

Anoka City Council gives nod to Lee to continue as interim city manager

No strong support to hire a search firm to find Cruikshank replacement

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

There was no strong consensus among Anoka's city council Oct. 19 to hire a search firm to find a replacement for former city manager Tim Cruikshank. The off-camera meeting was held just before the televised regular meeting that night. City councilors Jeff Weaver and Mark Freeburg made a case for continuing with Greg Lee, the city's Public Services director who was also named the interim city manager in August. Comments made by Mayor Phil Rice and city councilor Steve Schmidt leaned toward hiring a search firm. Cruikshank was hired by the city of Golden Valley in July and took his new post in early September.

Schmidt's comments focused on propriety and process, adding that he wanted to ask questions of Lee that he would any other candidate. All agreed that Lee should put together a presentation and prepare responses to questions from the council which will be forwarded to the city attorney Scott Baumgartner.

Baumgartner endorsed the council's approach for choosing to interview internal candidates with the same kind of process and scrutiny that outside candidates would receive.

With city councilor Carl Anderson absent, those present agreed to interview Lee individually and in a meeting to be held sometime in November. (The date couldn't be settled at the moment due to the officials needing to find a mutual date that wouldn't conflict with deer season activities.)

Mayor Phil Rice asked Lee, who was present for this meeting, whether he wanted to pursue the position. Lee firmly said he wants the job. Rice did say, "I would be in favor of going with a (search) firm" and "the better choice is to interview five or six candidates," however he acknowledged that with one councilor absent, "we can't do anything tonight."

Councilman Jeff Weaver was concerned that "we'd lose momentum"

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ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD ACTION

Ham Lake library lease renewed for another year

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

The Anoka County Library Board at its Oct. 19 meeting, approved another one-year extension of the lease of the North Central Library in Ham Lake, located in the Crosstown Shopping Center.

The lease will run from Dec. 1 this year through Nov. 30, 2016. The lease can be renewed for another year after that, as part of a long-term agreement. The lease also has a 90-day escape clause without penalty if the Ham Lake library's funding is pulled.

The 2015-2016 lease will cost \$51,289, or \$10.80 per square foot. The lease has trended upward in cost by about 2% each year. The cost of the 2014-2015 lease that is about to expire next month was \$50,339.

Library Board member Cathy Montain of Ham Lake asked Library Director Marlene Moulton Janssen whether circulation has gone down at the library (it has) and if that could be correlated to the closing of the grocery store in the strip center (the space is now occupied by a church). (Editor's note: our edition of April 24, 2015 reported that the county's library system as a whole had a 14 percent drop in circulation from 2009 to 2014).

How low will the turnouts be?

Elections on Tuesday

This Tuesday's elections promise to be literally a sleeper in Anoka County, mainly due to many uncontested school board seats where the election has already been decided. In recent years whenever this has happened, the school board election turnouts have been in the single digits.

For the **Fridley school board**, three seats are on the ballot and only three candidates filed, two of whom are incumbents: Chris Riddle and Kim Sampson. Newcomer Donna Prewedo will take the third seat. Two levy questions however are on the ballot.

The **Spring Lake Park ISD 16** school board race is also a fait accompli, with three candidates for three seats: incumbents Jim Amundson and Amy Hennen, and newcomer Anthony (Tony) Easter. There are no additional items on the ISD 16 ballot.

Six candidates advanced through the primary election to be on the ballot for the **White Bear Lake ISD 624 school board** general election. The winners will be the top three vote-getters among Margaret Newmaster, Leslie Sieleni, Scott A. Wilson, Ellen Fahey, Nathan H. Nelson and Bob Shevik. There are no referendum questions. A small portion of Lino Lakes voters will be voting in this race. Less than 2% of voters turned out for the Aug. 11 primary election for this race.

Lino Lakes' city council race will receive the most attention when the results start coming in. Incumbent mayor Jeff Reinert is challenged by Michael Mooney, and council incumbents Dale Stoesz and Dave Roeser will face opponents Byron Roland, Melissa Maher and Michael Manthey.

Centennial ISD 12 has its school board elections in the even year, but three levy questions are on the ballot this year.

