

How UnionHerald Reacts to Losing Customers

"Bully", "Sore Loser", "Unprofessional" are descriptions used by elected officials

A while back, a current Anoka County Commissioner called Anoka County UnionHerald General Manager Tom Murray a "sore loser". A councilmember publicly questioned Murray's "professionalism" after receiving one of his rambling letters attacking the Record. This year, a mayor used the word "bully" to describe his behavior.

These comments were made after they saw Murray's reaction to losing publishing contracts with Anoka County, Oak Grove, and Ham Lake. Contracts were awarded to the Record due to our prices being 50-90% less than the UnionHerald, along with services which are not available from any other Anoka County newspaper.

In 2016, Murray's UnionHerald was completely shut out of the county's publishing business, quite possibly for the first time in the history of that paper under all previous owners. In response, Murray has stepped up his attacks, even after contracts have been voted upon and decided.

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The Record focuses on informing our customers about our quality services that are not found anywhere in the county, along with our unbeatable low prices. Customers love our flat rate pricing because it's consistent, simple, speeds up service and eliminates paperwork.

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We are proud to be a small Minnesota business. Unlike most of the newspaper industry that dominates Anoka County, at the Record you speak directly with the owner. We have no chairman of the board, general manager, office manager, etc.

Murray and UnionHerald Primarily Focus on Attacking the Record

At public meetings in 2016, either Murray or his staff would hold up both of our newspapers and question which one looked more legitimate. He also implied that selecting the Record would lead to lower home values or difficulty selling homes because the Record would scare away buyers. He also attacked our free promotional offer...because it was free. All of Murray's comments were specious at best.

The look of a newspaper has nothing to do with legitimacy or whether it satisfies legal requirements. Newspapers are not required to be published in color or have a sports section.

I was astonished when Murray claimed that a person might think twice about moving into a certain city based upon which newspaper a city published its legal notices in. Circulation numbers show that the overwhelming majority of people in Anoka County do not even read weekly print newspapers. In my 25 years of experience in local government, I have heard of people moving to a community for their park system, schools, or proximity to their place of work. I have never heard anyone ever imply that a weekly newspaper distributed to a handful of homes was even a tiny factor.

Murray even attacked our free publishing promotional offer, claiming that if something is free, it isn't worth anything. I smiled when he said this because his newspaper publishes advertisements for free offers all the time. I wonder if his advertisers would appreciate knowing what he really thinks of their promotions.

Murray and UnionHerald Attacks Continue After Contracts Approved

Even though contracts have been approved for 2016, Murray continues to send disparaging and misleading information to our clients.

Publisher's Column



John Kysylczyn

City considers law preventing most residents from renting their homes

by Tom Steward Watchdog.org Minnesota Bureau

Karen Johnson owns two houses on the same lot in South St. Paul, living in one and renting out the other. But she worries a proposed ordinance limiting rental units to 10 percent of properties per block could keep her out of the rental market.

"If I decided to move away and keep the property, then I would be unable to rent both properties," said Johnson, a resident for 15 years. "And if I should sell it to somebody, and there's only one license for one property, it may affect my ability to sell the property to somebody, who may want to own it for rental purposes."

The controversial provision surfaced in an overhaul of rental policies now before city councilors in the Twin Cities suburb. The so-called rental density cap would direct the city clerk to consider rental license applications on the basis of whether anyone on the block already rents his or her residence. Four Minnesota cities already have rent caps on the books.

"That obviously has been very controversial in other communities, but it has worked effectively to avoid high concentrated areas of rental properties," said city attorney Korine Land in the first city council meeting on the ordinance. "Because that can be a burden on public service and public safety considerations."

The development has already prompted a hint of possible legal action. The Institute for Justice previously sued Winona over the constitutionality of the nation's first rental property cap, but the Minnesota Supreme Court left the legality unresolved because some plaintiffs no longer owned the property at issue.

"A future challenge to Winona, or another municipality's, rental cap could be the case that allows the Court to answer whether rental caps are permissible," said IJ attorney Anthony Sanders in a letter to South St. Paul Mayor Beth Baumann. "Your proposed ordinance would be just as unconstitutional and unlawful, and also just as bad a policy, as Winona's."

