

## Oak Grove Search to Fill City Clerk Position Continues

The mayor and city council members of Oak Grove received an update on the search to fill the city clerk position at their Tuesday, May 30 meeting. City Administrator Loren Wickham informed them that he interviewed six applicants but could not recommend anyone to move forward in the process.

Since applicants were only given an initial interview by Mr. Wickham, and were not presented as finalists, their names are not public information under Minnesota law. Finalists will be brought before the mayor and city council for a vote.

After council discussion, it was agreed to increase the top end of the salary range by \$10,000 to see if this would attract additional applicants. The new salary range will be \$45,000 - \$70,000 plus benefits. The application process will remain open until the position is filled. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received.

Mr. Wickham informed the *Record* that he continues to have the goal of hiring someone before current City Clerk Sherry Fiskewold retires on June 30.

The application period for the position of part-time administrative assistant closed last Friday. The city intends to fill this position in June. - *ACR staff*

## ISD 15 - St. Francis School District Mistake in Voter Stats Still Results in Special Election Bond Referendum Failure Nowthen Mayor Addresses Referendum Presentation Issue

At two special school board meetings, first on May 26, and the second on June 2, the St. Francis School Board canvassed the election results of the May 23 referendum. The second meeting was called to correct a typo.

The canvassing of election results is a process required under Minnesota law where the school board meets between three to ten days after an election to verify that the numbers reported on election night were correct.

At the first special school board meeting, a resolution was approved with a typo that overstated the number of voters than actually participated in the special election. The second special school board meeting was called to correct the error. Anoka County discovered and corrected all election judge errors prior to the first school board meeting.

The St. Francis School District hired Anoka County to administer their special elections. The school district selects the polling places, while the county provides staffing and administrative services. If the school district held an election during the state primary or state general election, the county would automatically be responsible for most administrative costs.

On May 26, the school board certified that 5,270 voters participated in the special election. On June 2, this number was downward revised to 4,606.

The May 23 special election report shows 19,848 registered voters when the polls opened and 259

### Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Special Election Results

School District Question 1		
Precinct	Yes	No
P1 Central Service Center	702	884
P2 Lifelong Learning Center	795	889
P3 East Bethel Community Center	517	729
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,014</b>	<b>2,502</b>

School District Question 2		
Precinct	Yes	No
P1 Central Service Center	591	997
P2 Lifelong Learning Center	703	980
P3 East Bethel Community Center	437	802
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>2,779</b>

registering the day of the election. The number of persons voting was 4,606. Voter turnout was approximately 23%.

The November 8, 2016 regular school board election had a significantly higher turnout. On that day, 26,796 were registered to vote when the polls opened and 3,005 registered the day of the election. The number of persons voting was

24,699. Voter turnout was approximately 83%.

### Nowthen Mayor Addresses Referendum Presentation Issue

Mayor Jeff Pilon informed the *Record* last week by phone, "Both myself and Corrie (City Clerk Corrie LaDoucer) take responsibility for not connecting the March school district email with our May meeting."

Mayor Pilon previously informed the *Record* on May 12 (reported in the May 16 edition) that no one from the school district contacted them to do a presentation on the referendum.

Shortly after the city's March council meeting, they were contacted by the school district about doing a presentation. With the city having a full agenda for April, they informed district staff that they would refer the council to the website.

By the time of the May city council meeting, both the mayor and the clerk inadvertently forgot about the school district's offer made in March.

Approximately 1/3rd of Nowthen is in ISD 15.- *ACR staff*

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	Precinct							
	Election Judges	Voting Booths	Regis @ 7 am	Election Day Registrants	Spoiled	Duplicate	Signatures on Roster	# Ballots Counted
P1 Central Service Center	8	9	7077	84	1	0	1528	1612
P2 Lifelong Learning Center	8	9	6704	95	0	0	1522	1617
P3 East Bethel Community Center	7	9	6067	77	2	0	1146	1223
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19,848</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,196</b>	<b>4,452</b>

	Absentee							
	Election Day Regis AB Voters	Spoiled	Duplicate	Rejected	Regular/Military/Overseas	Federal	Total Accepted Absentee	Total Persons Voting
P1 Central Service Center	3	0	0	0	63	0	63	<b>1,675</b>
P2 Lifelong Learning Center	0	0	1	0	67	0	67	<b>1,684</b>
P3 East Bethel Community Center	0	0	0	0	24	0	24	<b>1,247</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>4,606</b>

**Sen. Michelle Benson****Republican budget delivers tax relief & transportation investments**

The Senate Republican majority has completed work on its first state budget, a stark change from previous years. The new budget delivers the first tax relief in nearly two decades, and the first serious investment into roads and bridges since 2008.