Circle Pines has an open seat on its council, as Dave Kelso did not seek re-election. Incumbent Matt Percy however is a candidate; two other candidates are Richard Whitney and Mike Schweigert. The three-way mayoral race is between incumbent Dave Bartholomay, city councilor Richard Runbeck and Rick Miller, Jr. (Circle Pines and Lino Lakes are the only cities in Anoka County that have their city elections in the odd year.)

Three school board seats are on the ballot in the **Anoka-Hennepin school district (ISD 11)**. Incumbents Tom Heidemann (Dist. 1) and Marci Anderson (Dist. 2) have no opponents. The District 5 race is between Nicole Hayes, an appointee running for election for the first time, and Scott Simmons. The school district has no levy questions on the ballot.

The **Forest Lake school district (ISD 831)** has two bonding questions on the ballot. School board seats are normally elected in the even year.

The first of two vacant seats on the **Columbia Heights (ISD 13) school board** will have a Special primary election on Dec. 1 and the general will be Jan. 26, 2016. The ISD 13 regular elections are in the even year.

Here are the ballot questions for the school districts:

Centennial ISD 12:

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #12)

RENEWAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPIRING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$164.19 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2015. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2015 for taxes payable in 2016 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota be approved? BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #12)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$549 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or

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Rep. Scott Updates Community

Police Body Cameras

Earlier this week, I took part in a stakeholder meeting to discuss police-worn body cameras. This issue has come to the forefront of civil law, privacy issues, and public safety in our state. As we head toward the 2016 session, I expect we will continue the conversation regarding police officers and body cams.



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Data Practices Commission Meeting

I am the vice-chair of the Data Practices Commission. We held our second meeting of the interim this week. Topics included an update on the Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS), Real ID, and the recent data breach at the Department of Vehicle Services. My primary concern with all the personal data government has on its citizens is to protect it from hackers and misbehaving government employees.

Ceremonial Bill Signing

Just yesterday, I attended a ceremonial bill signing for the omnibus family law bill, HF465/SF1191. I'm proud to be the chief author of this bill in the House. This legislation benefits Minnesota parents and children by clarifying custody disputes and creating language to benefit children during this difficult time. I thank Governor Dayton for inviting me to this ceremony and for his support of this bipartisan piece of legislation.



Rep. Peggy Scott (right) and Governor Mark Dayton (seated), along with Molly Olson and Brian Ulrich from the Center for Parental Responsibility.

Rep. Whelan on Cold Weather Rule, Sprinkler Mandate and U of M

Cold Weather Rule

October 15th marks the beginning of what's known as Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule, which can help families struggling to make energy payments keep their heat on during the winter between October 15, 2015 and April 15, 2016.

Under state law, utilities are required to issue a notice of disconnection and provide payment plan options to stop a disconnection if a family falls behind on payments. Utilities can also connect families with additional resources including local energy assistance programs and low or no-cost tips for improving energy conservation.

Under the Cold Weather Rule, customers can still have their heat disconnected if a payment plan agreement cannot be reached once the required process, including any appeals, has taken place.

Other resources including Energy Assistance, the Gas Affordability Program, and the Low Income Electric Rate Discount Program are available. Constituents are encouraged to contact their natural gas or electric company for more information on additional

discounts.

Full details can be found on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website at: www.mn.gov/puc/consumers/shut-off-protection.jsp.

Sprinkler Mandate Overturned

A recent ruling from the Minnesota Court of Appeals struck down a mandate requiring indoor sprinkler systems in homes that are at least 4,500 square feet.

In their decision, the court ruled that the rule was arbitrary and not supported by substantial evidence in the record. The rule was put into place after supporters were unable to pass the requirement into law.

This decision is great news for supporters of smaller government, and for all who are looking to buy or build a home in the coming years—instead of being required to install a costly home sprinkler system, homeowners will once again be able to make their own home design decisions.

It is also a great step forward for those of us who believe that agency rulemaking needs to be reined in and left to legislators who are

accountable to the people through elections.

University of Minnesota Controversy

As a former University of Minnesota student and member of the House Higher Education Committee, I was deeply disappointed to learn that the University of Minnesota purchased and used fetal tissue from aborted babies for research, going back at least a decade.

