me ever being involved in politics, and especially since I have been here. She’s efficient... I have loved working with her even when she is mad at me, and the city has fared well with Doris as City Administrator and the previous jobs she was in.”

Nivala stated that during her time with the city, they have accomplished many infrastructure improvements, including miles of new city streets, fire stations, public works buildings, city hall, and a senior center. She also stated that during her tenure the population of the city has more than doubled, which has given her the opportunity of working with many developers and assisting residents and businesses with the services they need to accomplish their goals. Nivala said, “Working with people has been one of the most rewarding aspects of this position. It has been a rewarding career with new challenges every day.”

In retirement, Nivala plans on spending more time with her husband (who has been retired for 5 years) and is looking forward to travel, golf, and enjoying time with family.

**RAMSEY CITY COUNCIL  
FUTURE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION  
(Subject to Change)**

Date	Topic for Discussion – Regulatory
Future	Review Formal Communications Plan
Future	Commercial Signage Standards and Community Sign Plan
Future	Discuss Potential Update to Property Maintenance Code (Maintenance of Buildings and Structures)
Future	Rental Licensing
Future	Review Comprehensive Plan for Long-Term Water Supply
Date	Topic for Discussion – Policy
September	Towing Contract Discussion
Future	Public Facilities Naming Policy
Future	Trail Maintenance Policy
Future	Stormwater Pond Maintenance Policy
Future	Grading Permit Policy
Future	Discuss Amending City Fund Ordinance
Future	Policy for City Advertising
Future	Social Media/Facebook Policy
October/November	Review Program for Citizen Recognition and Identify Opportunities for Community Volunteer Work
Date	Topic for Discussion – Planning and Budget
August 11	Discuss 2016 Budget
August 25	Discuss 2016 Budget
Future	Meeting w/ARAA to Discuss CIP Requests as it relates to Parks
Date	Topic for Discussion – Information
Future	Review Safety Procedures for Council Chambers
Future	New Squad Camera Review/Demo

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**Quote of the Week:** "Racism is the lowest, most crudely primitive form of collectivism. It is the notion of ascribing moral, social or political significance to a man's genetic lineage-the notion that a man's intellectual and characterological traits are produced and transmitted by his internal body chemistry. Which means, in practice, that a man is to be judged, not by his own character and actions, but by the characters and actions of a collective of ancestors.

Racism claims that the content of a man's mind (not his cognitive apparatus, but its content) is inherited; that a man's convictions, values and character are determined before he is born, by physical factors beyond his control. This is the caveman's version of the doctrine of innate ideas-or of inherited knowledge-which has been thoroughly refuted by philosophy and science. Racism is a doctrine of, by and for brutes. It is a barnyard or stock-farm version of collectivism, appropriate to a mentality that differentiates between various breeds of animals, but not between animals and men.

Like every form of determinism, racism invalidates the specific attribute which distinguishes man from all other living species: his rational faculty. Racism negates two aspects of man's life: reason and choice, or mind and morality, replacing them with chemical predestination." — **Ayn Rand**

## GONE FISHIN'

Greetings Watchdog. Welcome to this week's edition of our fine publication, which has been declared a Cecil-the-Lion-Free-Zone. Everything that needs to be said about that incident has been said.

Here in Minnesota, there is another low-level freak out taking place, this one happening on Lake Mille Lacs, where our always-competent Department of Natural Resources has declared that the lake may soon be closed to Walleye fishing soon because quota limits for the year are fast being reached.

The lake is still open to fishing Bass. And Northern Pike. And Muskies. And every other type of fish found in the lake subject to taking under law.

Heck, the lake is also still open to swimming, boating and jet skis.

No, it isn't Three Mile Island, despite Governor Dayton inciting panic around the state regarding the issue, which may turn out to be more harmful than helpful.

Of course, the governor thinks the solution to this issue is more government, in the form of a special session of the legislature to magically fix in one bill a fishing problem years in the making and one which doesn't lend itself to easy answers.

On top of that is the predictable call for a big bailout of local businesses, which has become the moral norm for government these days. That is, to insulate every citizen from risk and the negative outcomes that are an inherent fact of life.

There is no doubt that this issue could bring about significant economic issues for the area. That's understood, but it doesn't relieve us from asking tough questions regarding the solution.

Thank goodness Speaker Kurt Daudt and his leadership team are putting the brakes on the Dayton's freight train and counseling a more thoughtful, deliberate approach to the issue.