Roughly \$1 billion of the state budget surplus is being used to fund these two top Republican priorities.

Republicans have spent the last 6 months promising a different governing mentality, and today we delivered on that promise. This was a historically productive session – we addressed the health care emergency, funded schools,

passed the biggest tax relief bill in almost two decades, and the largest investment in roads and bridges since 2008.

Minnesota families will finally see badly-needed relief thanks to the Republican \$648 million tax relief plan. It aligns Minnesota with 38 other states by reducing taxes on Social Security income, and includes a new tax credit for people paying off high student loan debt.

The Republican transportation bill addresses our infrastructure crisis by infusing \$300 million in permanent, on-going funding into roads and bridges. Combined with transportation money included in the bonding bill, there will be \$600 million available to rebuild Minnesota's transportation infrastructure this biennium. Thousands of lane miles and hundreds of bridges will be repaired or replaced over 10 years with the Republican plan.

The transportation bill also includes creates a new statute to clarify MnDOT's project selection process guidelines, to make the process more transparent and eliminate bureaucratic biases. Statewide taxpayers will no longer be on the hook for annual operating costs of South West Light Rail due to a provision included in the bill.

Republicans put students first with \$1.3 billion in new funding to Minnesota schools. This includes a 2% funding formula increase every year – a top priority of students, education advocates, and teachers unions.

**Sen. John Hoffman**

The final days of the 2017 Legislative Session were chaotic, hurried, and happened in the dead of night. But, as the session closed out legislators were able to pass a nearly \$1 billion bonding bill which funds critical infrastructure projects across the state.

I have strongly advocated for several local bonding projects including the Champlin Mill Pond and the Hanson Boulevard rail grade crossing, and was the original chief author of both bills.

These two projects are both incredibly important to the people who live in our corner of the northwest metro. The Champlin Mill Pond



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# Reports From Your Legislators



project is already vastly improved – and now we have an additional \$3.3 million to help create an ideal recreational spot for fishing, and families to enjoy. I also worked hard to secure the \$14.1 million to greatly increase the safety at the Hanson Boulevard rail crossing in Coon Rapids. This has been a public safety issue for years as well as a significant transportation barrier. I'm glad we've got the money to move forward with building a rail grade crossing separation at this intersection. The people who travel along this corridor will be safer, and can travel with greater ease.

The bonding bill this year was the definition of a bipartisan bill, it passed in the Senate with near-unanimous support. As contentious as politics at the Capitol are sometimes, it's good for Minnesota when we can all agree on a bonding bill which creates jobs and strengthens our local communities.

**Rep. Cal Bahr**

While I know that more can be done to reduce spending and state government's impact on our lives, there are some great accomplishments to share and build off of in future legislative sessions.

**Break Down Of The Budget:**

**Taxes:** The tax bill provides \$650 million in tax relief over the next two years (2018-2019) and \$790 million in 2020-2021, which is the largest tax cut in almost 2 decades!

- Nearly 284,000 senior citizens will receive tax reductions; 72,000 of those will no longer pay any state income tax on their social security benefits.
- A family of four making \$50,000 a year will receive an additional \$1,200 toward their child care expenses.
- 65,000 students will receive an average of a \$414 reduction in their taxes through a new tax credit for student loan payments.
- Every Minnesota business owner will see relief from an "extra" business tax.
- 240,000 farmers will receive property tax relief to reduce their disproportionate share of school district levy costs.

**Transportation:** The transportation budget prioritizes Minnesota's need of transportation infrastructure improvements through a plan that puts more money into fixing our roads without asking Minnesotans to reach deeper into their pockets. In the next two years alone, an additional \$300 million of existing general fund resources from auto-related taxes will be invested in the state's transportation infrastructure with an additional \$16 million for small cities' road projects; this will be the largest investment in



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roads and bridges in state history without raising taxes. Additionally, through the creation of a new local bridge account, 97 bridges will either be repaired or replaced statewide.

