

74-year-old home-care worker challenges signature on union card; gets refund

by Tom Steward — *Watchdog.Org Minnesota Bureau*

Home-care worker Patricia Johansen isn't a fan of unions. Never was.

So it didn't take much — \$76.67, exactly — for the Fergus Falls grandmother to take on the Service Employees International Union.

She alleges someone signed her name on a union card authorizing dues be taken from her paycheck. The 74-year-old personal care assistant, who tends to her daughter's two special needs children, demanded — and got — her money back.

"I called them and said I never signed any papers to join the union," Johansen said about her first call to SEIU in St. Paul. "... And he said, 'We have your signature right here.' And I said, 'Well, you need to prove it because I didn't sign anything. You send me a copy of it.'"

Union officials sent Johansen a copy of a SEIU organizing card dated May 3, 2014, with what appears to be her signature at the bottom. The card committed Johansen to supporting an election over whether to establish a union for home-care workers and to paying dues for at least one year.

Johansen says she never saw — much less signed — any such card.

"He sent me a copy of what I supposedly signed, and it doesn't look anything like my signature at all," Johansen said. "I'm left-handed, the letters are all formed differently. So they didn't have my signature. Somebody else just signed my name to it."

SEIU organizers approached Johansen about the union election in 2014, and she turned them away.

"Before they voted to bring in the union, they came to my door twice, and I wouldn't let them in," Johansen said. "I just said, 'No, I'm just not interested,' and I wouldn't let them come in, and then they kept calling me."

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota failed to respond to requests for comment. But SEIU Healthcare Minnesota executive vice president Phillip Cryan responded to Johansen's complaint in a letter Nov. 4.

"We have investigated your claims that dues were deducted in error and that your signature on the card we have on file for you is not accurate," Cryan said in the letter, on SEIU Healthcare Minnesota letterhead.

The union executive told her "our investigation of this matter was inconclusive" while apologizing "for any inconvenience you may have experienced in this matter."

Cryan offered to return the 3 percent of her paycheck that went into SEIU's coffers.

"In an abundance of caution, we have decided to refund all of your dues in full and have directed the fiscal intermediary to cease all dues deduction effective immediately," Cryan wrote. "... We have decided to refund all of your dues because we value our relationships with the community and our integrity as a Union."

Nevertheless, another SEIU organizer reached out in a last-ditch effort to persuade Johansen to remain in a union she

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Awards are not exactly what they appear to be

We noticed that the City of Lexington and Anoka County were recent recipients of awards from the Government Finance Officers Association.

You may have seen this many times, as it's an annual thing with many state, county and city governments and school districts.

The award is given to the finance officer or accounting department head of the government entity.

There are two awards that are the most often bestowed: the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" and the "Distinguished Budget Presentation."

**Observations
from the Field**
Bryan Olson



So what is GFOA? It's a private business based in Chicago. It isn't government. It isn't a benevolent organization, despite its 501(c)(3) non-profit status with the IRS. It has a payroll to meet. GFOA sells textbooks and instructional materials to help government finance directors and accountants. It also holds an annual convention. Not long ago the convention was in Minneapolis. Another revenue stream is collecting membership dues from governments.

GFOA invites those member governments to submit their annual budget books for evaluation. The "winners" will get an award.

The submission however comes with a price tag, on top of the membership dues.

Lexington's city web site recently announced it had received the GFOA "Certificate of Achievement" award for the first time. A public data request was made of city hall to provide a list of payments made to GFOA over the past four years — it came to \$3,064 for mostly training materials and membership dues (only \$160 a year due to Lexington's small population; Anoka County's annual dues are over \$1300).

Lexington's check register showed \$370 had been paid a few months ago to GFOA to submit the city's CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for an award.

What is unknown to the public, and maybe most, but not all, government employees is that virtually every submission gets an "award".

Now you ask how do I know this?