The city issues about 775 rental licenses to owners of RENTAL continued on page 2

Collage of newspaper pages from Anoka County Record, including a 2014 Annual Disclosure Statement, a notice to creditors, and various public notices.

UnionHerald General Manager Tom Murray's Manifesto Recently Sent to County Board Members

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In an e-mail, Murray made false statements about a longstanding dispute we have with the City of Fridley over the interpretation of a specific law applying only to that city. We have asked the Court to apply a prior Hennepin County District Court case to Fridley. If successful, Murray's parent company will lose even more business to the *Record*. To date, there has been no ruling on the merits, only on the procedural issue Murray wrote about.

Murray also sent commissioners a hand bound manifesto of sorts filled with old pages from our newspaper. His scribbles make it look like a movie prop from a disturbing Hollywood movie.

In his manifesto, he falsely implies that the *Record* is overcharging the county, essentially stealing from taxpayers.

The fact is that our billing records have been consistent throughout our contract period with the county because we use one master template to determine price. *Regardless of how a notice appears in print*, the price charged is always consistent.

To address Murray's implication that we are overcharging our law firm and city clients, apparently he doesn't understand that when you charge a flat rate, the customer cannot be overcharged.

Let's not forget that the *Record* charges 50-90% less to publish notices than the *UnionHerald*. Our billing would have to be off by several country miles in order to make their price more economical.

What most are unaware of is that in 2015, the county overpaid us by a considerable amount due to an accounting error. We immediately caught

the error and promptly returned every penny. If the *Record* was as dishonest as Murray implies, we would have kept every penny and the mistake would have never been discovered.

Hardly the Way to Win Customers Back

It is unfortunate that customers who leave the *UnionHerald* for the *Record* have continued to receive e-mails, letters, and manifestos from Murray and the *UnionHerald*.

If the *UnionHerald* actually wanted these customers back, you would think that torturing all who attempt to leave their sphere of control would not be considered a sound method.

As Murray and the *UnionHerald* keep up their antics, positive feedback increases from our clients, and along with that comes a greater loyalty and respect for the work we do here at *Anoka County Record*.

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single-family houses, duplexes and apartment buildings. The 10 percent cutoff would apply to single-family properties only.

"One of the reasons that this ordinance was brought forth was based upon residents in the community that were concerned with the number of rentals on their block and issues related to them," said South St. Paul city clerk Christy Wilcox in an email.

But the proposed rental limit raises fundamental property rights concerns that have led to complaints and comments at city hall. Critics include some property owners with no intention of renting their homes, but who view the cap as a threat to everyone's economic freedom.

"If you and I were next door neighbors, and you already had your house rented out, I'm screwed," said Burnell Beermann, a 76-year-old homeowner who opposes the ordinance. "That's the thing, it

ain't right. If they've got concerns with behavior, they should address the behavior."

The restriction has also mobilized the St. Paul Area Association of Realtors. The group alerted 1,500 members in the area, leading several to file bluntly worded complaints with city planners.

"Although your office may have good intentions, it is not the cities business to restrict homeowners rights in this fashion," wrote Tim Krey, a broker from Real Estate Masters. "Drawing up any percentage is completely arbitrary and UNFAIRLY rewards some but not others. This is an intrusion on a basic American property right."

Others see the robust rental market as a positive economic indicator for the blue-collar community, population 20,000.

"Strong rental demand today is probably going to turn into strong purchase demand in the future," said Eric Myers, government affairs director for the St. Paul Area Association of Realtors. "There

are cities all over the country that would love to have a rental problem today."

Officials promise to iron out the kinks in a city council workshop and meetings with concerned property owners. Lucky duplex owners may get a break.

"If they sell their duplex and the rental density is over 10 percent, the new owner would still be able to obtain a rental license," said Wilcox. "I believe that some of the wording in the language of the proposed ordinance may be confusing and we will have to tweak it so it clearly defines this type of situation."

Regardless of the wording, opponents contend the ordinance says the same thing — renters not welcome.

"Your city would be saying to renters: 'You are second-class citizens,'" wrote Sanders. "We do not want you living in our single-family neighborhoods. Therefore we are making it illegal for more than a nominal amount of you to live in those neighborhoods."