Over the past few months, since news of the Planned Parenthood videos broke, the issue of buying and selling baby parts has been debated at many levels. Legislators and staff have asked if the University was engaged in such practices and were told by officials that they were not.

Now that information has come out that repudiates their initial claims, it is time for the University to answer for their actions. Representative Marion O'Neill summarizes the issue well in her letter to the President and Board of Regents.



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Anoka County Volunteer Drivers Recognized

The contribution of 54 volunteer drivers for Anoka County's MedLink Transportation Program was recognized recently at a luncheon held in their honor in Andover. Volunteer drivers provide transportation for more than 1500 passengers, most of whom are seniors and veterans.

Volunteer drivers logged more than 122,454 miles during 5,902 trips in the past year. Most of the trips were to veterans' medical facilities in Minneapolis, St. Cloud, Ramsey, and Maplewood, as well as other clinics and medical facilities.

"Oftentimes, when people speak about the quality of life of a community, they are really talking about the people," said Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah. "They are talking about people like our volunteer drivers who provide such a vital service and willingly give of themselves to make our community a better place to live."

Several drivers were specially honored for their long years of volunteer service with the MedLink Transportation Program: Ronald Bernard, Blaine (15 years); and Bruce Derscheid, Champlin (10 years). In addition, several volunteers were recognized for driving the most miles in the last year: David Adrian, Coon Rapids (11,517 miles); Herbert Wildung, Coon Rapids (11,359 miles); and Laura Louis, Lino Lakes (7,134 miles).

If you are in need of driving services or would like to join the corps of volunteer drivers, call 763-422-7087.



Ronald Bernard and Bruce Derscheid were honored recently for their long years of service as volunteer drivers for the Anoka County MedLink Transportation Program. From left: Anoka County Commissioners Mike Gamache, Matt Look, Rhonda Sivarajah and Julie Braastad; Volunteer Drivers Ronald Bernard (15 years) and Bruce Derscheid (10 years); and Anoka County Commissioners Robyn West, Scott Schulte, and Jim Kordiak.



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Always on the lookout for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse in Anoka County

Quote of the Week: "Senate Republicans called on the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct to reconvene and resume deliberations over the complaint against Sen. Jeff Hayden regarding his conduct as a board member for Community Action Minneapolis (CAM). Senate Republican Leader David Hann reminded subcommittee Chairwoman Sandy Pappas in a letter that the subcommittee voted to reconvene within thirty days of the completion of an investigation of CAM by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. That investigation was completed and made public on June 29, 2015, more than 100 days ago."

Minnesota Senate GOP Caucus

SD 35 ELECTION UPDATE

The news regarding this election just keeps blowing up. There is news upon news this week that you need to know.

Okay, Watchdogs, the special election to replace Sen. Branden Petersen got real this week as Governor Dayton signed a writ of Special Election, setting key dates. Here they are:

Special Election Day: February 9th, 2016

Primary Election: January 12th, 2016

Candidate Withdrawal Date: December 15, 2015

Candidate Filing Period: December 8 to December 14, 2015

According to our sources, the Senate District 35 GOP will hold their endorsing convention on Saturday, November 14th.

Those same sources also tell the Watchdog that the Senate District 35 GOP Screening Committee will begin its work on November 5th.

The work of that committee will be extremely important as it is charged with the task of vetting the candidates regarding their suitability to hold office and represent the Republican Party in a high profile special election.

The committee will ask candidates about their background, especially with regard to past incidents which could reflect negatively on both the candidate and the Party in general.

Brushes with the law, public comments, money problems and other subjects must be on the table.

This is an important function of the local Party because the DFL, led by Governor Dayton, has very intentionally established a long time-frame for this election.

The election isn't until February of next year.

This was done in order to give the DFL and their big money allies plenty of time to spend all that money beating up on the GOP endorsed candidate.

The person who earns the GOP endorsement will surely spend nearly three months taking a carpet bombing from the DFL and allied groups like the Alliance for a Better Minnesota and Education Minnesota, the teachers' union.

This will be the only race on the agenda because it's a special election. In other words, all DFL

guns will be trained solely on the GOP endorsee.

If the endorsed Republican has past problems like a criminal conviction or a failure to pay debts, it will hand the liberals issues tailor-made for their attack machine.