It was nearly a decade ago that I took a magnifying glass to this. It was GFOA itself that committed the grievous error which they have since corrected — or covered up. On their website, they had provided the number of submitted budget books *and* how many received awards. Here were some of the numbers:

In Minnesota, during FY 2004 there were 116 submissions and 116 "awards"; in 2005 it was again a thousand percent batting average — 120 submissions and 120 awards; in 2006 somehow five were not awarded — 128 submissions and 123 awards. We found more recent information in GFOA's Form 990 sent to the Internal Revenue Service ("Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax") which verifies the awards process has not changed. In its FY 2013-2014 filing to the IRS, the Awards Programs were described as, "programs in which members of GFOA('s) special review committee review financial reports of governments participating in the (awards) programs, 5,814 submissions were reviewed and 5,761 were awarded to governments."

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Sen. Chamberlain reports on "Real ID"

Dec. 31 — By now you have likely heard about the Dept. of Homeland Security's decision to reject Gov. Dayton's request for an extension to comply with federal Real ID requirements. I have received a lot of questions and feedback from people who are understandably worried they won't be able to board flights in January.

It is important to clarify that the Homeland Security decision changes very little for Minnesotans. For the foreseeable future, your regular IDs will be acceptable at airports.

Once the legislature takes action next session to bring our IDs into compliance with federal requirements, we will likely be granted a grace period while everyone switches to the new IDs — even after



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Only 53 out of nearly six thousand entrants did not receive an award. 99.1% of the paid submissions received an award.

GFOA stated in its IRS filing that \$3 million in revenue had been generated by the awards program with slightly over \$2.5 million in expenses.

I went to one of my council meetings in 2008 and spoke during the televised public comment period. "You mean we buy that award?" asked a councilor. After that, the televised ceremony hasn't occurred again although I note they are still buying the award. I have since made some trips to other city council meetings to apprise them of this deception.

Not long after I made my first trip to a council meeting did GFOA change its website and hurriedly erased all information about the number of submissions compared to the number of awards. I then called and wrote them about this and they refused to provide updated information they once had on their website. They don't have to — they are not government. Their data is not public. More recently GFOA has overhauled its website again to give the appearance of transparency, however the most important question is not answered.

The GFOA awards is still popular however — in FY 2013, 136 government entities submitted their CAFRs for the "Certificate" award. From Anoka County, only three cities submitted: Anoka, Ramsey and Columbia Heights. Anoka County was the fourth entrant.

A few more however have submitted budget books for the "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" in 2014 and/or 2015: Andover, Anoka County, Anoka (city), Coon Rapids and St. Francis.

The cost to submit budget books for the various awards range from \$185 to \$865, determined by a sliding scale based on the dollar amount of the government's budget.

Does the "award" mean anything?

GFOA representatives have been asked this at council meetings. The answer is that the award is given if the budget book is readable, well organized and understandable to the layman. It's been asked whether the award is a comment on how well the government is spending its money. To this, GFOA representatives were clear — no, that claim is not being made.

However, the claim is often made by city managers, elected officials or staff, that the award represents a seal of approval; that taxpayer money is being spent wisely. In my opinion, some have them have knowingly set out to deceive the taxpayer with these purchased awards. Worse are the gullible and lazy news reporters who have printed or broadcast statements made by officials to this effect, as if its the gospel truth. There also may be a category of government employees who simply don't know — but now they do.

Besides GFOA, there are many others in the awards business. I can think of a couple outfits that specialize in giving "awards" to government for its video productions. Videos are submitted for a fee and are given awards.

The next time you see a showcase in your city hall full of awards, trophies and plaques, remember that you helped pay for them. — *ACR*

Letter to the Editor — Trump compared to Ventura

We hear about it all the time on the national level about how surprised everyone is with Donald Trump's campaign success.

Everyone is discussing about how radical in his ideas and what he is proposing regarding immigration, tax reform, border and national security.