Deputy Jessica Slavik is the 2015 Minnesota Deputy of the Year

Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart announced that the Minnesota Sheriff's Association has chosen ACSO Deputy Jessica Slavik as the 2015 "Deputy of the Year." Deputy Slavik was presented the award in December at the Minnesota Sheriff's Association winter conference in Alexandria. Sheriff Stuart and other members of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office attended the ceremony as well.

Deputy Slavik has a Bachelor's Degree and Forensic Science certificate from Hamline University. She has been employed with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for eight years and has served in the Jail Division, Patrol Division, Court Security Unit and for the last four years as a Deputy in the Crime Scene Unit where her duties involve processing major crime scenes for evidentiary purposes. Deputy Slavik was selected for the "Deputy of the Year" based on several criteria:

- Her stellar work done on a complex arson/murder case where she spent an extensive amount of time processing a gruesome crime scene. For her efforts in the case, Jessica received high praise not only from Sheriff's Office staff, but also the Jurors, County Attorney's Office and the judge that presided over the trial. Juror evaluations noted Jessica's exceptional performance in the trial and her work in the case, noting that they feel more safe and secure as Anoka County residents with the competence displayed. Feedback from the County Attorney on the case indicated that "her evidence collection skills and the work she did to prepare the exhibits



for trial were commendable. But her testimony was wonderful. Star quality! Phenomenal from the first moment she arrived on scene, did an incredibly thorough job documenting and processing a very complex scene." The Judge presiding over the case even contacted the Sheriff, noting "You should know you have a star in Jessica Slavik. Her testimony was flawless as was her knowledge of the crime scene."

- In May of 2015, Deputy Slavik became a Certified Crime Scene Investigator through the International Association for Identification. This certification takes a major effort that includes countless hours of study and testing that Deputy Slavik completed on her own time.

Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart said, "The Anoka County Sheriff's Office has a history of pursuing excellence and I am very proud of the work that our team does every day. Deputy Jessica Slavik exemplifies what it means to go above and beyond and embraces her role as an ambassador in our communities. I am very proud of her accomplishments and appreciate the Minnesota Sheriff's Association recognition of her efforts."



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Quote of the Week: “Just as the government cannot compel political speech or association generally, it cannot mandate political speech or association as a condition of public employment.”

— Michael Carvin, attorney for Rebecca Friedrichs, arguing before the Supreme Court

SENATE DISTRICT 35 - THE AFTERMATH

Alright, Watchdogs. Let's get this one on the table. Our prediction in this race was flat out wrong.

We predicted that Andy Aplikowski would win the GOP special election primary this past Tuesday.

So what contributed to Jim Abeler's win?

After all, this is an election Aplikowski should have won. An open seat in a reliable GOP district. The GOP endorsement. Endorsement of numerous GOP office holders. The Freedom Club State PAC in support. A challenger with a voting record out of step with the GOP base in the district. A primary special election in the dead of January with no other races on the ballot.

So what the heck happened?

Three things tilted this race to Abeler.

IT'S ABOUT THE G-O-T-V

For the uninitiated. “GOTV” is an acronym for “Get Out The Vote.” While this concept is always a key part of any political campaign, it was especially important in this race, since there were no other races on the ballot to drive turn out.

Simply put, Abeler did a masterful job both expanding the universe of voters in the election and then turning them out to vote.

Since Abeler was well known and not well liked among the universe of GOP primary voters, he had to rely on strategy to turn out people who don't normally show up to vote in a GOP primary election.

While Abeler certainly has high name recognition in the district, that name recognition doesn't automatically translate into voters with the intensity to show up and vote.

But it happened.

The numbers show that voters who wouldn't normally turn out did so for Jim Abeler.

In short, he beat the turn out model and motivated people who the conventional wisdom would say aren't easily motivated to vote in this type of election.

Put another way, he got the guys from the golf league and Rotary to show up and vote for him on a cold January day.

On the other hand, the Aplikowski campaign, the state GOP, and the Freedom Club all underperformed the turn out model for this district.

According to multiple GOP sources in the district, some of the bread-and-butter GOTV messaging was missing.

For example, these sources reported no contact from Aplikowski or the GOP regarding early voting and absentee voting options.