The transportation bill also prevents future ongoing state funding of the operating costs of Southwest Light Rail. This rail line has not even been built yet and we have already wasted taxpayer dollars on this disastrous, inefficient mode of transportation.

**Job Growth and Energy:** The Job Growth and Energy Affordability Committee, which I am a member on, worked hard this session to support economic development, energy, and housing, while also cutting spending on wasteful programs through:

- Improving vocational training for students wanting to enter the trades.
- Lowering energy bills for consumers by reducing and streamlining the regulatory process for energy providers.
- Reducing fees on construction-related permits and inspections to help encourage infrastructure projects.
- Providing job training opportunities for veterans reentering the workforce.

**Legislation for Next Session:**

Unfortunately, the bill to increase penalties for parents/guardians who subject their girls to female genital mutilation was never voted on in the Senate despite having nearly unanimous support in the House. We need to pass this bill again next year and ensure the Senate passes it as well, so it can get to the Governor's desk for his signature. We, as Minnesotans, should not tolerate this abusive and violent behavior towards girls by their parents.

You likely heard from me on the campaign trail about the need to dismantle the Met Council and return it back to its intended form as a sewer and water board. There was substantial reform in the first transportation bill that the Governor vetoed. He has said that he would be receptive to reforms that would not take effect until after his term as Governor was complete - I take him at his word. My colleagues and I will be putting Metropolitan Council reform on his desk in the next session with an effective date of January 1st, 2019.

**Rep. Peggy Scott**

The legislature completed our state budget for the next two years. It was a long process, but worth it when we look at the final result. We'll see \$650 million in tax relief, billions in road and bridge funding, and some needed projects in our area.

Anoka County will see some big benefit from our bills. Here in Andover, we received needed funding to clean up the WDE Landfill. I'm proud to advocate for these funds; our area needs this to sanitize this site going forward.

The Hanson Blvd. railroad crossing is also receiving funding. This was a project that dates back years. If you've ever driven this stretch



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# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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June 2nd, 2017

**Quote of the Week:** "It was actually my idea. My staff had varying reactions."

- Governor Mark Dayton describing his line-item veto of legislative operating budgets

**Quote of the Week:** "Yesterday the governor took an unconstitutional step to defund the Legislature, attempting to silence both the House and Senate for the next four years. As I stated earlier, I am disappointed in the governor's behavior and his decision to veto our operating budget over differences he previously agreed to. The governor has left the Legislature no choice but to seek outside counsel in an effort to defend the people's voice at the Capitol."

- House Speaker Kurt Daudt

**Quote of the Week:** The powers of government shall be divided into three distinct departments: legislative, executive and judicial. No person or persons belonging to or constituting one of these departments shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others except in the instances expressly provided in this constitution.

- Minnesota Constitution, Article III

## CHAOS, CONFLICT, UNCERTAINTY

Just when you thought the Dayton administration couldn't get any more confused and chaotic, we got Tuesday's press availability regarding the fate of major spending bills that were presented to him the week prior, comprising the state budget and other spending items like the bonding bill.

Speculation ran rampant over the Memorial Day weekend about the fate of those bills, either signed or vetoed.

Of course, it just couldn't be that easy, as Dayton once again argued with himself and sowed the seeds of a constitutional crisis in the process.

The governor signed all the major spending bills except for the tax omnibus bill, all the while complaining during the press conference about how bad those spending bills were.

When asked by the media why he signed "bad" bills into law instead of vetoing them, Dayton had no good answer.

In any case, it was good that he signed those bills, as they had some excellent provisions in them, including getting rid of "LIFO" (last-in-first-out) teacher layoff provisions and a restriction on issuing illegal immigrant driver licenses.

Dayton arguing with himself over signing bills he doesn't like isn't new, but what happened with the tax bill took things to a new level.

He announced at the presser that he was allowing the tax bill to become law "without his signature" for reasons explained in a moment.