The governor's simplistic approach is also unrealistic. The lake is a complex ecosystem that has been under strain for generations. In short, we have been loving Mille Lacs to death.

Thus far, the Watchdog has a couple of takeaways from this issue.

The first is the wisdom of taxpayer bailouts.

Some brave soul with an election certificate ought to stand up and ask why private, for-profit businesses should get taxpayer bailouts regarding this situation or any other for that matter.

Any person who opens a business takes on the risk of both the known and the unknown.

Yes, the situation is unfortunate the potential for significant economic dislocation in the area is high.

But should that matter?

Is it a proper function of government to insulate a business from downturns?

We think not.

If not, where does it end? How to distinguish between those who get a bailout and those who don't? The ugly reality is that either everyone gets a bailout or political muscle decides who wins.

Shortly, the market place, which efficiently allocates resources, is displaced by a government-run spoils system, which rewards political clout and distorts market efficiency.

Moreover, these schemes are inevitably infected with waste, fraud, and abuse. See FEMA for examples. You can start with the tattoos and breast enhancements purchased with Katrina cash.

In addition, these programs, especially as they grow in size and scope, engender a moral hazard.

As the safety net for business grows, business become desensitized to risk. Once again, market efficiencies are distorted because risk in a critical factor in both asset allocation and asset valuation.

Of course, one bailout program on one lake won't bring down our entire system of free enterprise.

But it will certainly put a crack in the system. And such is the death of societal institutions. They rarely die through catastrophic blows. Instead, it is the death of a thousand paper cuts inflicted over years, decades, and generations.

There are businesses across Minnesota that fail every day. The market has determined that the business isn't viable and the resources of that business should be redeployed to a higher and better use.

It is a very necessary and often uncomfortable reality of economics.

But the alternative is worse, although it may play better politically.

The second aspect of this affair is the rather shocking racism expressed by some people who live in the area of Lake Mille Lacs.

In following social media, the Watchdog has been taken aback by the ugly racism expressed towards the Indian Tribes who fish the lake.

While the tribal practice of taking Walleye by gill net has engendered controversy, the comments posted have gone way beyond that.

Stereotyping an entire race as all drunk, on welfare, or all shiftless and lazy is patent racism and just as patently false.

Moreover, it has absolutely nothing to do with fishing practices and the ecology of the lake.

While the Watchdog is no expert regarding the state of the Mille Lacs Band of Indians, a bit of research shows that the Band is the 40th largest employer in the entire state of Minnesota (according to the Minneapolis-Saint Paul Business Journal). Also, one contact with Grand Casino has reported that the vast majority of jobs at the casinos go to non-Indian people (meaning white folk).

Yes, we've also read of crime problems on the reservation.

That all goes to show that, just like any society, this one appears to have its share of successes and failures.

Let's hope that GOP leaders, especially those in the area, condemn these ignorant rants and stay focused on the facts and on solutions.

Pandering to race baiters and bigotry has no upside.

No, the Indian tribes shouldn't be above answering objective questions about fishing practices, but neither should these practices serve as a platform for race baiters to sound off and pollute the ears of rational thinkers.

The racial views of some folks are nothing short of appalling. And in 2015, no less.

## UNIONS AND GOVERNMENT A TOXIC MIX

Citizens around the country are getting a hearty and cynical chuckle out of news articles reporting on unions seeking exemptions or taking advantage of "escape" clauses in minimum wage laws that allow the union to pay its employees a lower wage than the minimum they supported.

Seattle and Los Angeles are two cities where this issue has appeared recently.

But here's another aspect of the story you probably haven't heard. And it's just as ugly as the Fight for \$15 nonsense itself.

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In an opinion piece published by the Washington Policy Center, unions have proposed these campaigns as a means to blackmail employers.

The scheme works something like this. Under one scenario, unions approach employers, asking them in large numbers to unionize. These employers are threatened with a minimum wage campaign if they don't comply.

Under the second scenario, these minimum wage laws have exemption clauses for union employers to act as an enticement to unionize.

In other words, artificially raise the cost of being non-union in order to make unionization more economically attractive.

Yes, it's worse than you thought.