With a January election, it would be basic GOTV practice to capture supportive voters who would be out of town, especially snow birds heading for warmer climes.

In addition, these same sources reported not receiving a sample ballot just before Election Day.

Again, these are GOP sources who are on the Party's email and mail lists. They received communications regarding the race in general but nothing regarding early voting, absentee voting, or a sample ballot.

A sample ballot would have been key since Abeler, as a challenger, had high name recognition and had been endorsed by the GOP numerous times in the past.

MONEY MATTERS

Money is the mother's milk of politics, it's been said.

And it's true.

Just as with the GOTV game, Abeler whupped Aplikowski on the money game.

In reviewing campaign finance reports, Abeler outraised Aplikowski 5 to 1. Let's repeat that. 5 to 1.

Aplikowski reported raising nearly \$9,000 compared to Abeler's roughly \$45,000.

Some will complain that the gap is due to Abeler being bought and paid for by the special interests and thus the fundraising gap isn't a surprise.

Yes, Abeler sucks the knee caps of lobbyists and special interests.

Heck, he's registered lobbyist himself.

So what.

Getting clobbered that badly in the money race is inexcusable.

If you want to be a senator, you've got to find a way to raise money and keep the gap close.

Making excuses for weak fundraising is just that - an excuse.

Because conservatives can't promise to open the public till to be pillaged, they always face fundraising challenges.

Aplikowski is no different. The difference is that he utterly failed to raise the funds necessary to be competitive.

Perhaps this circumstance is a reflection upon Aplikowski not only as a campaign so to speak, but also as a candidate.

The Watchdog in a certain sense views political fundraising as an exercise similar to raising venture capital for a start-up.

A lack of capital can be a signal that the market place isn't thrilled with the company, its leadership, and its business model.

In the political market place, a lack of money is a proxy for a lack of enthusiasm for the candidate.

Which leads to the third observation.

CANDIDATE QUALITY MATTERS

In our estimation, the base would overlook Aplikowski's numerous flaws and choose him over Abeler because Aplikowski was correct on the issues and Abeler was, well, not so correct.

That turned out to be wrong.

Again, the numbers tell the story. Abeler's vote total beat expectations while Aplikowski's fell short of projections.

Senate District 35 is composed of precincts in Anoka, Ramsey, Coon Rapids, and Andover.

Abeler won every precinct in every city except Andover, where he won two of nine.

In fact, Abeler beat Aplikowski by whopping margins in some of those precincts.

The delegates to the Senate District 35 convention chose Aplikowski despite warning signs flashing on just about every front.

Aplikowski was a first-time candidate.

In fact, he had no real accomplishments anywhere on his resume, including the professional realm, the public service realm, or the educational realm.

More troubling, Aplikowski had a long trail of inflammatory, intemperate, ranting blog posts which have been recounted in small part in this publication.

These blog posts were well known to the delegates. In fact, the Candidate Screening Committee offered Aplikowski's candidacy “with reservation.”

There were warning signs all over the place that he wasn't the guy to beat Jim Abeler or serve as a state Senator.

While some will don the tinfoil hat and concoct conspiracy theories and cast blame near and wide, the reality is that Andy Aplikowski was a bad candidate.

To be fair, the field of candidates wasn't extremely robust.

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8:45—Noon

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS CALENDAR

CITY OF HAM LAKE, Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake MN 55304 (763) 434-9555 (www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us)

Hours Mon-Thurs 7 am-4:30 pm; Fri. 7 am-Noon)

Mon. Jan. 25 — City Council, 5 pm Special Mtg

Mon. Jan. 25 — Planning Comm., 6 pm

Mon. Feb. 1 — City Council, 6 pm

Mon. Feb. 8 — Planning Comm., 6 pm

CITY OF OAK GROVE,

Oak Grove City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St. NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011 (763) 404-7000 (www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us)

Mon. Jan 25 — City Council, 7 pm

Mon. Feb 8 — City Council, 7 pm

Wed. Feb. 17 — Parks Comm., 6:30 pm

Thurs. Feb. 18 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Mon. Feb 29 — City Council, 7 pm

CITY OF NOWTHEN

Tues. Jan. 26 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Tues. Feb. 2 — Park & Rec, 7 pm