Really!, I'm not surprised at all. After all we here in Minnesota have already been through this type of campaign debate.

After all we voted in Jesse Ventura as our governor. As liberal and democratic as Minnesota is, it is proof you can only push people into believing empty promises for so long.

Both the Democrats and Republicans for years kept telling Minnesotans how well off we would be if we only elected one of their own.

Well, Jesse came into the picture and told us what a bunch of idiots both party leaderships were and promised us a new fresh alternative to the same old, same old.

Jesse did some good, a lot of not so good, but he was different and he brought us an alternative to what was something everyone was getting tired of.

I see Donald Trump in exactly the same light,

except on the national level.

Did Jesse say a lot of stupid things, Yes he did, and so does Mr. Trump.

Did Jesse have an ego the size of Lake Mille Lacs, yes, and so does Mr. Trump.

Did Jesse deliver on all of his campaign promises, no, and neither will Mr. Trump.

Did we survive the Jesse Ventura administration, yes we did. Can we can survive a Trump administration, I believe we can, and maybe, just maybe he can turn this country around and bring us back to the prosperity and respect we once had on the world stage and with our own citizens. He has a whole new concept on how to run this country and has people from both parties and from all demographics turning their heads because they are sick and tired of the same old, same old. He is offering the nation something they haven't seen or heard before and see him as a new alternative to what our present and past 50 years of government has been throwing at us, promising this and that and really nothing at all.

Can Donald Trump deliver? Who knows, but what we all do know is that our present government is ruining this country. If someone can step in and give us at least a portion of what he is telling us he can deliver, then who's to say

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, Chicago, IL Form 990 filing to Internal Revenue Service Tax Year April 2013 through March 2014

Gross Receipts	\$15,067,718
Total Revenue	\$14,590,262
Total Expenses	\$14,030,605
Revenue Less Expenses	\$559,657
Total Assets	\$29,374,791
Total Liabilities	\$7,421,684
Net Assets	\$21,953,107
Highest Compensated Employee listed on Form 990 — Executive Director/COO	\$379,950 base salary plus various other compensation (Total \$470,609)
Total salaries, benefits	\$6,208,947
Revenue from training and Annual Conference	\$4,307,387
Revenue from Membership Dues	\$3,549,276
Revenue from Awards Programs	\$2,933,640
Revenues from Consulting	\$2,385,245
Revenues from Subscriptions	\$434,928

Number of independent contractors/vendors that received more than \$100,000 compensation from the organization: 11.

Top 5 vendors:

Pro Media-Streff Marketing, Menomonee Falls, WI
(Award Program Plaques) \$498,162

Freeman Audio Visual Solutions, Dallas TX (Audio Visual exhibit services) \$421,149

Mid-American Printing Systems, Chicago IL (Printing)
\$403,412

SMG Food and Beverage LLC and McCall's Events Management, both of San Francisco, CA (catering services) \$368,941 and \$323,668, respectively.



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We pause to give a word of thanks and offer prayers for those who are deployed abroad in the defense of our great nation.

The Watchdog will return next week with a full production, the first of 2016.

Merry Christmas, Watchdogs!

In the meantime, we offer a Christmas story — one of our favorites.

Twass the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...

How to live in a world that's politically correct?

His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",

"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions at the North Pole,

were alleged by the union, to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished without much propriety,

released to the wilds, by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear,

that Santa had better not use just reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,

were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his beautiful sleigh,

because the ruts were deemed dangerous by the EPA,

And millions of people were calling the Cops,

when they heard sled noises upon their roof tops.

Second-hand smoke from his pipe, had his workers quite frightened,

and his fur trimmed red suit was called "unenlightened".

To show you the strangeness of today's ebbs and flows,

Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose.

He went to Geraldo, in front of the Nation,

demanding millions in over-due workers compensation.