In this era of the Internet and social media, past indiscretions become etched in a permanent record, sitting ready to be discovered by liberal opposition researchers. Sitting there like a time bomb, ready to explode.

Thus, it will be vital that the GOP endorsee be a person of unquestioned integrity and correct living.

Even the smallest mistakes will be blown out of proportion in the general election, forcing the GOP into a defensive mode. In politics, "if you're explaining, you aren't gaining."

Moreover, the reality is that the candidates in this race all very, very similar on the issues (Jim Abeler being the exception).

When it comes to taxes, guns, and the role of government, the candidates are all close.

Therefore, other distinctions, like character and temperament, will take on an outsize role in selecting the endorsee.

Stay tuned.

In related news, candidate Reid Oines has submitted to Harold Hamilton a candidate statement, as follows:

"I will not support any gas tax increase no matter what the form. I also do not support any increase in motor vehicle registration fees or a 0.5% increase in the sales tax for the seven county metro area. If this means voting against a roads and bridges bill to vote against any tax or fee increase, I will do just that."

"I do not support any attempt in the future to create a mileage based user fee."

"The state legislature and the governor need to start acting as responsible leaders by creating budgets that meet the core responsibilities of education, transportation and public safety first. As this is accomplished, it doesn't mean running up the spending or increasing taxes. It means that funds need to be spent reasonably and responsibly while each state department needs to create an atmosphere of increased efficiency while reducing waste. It also means sacrifices will need to be made in non-essential areas of the budget in order to meet the needs of the core responsibilities."

"Since state residents and businesses were overtaxed a few years ago it has now resulted in a projected surplus that the legislature doesn't want to 'give it back'. So, let's put this surplus to good use instead of frittering it away on non-essential wants. Let's use the surplus to repair and upgrade the state's roads and bridges."

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This week also saw the entrance into the race of another candidate, this one on the DFL side.

Loyal Watchdog readers will surely recall the name of Roger Johnson, a liberal stalwart well-known to readers and the Anoka County political scene.

Roger is one of our favorite resident liberals,

known to many for his awesome hair, lack of humility, and lack of political success.

Of course, Roger is running only after an outcry of support from a "Draft Roger" movement that threatened civil unrest and economic upheaval in Coon Rapids if Roger didn't acquiesce to their demands and throw his hat in the ring.

As a DFL news release noted, "Long-time community resident and activist, Roger Johnson, in response to a "Draft Johnson" effort, has agreed to seek the endorsement of the Senate District 35 DFL party to fill this impending vacancy."

Lucky us.

We actually miss Roger. For many years, he ran for every office under the sun and we could all set our calendars by Roger's regular and frequent quest to elected - to anything.

But he never won.

This time won't be any different, but it will be entertaining to watch Roger and his Hair educate the Great Unwashed Masses with respect to his credentials, surely unparalleled in the history of this great state.

Cicero, Charlemagne, and Roger Johnson.

Earlier in this piece, the importance of character and integrity in politics was discussed.

Consistent with that view, it is axiomatic that a man is surely known by the company he keeps.

Those men include Jim Abeler, who has been racking up and endorsements and glowing reviews from a variety of political personalities.

We leave it you, loyal readers, to decide if those nice words are a benefit or a burden to Jim as he seeks the GOP endorsement.

Those kind words begin with the same liberal Roger Johnson referenced immediately above.

In his press release announcing his candidacy, Roger had this to say about Jim Abeler:

"I am aware," Johnson added, "of the interest that a half dozen or more conservatives have in maintaining their hold on this Petersen seat. Of particular note is the interest of former House member Jim Abeler. I consider Jim to be a friend. In fact I encouraged Jim to move to the Anoka County Board where he is sorrowfully needed to bring a modicum of reasoned compromise to the budgeting process there. That would provide him with quicker access to his personal health-client base, his considerable real estate investments, and his large and growing family, all of which deserve his focused leadership, Johnson advised. "It's time for someone else to handle advancing our progressive local citizens' issues through appropriate state legislation." (Emphasis added).

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Talk about the Judas kiss.

But that's not all. Jim also earned the endorsement and praise recently of former Governor Al Quie.