Thurs. Feb. 4 — City Council, 5:30 pm

Tues. Feb. 9 — City Council

Tues. Feb. 16 — Road & Bridge Comm, 7pm

Tues. Feb. 23 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

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

Mon. Jan. 25 — EDA, 7 pm

Tues. Jan. 26 — Planning Comm., 7 pm

Wed. Jan. 27 — City Council “work session” 6 pm

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

Mon. Jan. 25 — EPB, 6:30 pm

Tues. Jan. 26 — City Council “work session” 5:30 pm; Reg Mtg 7 pm

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS, (763) 753-2630. Meetings held at Central Services Office, 4115 Ambassador Blvd NW, St. Francis

Mon. Feb. 1 — City Council, 6 pm

Tues. Feb. 16 — City Council, 6 pm

LINWOOD TOWNSHIP, 22817 Typo Creek Dr., (651) 462-2812

Mon. Jan. 25 — Park & Rec. Comm., 6 pm

Tues. Jan. 26 — Town Board, 6 pm

NORTH METRO CABLE COMMISSION (Ham Lake, Blaine, Lexington, Circle Pines, Centerville, Lino Lakes, Spring Lake Park) (763) 780-8241

Wed. Feb. 17 — Cable Comm., 6 pm, Spring Lake Park City Hall

COON CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT, 12301 Central Ave NE, Suite 100, Blaine, (763) 755-0975, www.cooncreekwd.org. (includes portions of 7 cities: Ham Lake, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, Columbus, Andover) Meetings held at Bunker Hill Activities Center, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover

Mon. Jan. 25 — 5:30 pm

ANOKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 1318 McKay Dr NE, Suite 300, Ham Lake (763) 434-2030, anokaswcd.org

Tues. Feb. 16 — Board of Supervisors, 5:00 pm

ANOKA COUNTY, Meetings at Anoka County Courthouse unless otherwise noted; County Administrator's office (763)-323-5711; 323-5700

Tues. Jan. 26 — Management Cmte., Rm 772, 8:45 am;

County Board — Rm 705, 9:30 am

Tues. Jan. 26 — Members of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners will attend a meeting to discuss federal transportation issues at 6:30 pm, Claddagh Irish Pub, 7890 Main Street North, Maple Grove

ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD, 707 Cty Rd 10 NE, Blaine. Meetings held at offices next to Northtown Library

Mon. Jan. 25 — 5:30 pm

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This publication could name 5 residents of Senate District 35 who would have likely beaten Abeler and most certainly would have represented the district with honor at the Capitol.

It's unfortunate that none of these people heard the call of their country to step forward and serve.

So who are the winners and losers here?

Jim Abeler is the big winner. He won his showdown with the local GOP and will cruise to a special election victory.

He will then likely serve as long as he wishes. Of course, a quality candidate may challenge him at some point, similar to Michelle Benson ousting Debbie Johnson.

The other big winner is the Good Ol' Boys network in the county.

After suffering a long string of election defeats, they won one here and will have a guy at the Capitol to help feed at the public trough, at least just a little bit.

And the losers?

The GOP is a major loser here. The Party failed to protect the endorsement in a deep red district in a special election.

The state Party takes yet another step into irrelevancy.

This is a black eye for Chairman Keith Downey and his team.

Aplikowski is obviously another loser in this affair. His shot at the brass ring evaporated into the cold January air.

Finally, it will be interesting to see how this race affects the political fortunes of state Rep. Abigail Whelan of Anoka.

A protégé of Abeler, she has been roundly criticized in local GOP circles for supporting Abeler, an unendorsed candidate.

While Whelan sports a solid conservative voting record after her first year in office, it will be interesting to see if she faces an endorsement challenge from the same camp angry with her

over the outcome of this race.

Stay tuned!

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ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2016-01

Description of Bid/RFP:

Advertisement for Bids for 2016 Pavement Rehabilitation at Lake George Regional Park

Bid Opening: February 16, 2016

For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

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CITY OF HAM LAKE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received and publicly opened by the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota at the office of the City Clerk, on the 12th day of February 2016, at 11:00 A.M. for the furnishing of work and material for the City of Ham Lake 2016 Tree Removal Project.