So...half of the reindeer were gone, and his wife

who suddenly said she'd had enough of this life,

joined a self help group, packed and left in a whiz,

demanding from now on that her title was Ms.

And as for gifts...why, he'd never had the notion that making a choice could cause such commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur...

Which meant nothing for him or nothing for her.

Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot,

Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.

Nothing for just girls and nothing for just boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific,

Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.

Nothing that seemed to embellish upon the truth.

And fairy tales...while not yet forbidden,

were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden,

for they raised the hackles of those psychological,

who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone might get hurt,

besides - playing sports exposed kids to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist and should be passe.

and Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled and perplexed, he just couldn't figure out what to do next?

He tried to be merry he tried to be gay,

but you must have to admit he was having a very bad day.

His sack was quite empty, it was flat on the ground,

nothing fully acceptable was anywhere to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might,

give to us all, without angering the left or the right.

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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the federal government officially begins enforcing the new requirements. Officials are still discussing the details, but the grace period could be as much as four years – the timeframe in which everyone's current driver's licenses will naturally expire. During this time, our regular IDs will be sufficient for all travel, and TSA agents will be trained to accept IDs from states that are moving into compliance.

If you want to switch over immediately, the state offers enhanced driver's licenses that meet federal requirements for an additional \$15.

I will continue to monitor this issue and keep you updated as new information becomes available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office. — *Roger Chamberlain, State Senator District 38, Phone: 612-940-7677*

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says she never joined.

anything."

"As a fellow home care worker, I strongly urge you to remain a member of the Union," SEIU Healthcare Minnesota organizer Summer Spika says in a letter Johansen shared with *Watchdog.Org*.

The agency that oversees collective bargaining unit elections, the Minnesota Board of Mediation Services, failed to respond to inquiries about Johansen's disputed union card.

"...Homecare workers may choose not to be members of the Union. If they do, they no longer enjoy any of the rights and privileges of membership."

A group challenging the union's constitutionality in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals says the card controversy points to a larger issue.

Ultimately, SEIU refunded Johansen in two installments — checks for \$65.47 and \$8.53. Johansen figures the union still owes her \$2.67, but she's willing to let it go.

"I think that this just shows why the SEIU cannot be entrusted with personal information about all PCAs (personal care assistants) in the state, which the state agreed to hand over to the SEIU without any safeguards on how SEIU uses that information," said Bill Messenger, the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation attorney who's arguing the federal case.

"If any additional dues are inadvertently deducted, we will make sure they are immediately refunded to you," Cryan said in the letter.

"I'm just not very happy about it," Johansen said. "Trust is so low for

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

ANDOVER

Thefts & Damage to Property

Dec. 1 — 35xx 161 Ave NW – damage to property

Arrests

Dec. 3 — 1090 Block of Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI, Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids; a deputy stopped out with a car in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested.

Dec. 6 — Bunker Lake Blvd NW/Hanson Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, 3rd Degree Refusal; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.22)

COLUMBUS

Arrests

Dec. 2 — 87xx 165 Ave NE – resident concerned because she was receiving several calls stating she won something and that US Marshals will be delivering it in an armored truck.

EAST BETHEL

Burglaries

Nov. 30 — 235xx Isanti St NE – burglary

Thefts & Damage to Property

Nov. 27 — 4xx 184 Lane NE – vandalism to landscape lights and home egged

Arrests

Dec. 5 — 1000 Block 221 Ave NE – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for not dimming their high beams. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested..

HAM LAKE

Burglaries

Nov. 27 — 7xx 148 Ave NE - unknown entry; safe, guns, jewelry – one male arrested after investigation

Thefts & Damage to Property

Dec. 1 — 172xx Owatonna St NE - snowmobiles driving through the park causing damage

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

Arrests

Dec. 2 — 6900 Block 227 Lane NE – Possession of Meth, Warrants; deputies were in the area looking for a female with warrants. She was located and arrested. Inside the vehicle deputies located meth and subsequently arrested the male passenger too. The Drug Task Force was notified.