The problem here is that it wasn't at all clear that the constitution would allow him to do so.

To make the long story short, the constitution says that bills that linger without a gubernatorial signature or veto either pass into law or become a "pocket veto" after the passage of a certain amount of time.

At 5:30PM CST on May 30th, Dayton argued with himself that the lack of his signature mean that the bill would become law.

By 10:30PM CST that same day, Dayton announced he was signing the bill because it would be a "pocket veto" without it.

Thus, Minnesotans witnessed the spectacle of the chief executive arguing with himself over the meaning of his lack of a signature on the tax bill.

Again, it was a good thing that he signed it and removed all doubt, as the tax bill contained \$650

million in tax relief, something not seen much these days.

The problem for the governor was that had he vetoed the tax bill, it would have triggered a defunding of the Department of Revenue, an "insurance policy" the GOP inserted into another bill after Dayton vetoed the 2016 tax bill.

Dayton was irate, calling the provision a "poison pill" and a "sneak attack."

It has been nothing short of amazing to watch Governor Dayton act as a bystander to his own actions and his own duties as chief executive.

"Sneak attack?"

Did he not negotiate these bills? Of course he did.

Did he not see these bills posted many hours and days prior to their enrollment and presentation to him? Of course he did.

Does he not have a staff of many people who have the job of reviewing bill? Yes, he does.

"We missed it," was all he could say about being legislatively outmaneuvered.

Now this is where things get really funky.

The governor got an idea in his head that he would use his line-item veto power to defund the House and Senate, hoping to get them back to the bargaining table to exchange their funding for getting rid of three tax cuts, teacher layoff reform, and the immigrant driver license issue.

Speaker Daudt and Majority Leader Gazelka have said "no thanks" and are smartly litigating the issue.

While legislative tit-for-tat is nothing new in divided government (both sides do it), there are some lines that cannot be crossed.

One of them is essentially dissolving one branch of government in order to get something another branch wants.

The legislature funded the executive branch in their bills, as they should have.

The state constitution calls for three branches of government, all separate, coordinate, and co-equal.

The governor can no more dissolve the legislature by withholding funding any more than the state Supreme Court can dissolve the executive branch via judicial fiat.

This isn't Venezuela, Cuba, or Somalia. Dayton isn't "El Jefe", "Guiding Sun Ray" or even "Generalissimo."

You don't get to play the strongman in olive drab in Minnesota.

The foundation of our republic is three branches of government and the rules clearly say that one branch can't put another out of business.

I guess they didn't teach that at Blake School or Yale.

The legislature will very likely win their case in court.

The courts will surely understand that allowing a game of shutting down other branches when one doesn't get its way is a dangerous game.

More importantly, the judicial branch understands that it may be the one under attack someday if this is allowed.

Even if they lose, Dayton will lose the resulting stare down as the GOP refuses to knuckle under.

It's important to remember that there are hundreds of staffers, partisan and non-partisan, who work at the legislature and depend on the job for their ability to provide for themselves and their families.

That Mark Dayton would hold these public servants hostage is poor politics and hypocritical.

So the guy who professes to love our public employees is going to put them in the bread line to

score a couple of political points?

Dayton can't win the PR battle here.

While DFL partisans may cheer Dayton's "bold" move, it will go down as one of the dumbest political stunts in Minnesota political history.

## SCHOOL TAX TRIBULATIONS

The Star Tribune had a story earlier this week about the record number of school property tax levy increases failing.

As one might expect, the Star Tribune and those quoted in the story seemed to be at a loss as to why citizens would be so unwilling to increase their taxes in the name of "the children."

It's the same puzzlement from the same people who still can't figure out why Donald Trump won.

The Left doesn't appreciate that taxpayers are sick and tired of ever increasing taxes that pay for the same level of mediocrity and poor results that put American kids behind nearly every other industrialized nation with respect to educational outcomes.

They're sick of a focus on issues like who can pee in what bathroom instead of math and science.

They're fed up with work rules that protect bad teachers and lay off good ones simply because of a lack of seniority.

They're fed up with the bureaucracy of assistants to the assistant, diversity coordinators, and central office staff who have nothing to do with classroom teaching.

The myopia of the Left is both amazing and wonderful, as it ensures that small government outsiders continue to win.