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- Mon. Aug. 10 — Planning Comm., 6pm
- Mon. Aug. 17 — City Council, 6 pm (and Budget Meeting)
- Wed. Aug. 19 — Park & Tree Comm., 6 pm
- Mon. Aug. 24 — Planning Comm., 6pm
- Tue. Sept. 8 — City Council, 6 pm

**CITY OF OAK GROVE**, Oak Grove City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St. NW (763) 404-7000 ([www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us](http://www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us))

- Mon. Aug. 10 & 31 — City Council, 7 pm
- Wed. Aug. 19 — Park Commission, 6:30 pm
- Thurs. Aug. 20 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL**, 2241 221st Ave. NE, East Bethel (763) 367-7840

- Tues. Aug. 11 — Road Comm., 6:30 pm *CANCELLED*
- Wed. Aug. 12 — Park Comm., 6:30 pm
- Mon. Aug. 17 — EDA, 7 pm

**CITY OF RAMSEY**, Ramsey City Hall, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW, (763) 427-1410

- Tues. Aug. 11 — City Council, 7 pm
- Thurs. Aug. 13 — EDA, 7:30 am

**CITY OF FRIDLEY**, Fridley City Hall, 6431 University Ave NE, (763) 571-3450

- Mon. Aug. 10 — City Council, 6:30 pm
- Tues. Aug. 11 — Environmental Quality & Energy Comm., 7 pm
- Wed. Aug. 19 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

**CITY OF ANDOVER**, City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd., (763) 755-5100

- Mon. Aug. 10 — YMCA Comm. Ctr. Advisory Comm., 6:30 pm
- Wed. Aug. 12 — Open Space Comm. *CANCELLED*
- Tues. Aug. 18 — City Council, 7 pm

**City seeks payoff for broadband fiber investment**

by Tom Steward — *Watchdog.Org* Minnesota Bureau

Nine years after becoming one of the first cities in Minnesota to install a high-speed fiber optic line, North St. Paul City Council members are asking whether it was a smart investment.

Since 2006, the Twin Cities suburb in Ramsey County has raided \$2,280,000 from the city's electric utility account to prop up the communications system.

"If we sell it, if we lease it, and if we want to try to lease it, how do we go about this to get some customers? We go right by some big companies," said longtime North St. Paul City Councilor Jan Walczak. "... We have some amazing opportunities, and I guess the big question is, How do we pursue them? Do we have to hire somebody to do this, or can it be done in-house?"

Supposedly, the high-tech fiber cable would lay the groundwork for getting into the business of providing residents video, phone and Internet. But when taxpayers overwhelmingly voted down the proposed PolarNet network in 2009, the fiber cable backbone was already in place.

"Some people can look at it as a detriment, it's been this weight on the city," said Jason Ziemer, who became North St. Paul city manager in 2013. "Or you can look at it from the perspective that, if you've got an asset, let's make full and effective use of it."

The cutting edge communications line infuses about \$100,000 into city coffers a year, collected from a handful of other local governments tied into the communications system. But maintenance expenses, depreciation and debt payments will total an estimated \$443,000 this year, inflicting a \$343,000 deficit and triggering a warning in the city's year-end financial report.

"It is critical for the City to review the operations of this fund," says the December 2014 management report. "... It is important that the City review the revenue stream over the next year to ensure that this fund will be self-sustaining and not put any additional burden on other funds of the City."

One skeptic questions whether local governments should be in the communications business, competing with private providers.

"It's bad government at a minimum. My angle was, this is a problem. Let's talk about it, let's figure stuff out, let's get the facts out on the table," said former North St. Paul city councilor Scott Thorsen, who highlighted the fiber issue before resigning in a dispute with Mayor Mike Kuehn.

The community's strategic five-year blueprint calls for developing a business plan for the fiber-optic system. The document suggests hiring an expert to review opportunities for attracting new business.

A part-time consultant brought on a year ago suggested the process could take a while.

"This is early days for thinking about further uses for the existing facilities," the consultant, Milda Hedblom, said in an e-mail.

Meetings have been held with Century Link, among others, to discuss the value of the asset in the marketplace. But there doesn't appear to be significant commercial interest in the city-owned fiber.

"I think we've learned the answer to that is really most likely: There isn't anybody that is interested in buying it," Ziemer said. "But there may be some opportunities to partner."

The end of bond payments next year will significantly reduce the fiber-optic line's annual deficit, offering the City Council an opportunity to reboot. Officials tout a recent deal with the city of Maplewood as a possible sign of good things to come. The 20-year contract provides a one-time payment of \$129,000 and a \$4,400-annual fee. The city may also compete for the local school district's business down the line.

But, as configured, the system may need technical upgrades and will still run in the red.