OAK GROVE

Arrests/Incidents

Dec. 3 — 1000 Block of Sims Rd NW – Building Fire – deputies responded to an unattached pole shed on fire. They located two men going in and out of the building. They were advised to stay out. Oak

Grove fire responded and extinguished the fire. The AC Fire Investigation Team responded and pending further investigation it is likely the fire was started in a chimney from a wood stove.

Another “you’ve won a prize!” scam

A deputy spoke with the victim who stated that she received an email from someone she believed was her friend. The person posing as the victim’s friend stated that they had won money and advised the recipient to see if she was also on the winning list. The victim contacted the number her ‘friend’ gave her, (240)-324-6367 – and the female that answered stated that the victim had also won but in order to receive her winnings, she must pay \$2,500 for the taxes in cash. The victim gave this woman her social security information, bank account information, and credit card info.

Feeling uneasy about the questions she was being asked, the victim decided to file a police report and she did not meet with the party to pay the \$2,500 cash as she was told to. The deputy advised her to keep the correspondence for her record, contact her banks, credit cards and credit bureaus to alert them of future possible fraud on her accounts. He also advised her to file a report with the FBI’s IC3.gov. At this time, the victim has not suffered any monetary loss but her personal account and social security information has been compromised.



Cmdr. Gene Severtson

New Naval Commanding Officer is from Spring Lake Park

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Amanda R. Gray, Commander, Submarine Group Nine Public Affairs

KEYPORT, Wash. (NNS) -- The Gold crew of the Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine USS Nevada (SSBN 733) held a change of command ceremony at Naval Undersea Museum, Dec. 18.

Cmdr. Chad Hennings, from Chicago, was properly relieved by Cmdr. Gene Severtson, from Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, and assumed the duties and responsibilities as commanding officer of Nevada Gold crew during the ceremony.

"When you're the CO of a submarine, you are assigned a crew who will literally walk through walls for you to get the job done," said Hennings. "To the crew of USS Nevada, I've told you before that when you work hard, do a great job, and have success, that no one has to tell you what a great job you did...you know it in your heart. Well, today you should know it."

Hennings assumed command of Nevada's Gold crew Feb. 28, 2013. During his leadership, the crew conducted four strategic deterrent patrols, received 310 personal awards, and 86 enlisted Sailors and 14 officers received their submarine warfare qualification devices, or "dolphins".

"I can't imagine having commanded a better crew or a better ship than the USS Nevada Gold," said Hennings. "It is great to hand over the reins to someone I have known over the years and respect so much. I know that the crew will be in good hands."

As his last act as commanding officer, Hennings gave Electronics Technician Seaman Roberto Malpica his dolphins. Hennings will remain at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, where he will join the staff at Commander, Submarine Squadron 19.

"I am incredibly humbled to be standing before you today as the commanding officer of the USS Nevada," said Severtson. "Not only has Cmdr. Hennings turned over an aging warship in immaculate condition, but he most importantly turned over the finest trained crew in the fleet who has superbly excelled at all assigned missions. The most important asset on board the submarine is you, the crew. You do it flawlessly, each and every day. I can be no prouder than I am right now to stand before you as your Captain."

Severtson comes to Nevada from Washington D.C., where he was assigned to the staff of the Director, Undersea Warfare Division, as the Unmanned Systems and Future Payloads Branch Head.

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Description of Bid/RFP:

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Bid Opening: January 22, 2016

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2015-43

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for Wargo Pedestrian Entrance Project
Bid Opening: January 25, 2016

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ANOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public accuracy test of vote counting equipment to be used in the January 12, 2016 Primary Election will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 12:00 PM at Anoka County Courthouse, 325 East Main St, Suite 130, Anoka, MN 55303. If you would like to witness this demonstration, you are welcome to do so at the above mentioned location.

Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager

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Darrell G Andrews 1314 Viking Blvd NW Cedar, MN 55011

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/s/ Darrell G Andrews

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TD Foods, LLC

2674 124th Drive NE Blaine, MN 55449

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FILED: Dec. 30 2015, # 863345200021 /s/ Michael J Korst
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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

CastleHomesMN

2. Principal Place of Business:

9011 Pierce St NE Blaine, MN 55434

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

Karen Grossman LLC

9011 Pierce St NE Blaine, MN 55434

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

FILED: Dec. 20 2015, # 861066700024

/s/ Karen Grossman

(Published Jan. 1 & 8, 2016
Anoka County Record) #

CITY OF ANDOVER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, to review the following request:

Public Hearing: Interim Use Permit for the storage (land reclamation) of no more than 3,500 cubic yards of soil located at 16563 Hanson Boulevard NW, legally described as:

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 32, Range 24, 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 also 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

CITY OF ANDOVER

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PUBLIC HEARING: Conditional Use Permit Amendment to collocate three (3) additional antennas on the existing telecommunications tower located at 16157 Round Lake Blvd legally described as:

Lot 2, Block 1, Westview Industrial Park

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 also 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

ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in Anoka County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the polling locations listed below for the purpose of voting for candidates of the offices specified below. The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM and will remain open until closing at 8:00 PM.

STATE OFFICES

• State Senator District 35 (special election, term ending in 2017)

The voting places are as follows:

Precinct Name	Voting Location
Andover P-1	Hope Lutheran Church, 16180 Round Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-10	Andover Elementary School, 14950 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-2	Grace Lutheran Church, 13655 Round Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-3	Riverdale Assembly of God Church, 3210 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-4	Crooked Lake Elementary School, 2939 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-5	Andover Christian Church, 16045 Nightingale ST NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-7	Andover City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-8	Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304
Andover P-9	Bunker Hills Activity Center, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Anoka P-1	Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, 2800 Greenhaven Rd, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-2	Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, 2800 Greenhaven Rd, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-3	Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center, 2800 Greenhaven Rd, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-4	Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 4th Ave, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-5	Lincoln School, 540 South St, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-6	Anoka City Hall, 2015 1st Ave, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-7	Anoka Covenant Church, 752 Grant St, Anoka, MN 55303
Anoka P-8	Wilson Elementary School, 1025 Sunny Ln, Anoka, MN 55303
Coon Rapids W-1 P-1	Anoka County Sheriff's Office (W1P1), 13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Coon Rapids W-1 P-2	Anoka County Sheriff's Office (W1P2), 13301 Hanson Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Coon Rapids W-2 P-1	Chapel Hill Church (W2P1), 12691 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
Ramsey W-1 P-1	Pathways Community Church, 6341 167th AVE NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-1 P-2	Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, 5730 - 179th Ln NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-2 P-1	Park Center Building, 7925 161st AVE NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-2 P-2	Independent Baptist Church, 15650 Sunfish Lake BLVD NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-3 P-1	Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Dr NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-3 P-2	Ramsey Fire Station #1, 15050 Armstrong BLVD NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-4 P-1	Ramsey Fire Station #2, 15153 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303
Ramsey W-4 P-2	Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager

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ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA PUBLICATION BALLOT

A sample of the ballot to be used at the Special Primary Election of January 12, 2016 to be held in Anoka County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 appears below:

OFFICIAL BALLOT		STATE PARTISAN PRIMARY BALLOT	
JUDGE _____		ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA	
JUDGE _____		January 12, 2016	
MINNESOTA ELECTION LAW PERMITS YOU TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF ONLY ONE POLITICAL PARTY IN A STATE PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION.			
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:			
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
REPUBLICAN PARTY		DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY	
STATE OFFICES		STATE OFFICES	
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 35 VOTE FOR ONE		STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 35 VOTE FOR ONE	
<input type="radio"/> JIM ABELER		<input type="radio"/> ROGER JOHNSON	
<input type="radio"/> ANDY APLIKOWSKI			
Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager		(Published Jan. 1, 2016 Anoka County Record) #	