## A WARNING FOR THE GOP

Speaking of the status quo, it's more than a bit concerning to read of the hand wringing among many Republicans in Washington regarding efforts to change the status quo.

News reports are replete with stories about how GOP reform efforts are in doubt because of worries from Republicans themselves.

Obamacare repeal and replace is stuck in the Senate.

Tax code reforms have yet to move.

Some are calling Trump's proposed budget reductions "dead on arrival."

The voters have made themselves quite clear. They have had enough of entrenched politicians protecting the status quo and failing to deliver on core campaign promises.

If the GOP dallies on these subjects, they will be in deep trouble in 2018.

Count on it.

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## Legislator Updates

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of Hanson, you know how badly we needed to make it safer and more streamlined.

On top of that, some local roads and bridges will see improvement thanks to our transportation and bonding plans. This was an issue I heard so much about, and I'm happy to see the budget reflect a need to invest in roads and bridges.

### Sen. Carolyn Laine

#### Compromise Reached on State Government Finance Bill

I served as the single Democrat on the State Government Finance conference committee, and worked diligently to advocate for our clean and fair elections, fully funding our valuable state agencies, and keeping partisan policy provisions to a minimum.

During the special session, we got many, though not all, of the harmful provisions out of this bill.

As the only minority member on the conference committee, I knew from the start I couldn't change the trajectory of the bill. Instead, I made sure the committee discussed the most egregious proposals within the original bill, which included large arbitrary cuts to state agencies, negative changes to our campaign finance laws, and not funding cybersecurity. The original state government bill that included these concerning provisions was vetoed by Governor Dayton earlier in May.

As we approached the final version of the bill, major concerns remained. The bill included an extremely divisive change that would have prevented the ratifying of negotiated collective bargaining agreements with state workers. Thankfully, this provision was removed after protests led to further negotiations between Republican leaders and the Governor.

One major victory of the final bill was the removal of proposed campaign finance changes present in the earlier bill vetoed by the Governor. Republicans voted during the conference committee process to eliminate the campaign public subsidy program. This program sets reasonable candidate campaign spending limits, which keep our elections sane and help make it possible for the ordinary Minnesotan like me to run. I'm grateful this proposal did not make it into the final bill.

I'm disappointed that the final bill did not include funding for our cybersecurity efforts. Increasingly sophisticated cyber-attack techniques are developing at a rapid pace—cyber-attacks represent a “new mafia” of organized criminal activity, leaving our state and the private data of Minnesota citizens vulnerable. I advocated for robust cybersecurity funding to make sure all Minnesotans are protected, but this funding was ultimately not included in the budget bill. I will pick up this issue early next year and work hard to secure this much-needed funding.

Although we did avoid major cuts to our state agencies in the final bill, we still need more funding in place to support the important work done by our agencies—we all benefit from adequately funding the agencies that handle our taxes, our important state infrastructure, and the services we take for granted. I believe it is our duty to be responsible stewards of the state budget, balancing revenues with the needs of Minnesotans, and supporting the growth and well-being of our beloved state.



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### Rep. Abigail Whelan

#### Session Concludes

The Legislature concluded their work, completing and sending budget bills to Governor Dayton after we reached a bipartisan compromise. Governor Dayton signed the bills into law this week, and I am pleased we got our work done for the people of Minnesota. I think there are a lot of great things to be proud of this session!

#### Transportation & Taxes

First, House Republicans came in advocating for two significant priorities this session—transportation and tax relief. We accomplished great things in both of those areas.

On the transportation front, we passed the largest investment in our road and bridge infrastructure ever without a tax increase. We were able to do this in part by redirecting some general fund dollars (from existing transportation-related revenues) toward transportation projects.

What's more, the final bill included language to bring needed reform to the MnDOT highway project selection process. The language came from a few bills that I and other legislators chief authored, which were based on the recommendations put forth by the nonpartisan Office of the Legislative Auditor. Though the language adopted in the final omnibus bill is not the exact language of the bill I carried, the intent and idea is the same (aimed to make improvements to the transparency of MnDOT's project selection process), and I am pleased we were able to work together to bring needed changes to this area of law. Should the transparency of the highway selection process still not improve, we may look to do more in future sessions.