Readers will recall that Republican Al Quie served as governor from 1979-1983, a very dark period of economic turmoil for Minnesota and the nation.

Readers will also recall that Quie campaigned on **ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG** *continued on page 4*

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

ANDOVER

Burglaries

Oct. 12 — 39xx S Enchanted Dr NW — forced entry to a storage area in a home; nothing taken

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 16 — 17xx 148 Ln NW; unsecure vehicle; tools

Oct. 19 — 18xx Crosstown Blvd NW; wiring from overhead field lights stolen from the property

Oct. 20 — 22xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; bike stolen from the property

Oct. 20 — 36xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW — vandalism to a building; window broken

Oct. 22 — 17xx Bunker Lake Blvd NW; charity money box stolen from the gas station

Oct. 22 — 36xx 140 Ln NW; male reporting his Social Security number was used fraudulently to file a tax return

Arrests

Oct. 17 — 136xx Crosstown Blvd NW — 4th Degree DWI; deputies responded to a male passed out in his vehicle. Upon waking the male up he appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Oct. 17 — 3445 Bunker Lake Blvd NW; Robbery; deputies responded to a report of a robbery at the ATM of the US Bank. He suspect pepper sprayed the victim until he gave up his cash. The suspect fled. CSU was called and processed the scene. The male suspect was arrested a few days later.

Oct. 20 — 144xx Inca St NW; Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Drug Possession; deputies responded to the location to locate a male with warrants. The male was located and arrested.

Oct. 20 — 26xx 139 Ln NW; 1st Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to the location to locate a male with warrants. The male was located and arrested.

Oct. 21 — 32xx 165 Ln NW; 4th Degree Assault on a Peace Officer; deputies responded to an out of control client at the location. The female would not comply too the deputies commands. The female was arrested.

Oct. 22 — 34xx 163 Ln NW; 5th Degree Assault; a deputy responded to a client/employee assault. The female client was arrested.

COLUMBUS

Arrests

Oct. 16 — Notre Dame St NE/165 Ave NE; 2nd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle roll over crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested.

EAST BETHEL

Arrests

Oct. 20 — 8xx 221 Ave NE; 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a vehicle for having a loud muffler and a broken tail light. The deputies observed sever narcotic indicators in the vehicle. A k9 was requested for a sniff. During the sniff of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Oct. 21 — 44xx 189 Ln NE; Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing; deputies responded to a domestic at the location. The male ran from deputies and resisted arrest. The male was arrested.

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 20 — 182xx Greenbrook Dr NE; shed door pried open; tools

HAM LAKE

Burglaries

Oct. 18 — 157xx Madison St NE; unsecure garage; bike

Oct. 20 — 24xx 152 Ln NE; lock cut off a shed; tools

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 18 — 151xx Jackson St NE; unsecure vehicle; cell phone, gold clubs

Oct. 18 — 165xx Tippecanoe St NE;

vandalism to a home; exterior lights broken

Oct. 18 — 165xx Tippecanoe St NE; vandalism to a vehicle; windshield broken

Oct. 18 — 36xx 164 Ave NE; damage to a mailbox

Oct. 19 — 138xx Lincoln St NE; vehicle window broken; purse

Oct. 20 — 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE; vandalism to a vehicle; windows and mirrors broken

Arrests

Oct. 17 — 15xx 157 Ave NE; 3rd Degree Burglary, 4th Degree Damage to Property; deputies responded to a burglary in progress at the location. The male was located and arrested.

Oct. 21 — 16800 Block Hwy 65 NE; CANCELS; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

Oct. 21 — 2700 Block Bunker Lake Blvd NE; 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. (.11)

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 18 — 22817 Typo Creek Dr NE; vandalism to town hall's senior center; fire extinguisher deployed

NOWTHEN

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 19 — 184xx Krypton St NW; damage to a mailbox

OAK GROVE

Thefts & Damage to Property

Oct. 21 — 21600 Quawpaw St NW; unsecure vehicle; laptop

Arrests

Oct. 17 — Viking Blvd NW/Lake George Blvd NW; 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.195)

More information on the "IRS" scam being perpetrated by random telephone calls: A resident received this message on her phone — the grammatical errors are that of the person leaving the message:

"This is an automated message from the IRS to inform you that the IRS has decided to initiate legal proceedings against your name. So in next 24 hours we will be marking a lean on your assets and your bank account. Due to your inability to your dues with the IRS a bill collection officer would visit you soon to complete paper work. If you have any questions then call our tax default line 202-239-5448. I repeat it's 202-239-5448."