"These municipal fiber optic networks are very, very important for institutional use. Can we make money on those to try to sell services to other people? That's for every individual city to make that determination," said Terre Heiser, information technology manager for North St. Paul and several other cities.

**Editor's Note:**  
A special election was held February 24, 2009 in North St. Paul asking voters to approve a bonding package to create a city broadband-fiber network that would operate as a city utility and sell internet service to the public. With a 40% voter turnout, the result was 67% against the proposal and 33% in favor.

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## REP. HACKBARTH APPOINTED TO LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP

The first two meetings of a legislative task force charged with the study of Lake Mille Lacs' walleye problem were held this week at the State Office Building in Saint Paul.

The fishing season for walleye at Lake Mille Lacs was brought to an abrupt end Monday by the state's Department of Natural Resources after the state had reached its quota of 28,600 pounds. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe had a limit of 11,400 pounds of walleye and had taken in 1,200 pounds under that figure at the time the walleye season was closed. The state's harvest however had slightly passed 30,000 pounds.

The DNR, according to information on its website, had predicted that a safe harvest of walleye would have been about 40,000 pounds this season but the agency was taken by surprise that the limits were reached so soon.

The walleye population has been down in the lake and the DNR says it will take several years to rebuild the numbers. Other types of fish however have plentiful numbers in Lake Mille Lacs.

Propelled by Gov. Dayton's concerns that the tourism industry would be severely affected by Mille Lacs' short walleye season, twelve state legislators were assigned to a task force which will look at ways to lessen the impact upon fishing-related businesses.

Whether it will lead to a special session of the legislature to make appropriations remains to be seen. The task force is scheduled to meet next on August 13.

Co-chairs of the task force are Rep. Tom Hackbarth (R-Cedar) and Sen. David Tomassoni (DFL-Chisholm). Also on the committee are Representatives Denny McNamara, Dale Lueck, Sondra Erickson, Rick Hansen, John Persell, and Senators John Marty, Rod Skoe, Tom Saxhaug, David Brown and Carrie Ruud. Two additional members represent Mille Lacs Band interests and five other members were appointed by the governor, including DNR commissioner Tom Landwehr and Management and Budget Commissioner Myron Frans. — *ACR staff*

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## Retiring Supreme Court Justice Alan Page to be honored

The Citizens League has announced its annual "civic celebration" will honor retiring Justice Alan Page on Tuesday, October 20 at the Metropolitan Ballroom, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard in Golden Valley. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 for Citizens League members and elected officials, and \$35 for all others. Page is being recognized for his years of civic involvement and was elected to the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1992.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ANDOVER COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA

The City Council of the City of Andover will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

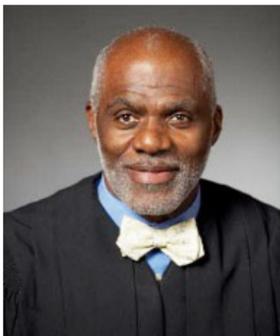
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Lots 2 and 3, Block 4, Grey Oaks, Anoka County, Minnesota.

AND

Part of Lot 1, Block 4, Grey Oaks, Anoka County, Minnesota.

There are several ways to participate in this process. You can attend the public hearing, send a letter, or e-mail to be added to the public record. A staff report summarizing the item will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact Brett Angell, Associate Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5142 or [b.angell@andovermn.gov](mailto:b.angell@andovermn.gov)  
Brett Angell, Associate Planner



Justice Alan Page

Last year's honorees were former governor Al Quie and former U.S. Congressman and Minneapolis mayor Donald Fraser.

More information about the October 20th event may be found at the Citizens League's website, [citizensleague.org](http://citizensleague.org) or by calling 651-293-0575.

## New laws go into effect

A number of new laws took effect August 1st that will have a positive impact on Minnesota and our families. I've highlighted a handful of them below.

### Family Law Reforms

A suite of reforms pertaining to child custody law were officially enacted on Saturday. These reforms come as a result of nearly two years of research and consensus building by a working group of legislators.

The reforms include:

- Clarification on how either parent may take the child income tax dependency exemption
- Integration of parenting rights that previously took the form of a separate appendix into the body of a court order
- Allowing judges to set interest rates for certain awards in family law actions
- Revising the child's best interest standards for custody decisions
- Clarification that 25 percent is a presumed minimum amount of parenting time in a child support determination
- A variety of changes to laws concerning custody and visitation as they apply to parents who are deployed with the armed services.