CITY OF LINO LAKES ORDINANCE NO. 14-15 REGULATING JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS

The City Council of Lino Lakes ordains:

Section 1. Chapter 215 of the City Code is hereby adopted as follows:

CHAPTER 215 - JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS

Section

215.01 Intent

215.02 Joint Powers Agreements

215.01 INTENT. It is often in the City's interest to enter into agreements with one or more other governmental units in order to undertake projects, provide services or otherwise exercise powers in a manner that is more efficient and cost effective than if the City acted alone. Such agreements are usually limited in scope and duration and do not create a separate joint powers entity. In those instances, however, where the joint powers agreement both creates a joint powers board and requires ongoing financial contributions from the City, there is a potential for the City's financial obligations to be disproportionate to the amount of control the City may exercise on the board. Particularly in the area of public safety, such a disparity between funding and control may not be in the City's best interests. Section 215.02 is intended to prevent such disparities in certain joint powers agreements.

215.02 JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS. The City shall not approve a joint powers agreement that (1) provides public safety services (police or fire); (2) creates a joint powers board; and (3) requires financial contributions from the City, unless the City's voting power on the joint powers board relative to the other board members is proportional to the City financial obligations relative

to the other board members.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to the Lino Lakes City Charter.

Passed by the Lino Lakes City Council this 28th day of December 2015.

Jeff Reinert, Mayor.

ATTEST: Julianne Bartell, City Clerk.

CITY OF LINO LAKES

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 13-15

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO QWEST BROADBAND SERVICES, INC., D/B/A CENTURYLINK, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF LINO LAKES, MINNESOTA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CABLE SERVICE; SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE, IF ANY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.

The City Council of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota ordains:

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PURPOSE

Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("Grantee"), applied for a cable franchise to serve the City. The City will adopt separate findings related to the application and the decision to grant a cable franchise to Grantee, which shall be incorporated herewith by reference. The City intends, by the adoption of this Franchise, to bring about competition in the delivery of cable services in the City.

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Adoption of this Franchise is, in the judgment of the Council, in the best interests of the City and its residents.

Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its publication.

The specific terms and conditions of the Franchise Ordinance, Sections 1 to 14, and Exhibits are available for review at City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN.

Passed by the Lino Lakes City Council this 28th day of December, 2015.

Jeff Reinert, Mayor
ATTEST: Julianne Bartell, City Clerk.

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Listed below are the regularly scheduled meeting dates of the Council and Commissions of the City of Circle Pines. Any

individual who wishes to receive notice of special meetings may accomplish that by calling city hall each year and being placed on a list, which will provide them with notice of special meetings as they occur for the group they are interested in.

2016

City Council

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

January 12

January 26

February 9

February 23

March 8

March 22

April 12

April 26

May 10

May 24

June 14

June 28

July 12

July 26

August 10

August 23

September 13

September 27

October 11

October 25

November 9

November 22

December 13

December 27

Planning Commission

1st Monday after

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

January 25

February 22

March 14

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 14

December 19

Utility Commission

3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

Park Board

1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

(Except as noted)

January 5

February 2

March 8 @ 6pm

April 5

May 3

June 7

July 5

August 2

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6

2017

City Council

January 10

January 24

Planning Commission

January 23

Utility Commission

January 18

Park Board

January 3

James W. Keinath,

City Administrator

Col Hts Library offers free computer classes to seniors

First Wednesday-of-the-month computer classes at the Columbia Heights Library are offered by representatives of the Senior Linkage Line. The classes cover computer basics and use of the Internet. Register online at www.anoka.lib.mn.us or call 763-706-3690.