When the resident called the number back she spoke to a man with a foreign accent who stated she owed \$3,949 and that he had proof that she had defrauded the IRS. He also stated that she needed to pay the full amount within the next 30 to 45 minutes or he would freeze her bank accounts and place liens on her home, vehicles, etc.

He then stated she can download a "case file number" and it would tell her how to proceed. **At one time during the conversation the thief used the name of a legitimate employee at our (Anoka County Sheriff) office.** When the victim hung-up she immediately contacted her tax person **who advised her this was a scam and to report the incident to law enforcement.**

Please continue to spread the word about this scam. Education is the only way we are going to reduce the number of victims.

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a platform of reducing taxes to spur economic growth.

And readers will surely recall that Quie instead reneged on that promise and agreed with the DFL to raise taxes, taking more money out of the pocket of families who were suffering through a recession so that government could have more money.

Like Quie, Jim Abeler also voted to raise taxes, even overriding Governor Pawlenty's veto to do so.

It's not surprising that two tax-raising Republicans should find common cause.

The GOP Screening Committee's first order of business should be to vet Jim Abeler for any and all endorsements. Talk about information that could embarrass the candidate and the Party!

OH THOSE HYPOCRITICAL DEMOCRATS

The Liberal world view has never made sense to this publication.

But the cognitive dissonance and outright hypocrisy of late is stunning.

First, Democrats in Washington expressed exasperation that the railroad industry is having trouble meeting a government-imposed deadline to install safety equipment that didn't exist and has to be built from scratch.

Exasperation over deadlines? Yeah, that goodness the federal government never misses deadlines, such as passing budgets or even implementing ObamaCare.

Second, Saint Paul liberals showed up in droves with pitchforks in hand to boo Mayor Chris Coleman over a plan to install parking meters on Grand Avenue.

And nary a peep is heard from these people when Coleman raises their property taxes 30%.

Liberals are also aflame over allegations that the Benghazi investigation may be politically motivated and involve altered documents.

That sounds a lot like what some scientists have done to promote the idea that man-made "climate change" is real.

And on the presidential campaign trail, we hear a lot of talk from Democrats over outrage that "corporate titans" are getting rich off their employees.

But they don't seem to be as concerned that politicians are living large off of taxpayers.

Like state Sen. Jeff Hayden, who apparently owes the taxpayers reimbursement for items like spa trips he paid for with taxpayer money.

Amazing.

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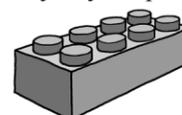
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CITY MANAGER

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if a search firm was hired now, citing that city hall has been running smoothly and there was no compelling reason to upset the rhythm established under interim manager Lee. Weaver maintains a 'wait and see' type of approach and that a search for a city manager can be done at any time, if needed. Weaver had much praise for Lee and noted "people have told me Greg is well-liked in the community." Schmidt says he wants a city manager "who is part of the city" unlike many city managers who may not even reside in

the city.

Councilman Mark Freeburg said he was comfortable hiring from within and did not want to expend a large sum for a search firm. The three search firms that made pitches for Anoka's business were Waters and Company, the new name for a subsidiary of the Springsted company, David Drown and Associates, and Brimeyer-Fursman, soon to be renamed HUE Life (Human Understanding and Engagement). The cost for a search would be in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range. The meetings with these firms

occurred in August and September.

Weaver said at the Oct. 19 meeting that if a search firm was hired, he preferred the Drown firm, of Faribault. He said he is still smarting from the Waters-Springsted firm "double dipping" and "asking us for our business" when the firm also represented Golden Valley in its city manager search that snatched Cruikshank from Anoka. The Drown firm mostly does searches for smaller towns and one of its current clients is the city of Willmar, where the city administrator was fired last March by a 5-3 vote of the city council.