Members from both sides of the aisle came together to enact these changes. I am proud of the work we accomplished this session to pass these much needed child custody and family law reforms.

### Right to Try Act Becomes Law

This bill affords terminally ill patients—who have exhausted all conventional forms of recovery—the ability to have their physician write a prescription for an experimental treatment.

Under the Right to Try Act, an experimental drug or device will need to have passed the first phase of a clinical trial, but have yet to be approved for general use by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Manufacturers of qualifying experimental drugs or devices will be able to provide the product free of charge and insurance companies will not be required to cover the cost.

### Military and Veteran Laws

For the past decade, the month of May has been Hire a Veteran Month in Minnesota to urge employers to "give fair and appropriate consideration for hiring military veterans."

That designation will now move to July.

May is a busy month for many families with things like school graduations, fishing opener, and Mother's Day. Moving this designation to July allows more promotional opportunities for businesses and allows the Department of Veterans Affairs to work better with the Department of Employment and Economic Development which puts on some larger job fairs in July.

Additionally, Military Spouses and Families Day has now been officially established and will be observed on the Sunday before Memorial Day. This day has been set aside to honor "the vital support and sacrifice that the spouses and families of military personnel make for the betterment and support of this country."



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2831 113th Ave NW,

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Appointments:  
763-767-4680

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**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-29  
Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement for Bids Courthouse Remodel Project  
Bid Opening: September 2, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
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**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-31  
Description of Bid/RFP: Bids Invited for Anoka County Project No. S.P. 002-624-026 Intersections of CSAH 24 Bridge Street and CR 72 Rum River Blvd., Also CSAH 24 Bridge Street and CSAH 9 Lake George Blvd. and Kerry Street Connection in Anoka County  
Bid Opening: August 18, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
(Published July 24, 31, Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #265

**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-32  
Description of Bid/RFP: Bids Invited for an Anoka County Project County Project C.P. 15-02-00 Bituminous Crack Sealing  
Bid Opening: August 18, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
(Published July 24, 31, Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #266

**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-33  
Description of Bid/RFP: Bids Invited for Anoka County Project State Project No. 0208-153, State Aid Project No. 002-612-014 CSAH 12 (109th Ave.) Blaine, MN  
Bid Opening: September 1, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids).  
(Published Aug 7, 14, 21, 2015 Anoka County Record) #270

**CITY OF HAM LAKE SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP AUGUST 17, 2015**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 PM OR FOLLOWING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
2.0 DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET  
(Published Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #252

**CITY OF HAM LAKE ORDINANCE NO. 15-22**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY OF HAM LAKE, COUNTY OF ANOKA, STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The City Council of the City of Ham Lake does hereby ordain as follows, pursuant to Chapter 9, Article 1050 of the Ham Lake City Code. That the zoning classification for the following described property situated in the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota is hereby designated R-A (Rural Residential) (2417 169th Avenue NE).  
PIN #09-32-23-14-0004  
UNPLATTED HAM LAKE TOWNSHIP WEST HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 32, RANGE 23  
Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on July 20, 2015 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of August, 2015.

Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor  
Denise Webster, City Clerk  
(Published Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #252

**CITY OF HAM LAKE Ordinance No. 15-23**

An Ordinance relating to "electronic delivery devices", regulating the licensing and retail sales thereof pursuant to the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 461.12, subd. 1.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota, as follows:  
There is hereby added to the enumeration of commodities requiring municipal licensure under the Ham Lake City Code Article 7-400 the following item:  
...electronic delivery devices, as defined in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 609.685, subd. 1...

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on July 20, 2015, 2015 and adopted by a unanimous vote this 3rd day of August, 2015.  
Michael G. Van Kirk, Mayor  
Denise Webster, City Clerk  
(Published Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #252

**CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATION OF PUBLIC LAND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held before the Ham Lake City Council on the 8th day of September, 2015, at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue N.E. Ham Lake, Minnesota 55304, to hear comments and questions concerning the proposed vacation of Ulysses Street N.E. roadway easement, that lies within the following described land in the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota:  
Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 1, Block 1; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes 12 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the West line of said Lot 1, Block 1 a distance of 17.09 feet; thence South 54 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 12.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 01 degree 13 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 21.82 feet; thence South 50 degrees 55 minutes 53 seconds