The bonding bill that passed also has funding for transportation projects.

Finally, we also ensured that state funding will not be used to cover operating costs of the Southwest Light Rail line without legislative approval.

Our tax relief package includes more than \$650 million in meaningful middle-class tax relief for families, seniors on social security, college graduates with student loan debt, farmers and businesses across the state. I am happy to share this is the biggest tax cut for Minnesotans in nearly two decades!

#### Capital Investment (Bonding)

Capital investment bills are traditionally centered on infrastructure and use “bonds” (or borrowing) to fund the costs of building and maintaining the state's infrastructure. In recent years in the Minnesota budget cycle, smaller capital investment or “bonding” bills are offered/passed in the first year of the budget cycle, and a larger bonding bill is passed in the second year of the budget cycle.

While this bonding bill is large for the first year of a biennium, it is important to note that last year the Legislature did not pass a bonding bill. This year's bonding bill included many of the same projects from the previous bonding bill, which was largely focused on roads, bridges, and public infrastructure.

While there are a few more projects in the bonding bill than I would like, I voted in favor of it as it is so heavily focused on roads and bridges, and infrastructure. Also, notably for our area of the state, the bill contained a couple great projects:

-Funding for safety and security renovations at



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the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center

-\$14 million for a local project to improve Hanson Blvd in Anoka County

*\*While I do not like that we borrow as a state, we have some guidelines in place to help ensure we borrow wisely (think of buying a mortgage). For example, we typically take out twenty years bonds and must pay back 40 percent of the bonds within the first five years, and 70 percent within ten years.*

#### Education

I believe the omnibus education bill will bring great benefit to Minnesota students and schools. The bill increased education funding by \$1.35 billion over the current biennium, with a 2 and 2 percent increase on the per pupil student formula, which puts more money in every classroom across the state.

Also included were significant reforms to fix our broken teacher licensure system, as I wrote about in a previous update. We also passed a repeal of the default LIFO (last in, first out) policy. The repeal will now allow local bargaining units to negotiate a mutually beneficial agreement that takes into account more than just seniority when making difficult layoff decisions. Seniority can still be an important factor in those decisions.

In all, the bill includes additional funding and meaningful policy changes that will improve student learning and ensure our state can attract and retain world-class educators.

#### Higher Education

It was an honor to sit on the higher education conference committee and help work out a final compromise that focuses on affordability and accessibility for college students this session. From freezing tuition for the 2018-19 school year at MnSCU campuses to providing more opportunities for students with learning differences, I think it does a lot of important things.

I am also pleased to report an issue that I have long advocated for, and helped negotiate with the University of Minnesota and legislators was included in the bill. The U of M is now required to obtain approval from an institutional review board or fetal tissue oversight committee before conducting research on aborted fetal tissue, and must report to the legislature on the use of aborted fetal tissue.

While ultimately I would like to see a ban on the use of aborted fetal tissue, I believe this is a step in the right direction.

#### Tele-medicine Abortion Reporting, Health and Human Services

I am pleased that a bill I carried last session and again this session to require abortion facilities to report whether or not an abortion was performed via tele-medicine was included in the Health and Human Services Omnibus bill.

A big thank you to the Chairs of the Health and Human Services Committees, as well as the Chair of the Ways and Means committee, for their assistance in ensuring this provision was included in the final bill Human Services Omnibus bill.

#### Other Budget Bills

Other highlights in budget bills passed this session include preventing undocumented immigrants from receiving driver's licenses through executive branch rulemaking, streamlining permitting and funding veteran priorities.