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reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota be approved? **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 3 (ISD #12)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECT LEVY AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota has proposed a capital project levy authorization in the amount of 7.092% times the net tax capacity of the school district to provide funds for the acquisition and installation of technology improvements and technology systems. The proposed capital project levy authorization will raise approximately \$1,800,000 for taxes payable in 2016, the first year it is to be levied, and would be authorized for ten (10) years. The estimated total cost of the projects to be funded over that time period is approximately \$18,000,000. Shall the capital project levy proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota be approved? **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

Fridley ISD 14:

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #14)

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 14 (Fridley Public Schools) has proposed to renew the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$187.43 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2015. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2016, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 14 be approved? **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #14)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ISSUE

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 14 (Fridley Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,500,000 to provide for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, to include upgrading safety and security systems in all schools and the community center; completion of interior/exterior deferred maintenance and renovation projects; installation of fire suppression systems; upgrading technology systems; and the construction of additional classrooms? **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Forest Lake ISD 831:

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #831)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 831 (Forest Lake Area Schools), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$143,000,000 for the acquisition, betterment and equipping of school sites and educational facilities, said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rates, to become due at such times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the School Board **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #831)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 831 (Forest Lake Area Schools), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 for the acquisition, betterment and equipping of school sites and athletic and performing arts facilities, said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rates, to become due at such times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the School Board? **BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

CITY OF HAM LAKE, Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE (763) 434-9555 (www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us) Hours Mon-Thurs 7 am-4:30 pm; Fri. 7 am-Noon

Mon. Nov. 2 & 16 — City Council, 6 pm

Mon. Nov. 9 — Planning Comm., 6 pm

Wed. Nov. 18 — Park and Tree Comm., 6 pm

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

Mon. Nov. 9 — City Council, 7 pm

Wed. Nov. 18 — Parks Comm., 6:30 pm

Thurs. Nov. 19 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

CITY OF NOWTHEN, (763) 441-1347

Wed. Nov. 4 — Park & Rec. Comm., 7 pm

Thurs. Nov. 5 — City Council "workshop", 5:30 pm

Tues. Nov. 10 — City Council, 7 pm

Tues. Nov. 17 — Road & Bridge Cmte., 7 pm

Tues. Nov. 24 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Tues. Dec. 1 — Park & Rec. Comm., 7 pm

Thurs. Dec. 3 — City Council "workshop", 5:30 pm

Tues. Dec. 8 — City Council, 7 pm

CITY OF RAMSEY, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW; (763) 427-1410

Thurs. Nov. 5 — EDA, 7:30 am

Tues. Nov. 10 — City Council "work session" 5:30 pm, reg mtg 7 pm

Thurs. Nov. 12 — Planning Comm., 7 pm (moved; was originally scheduled for Nov. 5)

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

Mon. Nov. 2 — Charter Comm., 7 pm

Mon. Nov. 2 — Parks & Rec. Comm., 7 pm

Mon. Nov. 9 — City Council "workshop" 6:30 pm

followed by televised meeting

Tues. Nov. 10 — Environmental Quality Comm., 7 pm

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

Wed. Nov. 4 — City Council, 7 pm

Thurs. Nov. 5 — Sunrise River Watershed, 6:30 pm

Tues. Nov. 10 — Road Comm., 6:30 pm

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**CITY OF HAM LAKE
COUNTY OF ANOKA
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 16th day of November, 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 that part of the drainage and utility easement as donated and dedicated on Lot 1, Block 1, MAPLE RIDGE, Anoka County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southerly corner of said Lot 1; thence North 59 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the southwesterly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 229.97 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence North 18 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East, 72.44 feet; thence North 44 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds West, 9.96 feet; thence North 45 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds East, 40.16 feet; thence North 62 degrees 13 minutes 54 Seconds East, 42.81 feet; thence South 85 degrees 26 minutes 07 seconds East, 66.46 feet; thence South 72 degrees 44 minutes 24 seconds East, 85 feet, more or less, to the southeasterly line of an existing drainage and utility easement, 127 feet, more or less, to an angle point in said southeasterly line; thence southwesterly, continuing along the southeasterly line of said existing drainage and utility easement and its southwesterly extension, 120 feet, more or less, to the southwesterly line of said Lot 1; thence North 59 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West, along said southwesterly line, 50 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, EXCEPT the southwesterly 10.00 feet thereof.