The class is presented in collaboration with the Minnesota Board on Aging and the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. The next dates are Wed. Jan. 6 and Wed. Feb. 3. The two-hour classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

U of M Extension offers classes on managing personal finances

“Dollars into Sense” is a class for people who want to manage their personal budgets, track spending and credit. Classes are held at the Anoka County Human Services Center, 1201 89th Ave., Blaine on Thursdays Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May 12 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information and to register call 763-755-1280. E-mail inquiries can be sent to julie.blomquist@co.anoka.mn.us

County seeks volunteers to help count homeless people on January 28th

Has your son’s friend slept on your couch for a few nights? Have family members stayed with you while they work to catch up on bills? Is your former neighbor living in a shelter after losing her home? These are just a few examples of what homelessness looks like today in Anoka County.

In order to get an accurate assessment of homelessness in the U.S., the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each January requires a Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of people who are homeless.

The PIT Count will take place Thursday, January 28, beginning at 12 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. and will include locations throughout the county, including homeless shelters, city streets, and other known homeless encampments. Volunteers are needed to help conduct the count.

Volunteers will be gathering information about people who are homeless, which includes men, women, and children who are temporarily living with friends and relatives, or living in shelters, on the street, or in substandard housing and/or places not meant for human habitation. In 2015, more than 794 people were without a permanent place to live in Anoka County.

This year’s count will be conducted by Heading Home Anoka, a network of organizations, residents, and businesses working to end homelessness in partnership with the Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (CoC).

For more information and to volunteer, see this page on the Anoka County website: www.anokacounty.us/homelessness.

— Anoka County news release

City of Lino Lakes 600 Town Center Parkway Lino Lakes, MN 55014			
The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2016 budget information concerning the City of Lino Lakes to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with MN Statutes Section 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at the City Offices, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 during regular business hours. The City Council adopted this budget on December 14, 2015.			
	2014 <u>Actual</u>	2015 <u>Budget</u>	2016 <u>Budget</u>
General Fund Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$7,147,977	\$7,595,578	\$7,123,572
Intergovernmental Revenue			
Federal	0	0	110,000
State	434,200	450,000	470,000
Anoka County & Other	77,864	40,000	75,000
Licenses and Permits	407,681	439,100	491,983
Charges for Service	313,826	294,550	309,550
Fines and Forfeits	119,715	130,500	150,500
Interest on Investments	30,506	30,000	30,000
Change in fair value of Investments	17,503	0	0
Miscellaneous	179,321	170,500	214,805
Total General Fund Revenues	\$8,728,593	\$9,150,228	\$8,975,410
General Fund Expenditures			
General Government	\$1,687,761	\$1,839,575	\$2,005,783
Public Safety	3,878,718	4,556,944	4,407,187
Streets and Highways	1,336,087	1,405,619	1,453,664
Solid Waste Abatement	75,416	37,427	79,909
Culture and Recreation	791,075	880,072	817,596
Conservation of Natural Resources	83,743	109,374	115,292
Community Development	400,145	432,611	457,563
Total General Fund Expenditures	8,252,945	9,261,622	9,336,994
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$475,648	(\$111,394)	(\$361,584)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
General Fund Reserves	0	170,000	423,000
Transfers - Net	(555,196)	(58,606)	(61,416)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(555,196)	111,394	361,584
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over (under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(\$79,548)	\$0	\$0
Property Tax Levy Requirement to fund this budget	\$7,098,922	\$7,490,578	\$7,018,572

Lino Lakes Ambassadors Enjoyed Breakfast with Santa on Saturday Dec. 12th

The children attending the Lino Lakes Park and Recreation Department’s *Breakfast with Santa* not only had the opportunity to share their wish list with him, but there were many activities as well.

The Lino Lakes Ambassadors assisted with coloring and cookie decorating. The children love the opportunity to be “princess” for a moment as the Ambassadors let them try on their crowns.

The Ambassadors can be scheduled to appear at an event. Send an e-mail to linolakesambassador@gmail.com to check their availability.



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