East a distance of 75.88 feet; thence South 55 degrees 33 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 320.00 feet; thence South 06 degrees 47 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet, thence South 61 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 54.00 feet; thence North 84 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 39.11 feet; thence South 01 degree 56 minutes 01 second East a distance of 18.44 feet; thence North 88 degrees 03 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 121.09 feet; thence North 02 degrees 32 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 26.01 feet; thence North 01 degree 24 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 70.79 feet; thence North 25 degrees 51 minutes 22 seconds West a distance of 9.37 feet; thence North 68 degrees 34 minutes 54 seconds West a distance of 24.27 feet; thence North 51 degrees 46 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 79.07 feet; thence North 59 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 48.88 feet; thence North 81 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 35.25 feet; thence North 57 degrees 08 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 88.51 feet; thence South 78 degrees 28 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 15.64 feet; thence North 75 degrees 43 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 8.38 feet; thence North 57 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 26.51 feet; thence North 24 degrees 47 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 17.69 feet; thence North 09 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 8.09 feet; thence North 54 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds West a distance of 83.45 feet to the point of beginning.  
Said hearing is conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412.851.  
Denise Webster, City Clerk  
(Published Aug 7, 14, 2015 Anoka County Record) #252

**HOULE DeHAVEN, ZUETTEL, TOMCZAK, HOULE STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ANOKA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 02-PR-15-374**

In the Matter of the Estate of: Martha R. Houle DeHaven, a/k/a Martha R. Zuettel, a/k/a Martha R. Tomczak, a/k/a Martha R. Houle, Decedent. NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 15, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 325 E. Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, September 24, 2009, and codicils to the will, dated January 20, 2015 and April 15, 2015, and separate writings under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513, dated December 26, 2014 and February 20, 2015, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Brenda Hielkema, whose address is 130 Yorkton Ridge, Little Canada, MN, 55117 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Dated: 7/14/15 /s/ Sharon L. Hall, Judge of District Court /s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner: Anthony D. Johnson, Libby Law Office, P.A. 855 Rice Street, Suite 100, St. Paul, MN 55117 Attorney License No: 0386785 Telephone: (651) 289-6162, FAX: (651) 487-0662, Email: [tony@libbylawoffice.com](mailto:tony@libbylawoffice.com)  
(Published July 31, Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #269

**2014 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Name of Development Authority: Oak Grove EDA  
Name of Municipality: Oak Grove  
The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2014.  
The Anoka County Record 8/7/2015  
(Name of the Newspaper) on (Date of Publication)

	Name of TIF District
	TIF 1
Current net tax capacity	\$ 13,043
Original net tax capacity	\$ 6,359
Captured net tax capacity	\$ 6,684
Principal and interest payments due in 2015	\$ 10,000
Tax increment received in 2014	\$ 120,481
Tax increment expended in 2014	\$ 138,415
Month and year of first tax increment receipt ( MM / YYYY )	7 / 2002
Date of required decertification ( MM / DD / YYYY )	12/31/2027

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:  
Rick Juba  
Name of TIF Representative  
19900 Nightingale St NW, Oak Grove, 55011 (763) 404-7000  
Address (Street, City, Zip) Phone  
[Rjuba@ci.oak-grove.mn.us](mailto:Rjuba@ci.oak-grove.mn.us)  
Email:

*Note to preparer: Publishing the last line of the table and the two paragraphs following the table is necessary only if a TIF district in the municipality is located in the fiscal disparities area and the municipality chose option "A" under Minn. Stat. 469.177, subd. 3(a), for the TIF district.*  
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Denise Webster, City Clerk  
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**CITY OF OAK GROVE COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oak Grove Planning Commission's Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St NW, to hear the following public hearings in the order that they appear:  
PUBLIC HEARING to consider Ordinance 15-04 an ordinance amending Section 109-92 – A, Agriculture District allowing Outdoor Commercial Recreation Facilities as a Conditional/Interim use. A copy of the ordinance can be reviewed at city hall.  
All written and oral comments will be heard.

The hearings of this request are not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason, has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

**Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact City Hall at 404-7006 no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2015.**

Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk  
(Published Aug 7, 2015 Anoka County Record) #254

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS CMDF27223 LLC**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that CMDF27223 LLC has dissolved and is in the process of winding up its affairs. The limited liability company has filed with the Secretary of State a notice of dissolution. The notice was filed May 13, 2015. Claims against the company must be presented in writing to: Kirscher Law Firm PA, 2489 Rice Street, Suite 75, Roseville, MN 55113. Claims must be received by Oct. 15, 2015.  
(Published July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7 2015 Anoka County Record) #262



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