Said hearing is conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 412.851. Denise Webster, City Clerk
(Published Oct. 23, 30, 2015, Anoka County Record) #289

**ANOKA COUNTY
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-35
Description of Bid/RFP: Advertisement For Bids for 2016 Legal Publications
Bid Opening: December 1, 2015
For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.
(Published October 23, 30, 2015 Anoka County Record) #300

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FILED: Oct. 8, 2015,
845536500029,
/s/ Michael Thorsland
(Published Oct. 23, 30, 2015, Anoka County Record) #301

**ANOKA COUNTY
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-39

Description of Bid/RFP:

Bids Invited for Anoka County Project State Aid Project No. 002-614-039, CSAH 14 (125th Ave.) Blaine, Minnesota, Anoka County

Bid Opening: December 1, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.
(Published Oct 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2015 Anoka County Record) #304

**ANOKA COUNTY
SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2015-40

Description of Bid/RFP:

Bids Invited for Removal of Deer Carcasses on or Near Anoka County Highways and/or the Trapping and Removal of Nuisance Beaver

Bid Opening: December 1, 2015

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.
(Published Oct 30, Nov. 6, 13, 2015 Anoka County Record) #305

**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 Monday, November 2, 2015 at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

Public Hearing: Vacation of Easements (15-08) to vacate permanent roadway, utility and drainage easements over, under and across the property legally described as:

Outlot A, Hickory Meadows, 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 Stephanie Hanson, City Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission 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, November 10, 2015 at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover, to review the following request:

Public Hearing: Rezoning of lands from R1 Single Family Rural Residential to R4 Single Family Urban Residential for the residential development known as Country Oaks North Second Addition for the lands legally described as: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 11, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County, Minnesota; and North 20 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 32, Range 24

Public Hearing: Preliminary Plat Review/Planned Unit Development for a 100- lot residential development known as Country Oaks North Second Addition. Legally described as: The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 11, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County, Minnesota; and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 32, Range 24 lying westerly of the west right of way line of Burlington Northern Railroad as now laid out and traveled, Anoka County, Minnesota; and the North 20 Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 32, Range 24, except right of way being a strip of land 150 feet wide for railway purposes, Anoka County, Minnesota; and the South 330 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 32, Range 24, Anoka County, Minnesota. Except Roads; and Outlot A, Country Oaks North, Anoka County, Minnesota and, Lot 1, Block 2 Country Oaks North, 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. Staff reports summarizing these items will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner with any questions at (763) 767-5147 or s.hanson@andovermn.gov Stephanie L. Hanson, City Planner

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The food drive runs November 1-24 at all county license and passport centers:

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17565 Central Ave. NE, Suite 330

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455 99th Ave. NW, Suite 100

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Blaine Passport Center

10995 Club West Parkway, Suite 700b

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Columbia Heights License Center

3982 Central Ave. NE

Food donations benefit Southern Anoka County Community Assistance

Toy donations will be accepted November 1-December 18 and will be distributed via the Toys for Tots network.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Andover, Anoka County, Minnesota will meet at Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota on November 2, 2015 at 7:01 PM to pass upon the proposed assessment for the improvement of delinquent sewer, water, storm water utility, street light charges, mowing fees, tree removal, false alarm fines and miscellaneous abatement fees in the City of Andover.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment roll is \$280,872.34. Written

or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount unless a signed, written objection is filed with the Clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owner, as it deems advisable.

An owner may appeal an assessment to the District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the city within 30 days after adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Michelle Hartner, Deputy City Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ANOKA

Estate of
Maria Horishnyk,
Decedent

A Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last will, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted. IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on November 24, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. by this Court in Room.

Filed : Oct 8, 2015

/s/ Sharon L. Hall, District Court Judge, Probate Division 10/7/15

/s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator 10/8/15

Leon Horishnyk, 17527 Xenia Street NW, Andover, MN 55304, Petitioner
(Published Oct. 23, 30, 2015, Anoka County Record) #302

MARIA HORISHNYK

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
File No. 02-PR-15-520

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PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY



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