The project consists of the following approximate quantities at each site:

TH 65 East Frontage Road south of Bunker Lake Boulevard (Eveleth Street)

- 1.4 acres clearing
- 1.4 acres grubbing
- 141 each clearing – Trees 6" and larger
- 141 each grubbing – Trees 6" and larger

169TH Avenue and Xylite Street

- 4.3 acres clearing
- 4.3 acres grubbing

All in accordance with plans and specifications prepared for the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, by RFC Engineering, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 13635 Johnson Street, Ham Lake, Minnesota, 55304, telephone 763-862-8000.

Plans and specifications may be examined at City Hall, may be obtained from the Engineer and are available for download from www.rfcengineering.com under the Ham Lake heading under Contractor Information. Bids must be made on the basis of cash payment for the work accompanied by a cash basis, a certified check (from a responsible bank in the State of Minnesota), or a bidder's bond and made payable without condition to the City of Ham Lake, Minnesota, in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bids received without explanation.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the bid opening.

By order of the City Council of the City of

Ham Lake, Minnesota. Dated this 20th day of January 2016.

Denise Webster, Clerk

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CITY OF ANOKA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
1030 MCKINLEY STREET

At 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, in the Council Chambers, 2015 1st Avenue N, Anoka, the Anoka Planning Commission will review and hold a public hearing to consider a conditional use permit application submitted by Peak Physique for a conditional use permit to operate a personal training studio on the property.

The property is located at 1030 McKinley Street, Anoka, MN 55303, legally described as: Lot 4, Block 1, Anoka Enterprise Park Southwest, Anoka County, Minnesota.

All persons are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing and be heard on this matter. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Planning Department at Anoka City Hall or by phone at 763-576-2716.

Auxiliary aids for handicapped persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Manager's office at (763) 576-2712 to make arrangements.

Chuck Darnell
City of Anoka Planning Department

CITY OF BLAINE Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2017 property tax payments.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Blaine shall meet on April 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at Blaine City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required

by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Circle Pines City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Circle Pines City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines. The purpose of the meeting will be to review proposed changes to City Code Chapter 13 regarding Stormwater Management, Floodplain Management and Sediment Control and Wetland Management. Copies of the proposal are available at city hall.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disabled individual may one week in advance contact City Hall by phone at (763) 784-5898, or TDD (763) 231-2617; or writing to request reasonable assistance to be able to participate in these proceedings.

James W. Keinath
Clerk of the City of Circle Pines

CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Conditional Use Permit Amendment

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Columbus Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as parties may be heard, in the City Hall located at 16319 Kettle River Blvd., Columbus, Minnesota to consider a request to amend an existing conditional use permit for a construction contractor business to allow the construction of additional lean-to buildings, a future accessory building and the alternate location for proof of parking on the property. The hearing shall continue until all evidence and testimony has been received.

Property Owner: Montgomery Family Partnership LLP
Applicant: Kinghorn Construction

Property Location: 14461 Lake Drive NE, Columbus, MN 55025

Legal Description: LOT 1 BLOCK 1 MONTGOMERY FAMILY ADDITION, ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in Anoka County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, February 9, 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

- Andover P-1
- Andover P-10
- Andover P-2
- Andover P-3
- Andover P-4
- Andover P-5
- Andover P-7
- Andover P-8
- Andover P-9
- Anoka P-1
- Anoka P-2
- Anoka P-3
- Anoka P-4
- Anoka P-5
- Anoka P-6
- Anoka P-7
- Anoka P-8
- Coon Rapids W-1 P-1
- Coon Rapids W-1 P-2
- Coon Rapids W-2 P-1
- Ramsey W-1 P-1
- Ramsey W-1 P-2
- Ramsey W-2 P-1
- Ramsey W-2 P-2
- Ramsey W-3 P-1
- Ramsey W-3 P-2
- Ramsey W-4 P-1
- Ramsey W-4 P-2

Voting Location

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

Cindy Reichert, Elections Manager

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AHMED ADEN MOHAMED

SUMMONS AND PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION

State of Minnesota, County of Anoka

District Court, 10th Judicial District

Court File No.: 02-FA-15-2007

Case Type: Dissolution

In Re the Marriage of:

Yasmin Abdulle Ali, Petitioner

and

Ahmed Aden Mohamed, Respondent

TO: Ahmed Aden Mohamed, THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the attorney for Petitioner an answer to the Petition which is herewith served upon you, within thirty (30) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Anoka County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 24 & 25 Blk 11 Hamilton Add to Mechanicsville, Subj to Ease of Rec, Anoka County, Minnesota. The object of this action is to award Petitioner all right, title and interest in the property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BOTH PARTIES TO THIS ACTION, UNLESS THEY ARE MODIFIED BY THE COURT OR THE PROCEEDING IS DISMISSED:

- (1) NEITHER PARTY MAY DISPOSE OF ANY ASSETS EXCEPT (i) FOR THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE OR

FOR THE NECESSARY GENERATION OF INCOME OR PRESERVING ASSETS, (ii) BY AN AGREEMENT IN WRITING, OR (iii) FOR RETAINING COUNSEL TO CARRY ON OR TO CONTEST THIS PROCEEDING; (2) NEITHER PARTY MAY HARASS THE OTHER PARTY; AND

(3) ALL CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE MUST BE MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED WITHOUT CHANGE IN COVERAGE OR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION.

(4) PARTIES TO A MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION PROCEEDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEMPT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA LAW. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INCLUDES MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND OTHER PROCESSES AS SET FORTH IN THE DISTRICT COURT RULES. YOU MAY CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR AREA. IF YOU CANNOT PAY FOR MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, IN SOME COUNTIES, ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH A NONPROFIT PROVIDER OR A COURT PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC ABUSE OR THREATS OF ABUSE AS DEFINED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER, 518B, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TRY MEDIATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE PENALIZED BY THE COURT IN LATER PROCEEDINGS.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: 1/13/2016

By: /s/ Yasmin Abdulle Ali
Law Offices of Eric S. Day PLLC
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Minneapolis, MN 55406
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Elizabeth Mursko, Zoning Administrator to Title 10, Section 10-600, to amend Section 10-600 to address text issues identified by the Department of Natural Resources during their review.

CITY OF COON RAPIDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Coon Rapids City Council will hold a public hearing and make a decision on the following matter:

CASE: Crooked Lake No Wake Ordinance

ITEM: Code Change to Title 10, Section 10-600

PETITIONER: City of Coon Rapids
The Coon Rapids City Council will consider and make a decision regarding a code change

Said hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before January 25, 2016. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-757-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested

persons are invited to City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of East Bethel will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:30 PM, at the

City Hall, 2241 221st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN. The hearing will be held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions. by applicant, Barn Goddesses, LLC and owner, Genevieve Family Limited Partnership Family Trust for a Conditional Use Permit to consider allowing Barn Goddesses to build upon and improve the subject property, and for Ponds of Hidden Prairie, LLC to build an event venue. The location being PIN 08-33-23-11-0005 and the Legal Description being that pt of ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 of sec 8 twp 33 rge 23, ex s 100 ft of e 120 ft and ex that pt of ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 of sec 8 twp 33

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...rge 23 desc as fol: beg at ne cor of sd 1/4 1/4, th s 01 deg 00 min 37sec w asd brg alg e line of sd 1/4 1/4, 587.32 ft, th n 88 deg 59 min 23 sec w 229.79 ft, th n 80 deg 22 min 34 sec w 567.20 ft, th nly alg non-tangential cur conc to w 108.24 ft, rad of 340.00 ft, central ang of 18 deg 14 min 27 sec, chord brg n 08 deg 16 min 30 sec e, th n 00 deg 50 min 43 sec w tan to last desc, 393.21 ft to n line of sd 1/4 1/4, th s 89 deg 10 min 03 sec e alg sd n line 789.70 ft to pob, ex road subj to ease of rec. The Zoning Classification split between Light Industrial District (I) and Highway Commercial District (B3). The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or interested property owner, who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

The East Bethel City Council may consider this request at its February 17th, 2016 regular meeting.

Colleen Winter
Community Development Director

CITY OF NOWTHEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBER OPENING

The City of Nowthen Currently has an opening on their Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviews, comments, holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council Regarding: Growth, land use and development in the

City conformance to the Comprehensive Plan, City Code and Ordinances. The Planning Commission is a 7 member committee with a 3 year term length. An applicant may fill a current term that is less than 3 years.

Anyone interested in the position must complete the Application for Appointment.

Applications can be picked up at the City Offices during office hours or are available on the City Website of www.nowthenmn.govoffice2.com.

All applications must be submitted to the City Offices no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 12:00 PM.

All applicants must attend the 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Planning and Zoning Meeting for interviews and recommended appointment to the City Council

Contact the City Offices at 763-441-1347 for more information

CITY OF NOWTHEN ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEMBER OPENING

The City of Nowthen Currently has an opening on their Road and Bridge Committee.

The Road and Bridge Committee participates in developing the road, bridge, ditch, culverts parts of Comprehensive Plan and MS4 Plan; participates in additional planning projects stemming from these plans; participates in the capital improvement programming process. The Road and Bridge

Committee is a 5 member committee with a 3 year term length. Applicant may fill a current term that is less than 3 years. Anyone interested in the position must complete the Application for Appointment.

Applications can be picked up at the City offices during office hours or are available on the City website of www.nowthenmn.govoffice2.com.

All applications must be submitted to the City Offices no later than February 10, 2016 at 12:00 PM.

All applicants must attend the 7:00 PM, February 16, 2016 Road and Bridge Committee Meeting for interviews and recommended appointment to the City Council.

Contact the City Offices at 763-441-1347 for more information or contact the City Council directly.

CITY OF NOWTHEN PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER OPENING

The City of Nowthen Currently has an opening on their Park and Recreation Committee.

The Park and Recreation Committee is a 5 member committee with a 3 year term length. Applicant may fill a current term that is less than 3 years. Anyone interested in the position must complete the Application for Appointment. Applications can be picked

CITY OF HAM LAKE - SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2016 budget information concerning the City of Ham Lake to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the complete budget may be examined at the Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN or on the City's website at www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us. The City Council approved this budget on December 21, 2015.

Governmental Funds 2016 Adopted Budget

Budgeted Governmental Funds	2015 Original	2016 Adopted
REVENUES		
Property taxes	\$ 4,412,280	\$ 4,505,338
Other taxes	64,300	0
Special assessments	7,033	66,300
Licenses and permits	344,670	1,272
Intergovernmental revenues		358,370
Federal	736,250	0
State	3,025,841	3,290,675
County & other local governments	84,698	9,998
Charges for services	175,345	180,190
Fines and forfeits	52,000	52,000
Interest on investments	42,866	42,815
Miscellaneous revenues	123,640	78,100
Total revenues	9,068,923	8,585,058
Other financing sources		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	65,000	52,000
Transfers from other funds	1,254,731	1,130,100
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 10,388,654	\$ 9,767,158
EXPENDITURES		
Current expenditures		
General government	\$ 1,018,670	\$ 991,035
Public safety	1,732,426	1,763,288
Streets and highways (excluding construction)	965,389	981,517
Sanitation (recycling)	39,000	39,500
Parks and recreation	353,185	357,280
Economic development	60,760	52,660
Miscellaneous	15,500	15,500
Total current expenditures	4,184,930	4,200,780
Debt service-principal	130,000	130,000
Interest and fiscal charges	59,169	55,518
Capital outlay	5,057,850	5,970,497
Total expenditures	9,431,949	10,356,795
Other financing uses		
Transfers to other funds	1,254,731	1,130,100
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 10,686,680	\$ 11,486,895
Increase (decrease) in fund balances	\$ (298,026)	\$ (1,719,737)
Property tax levy - all funds	\$ 4,335,280	\$ 4,465,338
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments for 2015	\$ 97	

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up at the City offices All applicants must during office hours or attend the 7:00 PM, are available on the March 1, 2016 Park and City website of www.nowthenmn.govoffice2.com. Meeting for interviews and recommended appointment to the City Council. Contact the City Offices at 763-441-1347 for more information

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS

ANNUAL CHARTER COMMISSION MEETING

The St. Francis Charter Commission will hold their annual meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 5:00 pm. This meeting will take place at

ISD #15 Central Services Office, 4115 Ambassador Blvd. NW, St. Francis, MN. General discussion will be held during this meeting.

Barb Held, City Clerk



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