Overall, I think this was a positive session for the people of Minnesota, and I am glad we were able to come to a bipartisan agreement that funds our state's shared priorities including tax relief, schools, and roads and bridges.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**ANOKA COUNTY Notice of Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County will meet at 9:30 a.m. on June 13, 2017, in the County Board Room of the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, Minnesota, for a regularly scheduled County Board Meeting, which will include conducting a public hearing concerning the imposition and proposed transportation and transit uses of a ¼ cent sales and use tax, and \$20 per motor vehicle excise tax, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §297A.993. The purpose of the hearing is to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed tax. Following the public hearing, the County Board may take action on the proposed tax. Any questions regarding the proposed sales and use tax may be directed to Dee Guthman, Deputy County Administrator at (763) 324-4707 between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. All interested persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views orally or in writing. If you need an accommodation such as an interpreter or printed material in an alternate format (i.e., braille or large print) because of a disability, please contact the Anoka County Administration Office at 763-324-4700. (6/6, 2017 ACR) #682

**ANOKA COUNTY NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Anoka County Community Development Department  
325 East Main Street, Suite W250  
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763-324-4650  
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Anoka.  
**Request for Request of Funds**  
On or about July 10, 2017, the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the following project:  
2017 CDBG Funds—funds will be distributed to Alexandra House for expansion of the existing parking lot and replacement of 9 furnaces. This property is in Blaine, MN. The County of Anoka, Community Development Department will be administering this

funding in the amount of \$156,160 and all federal guidelines will be met.  
**Finding Of No Significant Impact**  
The County of Anoka has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Anoka County Community Development Department, 325 East Main Street, Suite W250, Anoka, MN 55303 and may be examined weekdays 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.  
**Public Comments**  
Any individual, group, or agency wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the County of Anoka. All comments received by 4:30 pm on June 23, 2017, will be considered by the County of Anoka. Prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and project they are addressing.  
**Release of Funds**  
The County of Anoka certifies to HUD that Anoka County and Karen Skepper, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Anoka County HRA, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the County of Anoka to use program funds.  
**Objections to the Release of Funds**  
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Anoka's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the County of Anoka; (b) the County of Anoka has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24C.F.R. Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 C.F.R. Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 C.F.R. Part 58) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 920 Second Avenue South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, MN 55402. HUD will not consider objections to the release of funds on the bases other than those

stated above. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
/s/ Karen Skepper, Executive Director  
Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
325 East Main Street, Suite W250  
Anoka, MN 55303  
(6/6, 2017 ACR) #679  
**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**  
Bid #2017-13  
Description of Bid/RFP: Riverfront Regional Park Redevelopment  
Prevailing Wages Required  
Bid Opening: July 14, 2017  
For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: [www.AnokaCounty.us/bids](http://www.AnokaCounty.us/bids). (5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 2017 ACR) #679  
**CITY OF NOWTHEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CITY OF NOWTHEN STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM**  
You are hereby notified that the City of Nowthen will hold a Public Comment session at the beginning of the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 19800 Nowthen Blvd NW, Nowthen, Minnesota.  
Purpose of the session: The purpose of the Public Comment Session is to receive input and comments from the public on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). A copy of the SWPPP is available at the City Offices. As an annual requirement of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Storm Water Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), the City of Nowthen must receive

public comment and opinion on the adequacy of their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program. This public comment session is offered to solicit that input and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the development and implementation of the program.  
Written comments will be accepted by the City up to 3:00 pm, on Tuesday June 13, 2017. Comments should be directed to Corrie LaDoucer, City Clerk.  
Dated: June 1, 2017  
Corrie LaDoucer, City Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Nowthen  
(6/6, 2017 ACR) #582  
**CITY OF OAK GROVE City Clerk**  
The City of Oak Grove, MN (pop. 8,360) is seeking a City Clerk with excellent communication skills and a strong customer service orientation. Position includes, but is not limited to: managing official records, providing customer service, processing permits and license applications, and administering elections. Position assumes all statutory duties of City Clerk.  
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An application and full job description are available online at [www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us](http://www.ci.oak-grove.mn.us). To apply please send cover letter, resume and completed application to City of Oak Grove, 19900 Nightingale Street NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011 or email [hr@ci.oak-grove.mn.us](mailto:hr@ci.oak-grove.mn.us). Position is open until filled.

**CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333**  
The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:  
1. Assumed Name: **Onyx Event Planning**  
2. Principal Place of Business: **15730 Radium St NW Ramsey, MN 55303**  
Nameholder(s): **Danielle Saima 15730 Radium St NW Ramsey, MN 55303**  
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FILED: 5/15/2017 # 950564400026 /s/ Danielle Saima (6/6, 6/13 2017 ACR) #685  
**CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME STATE OF MN MN STATUTES CHAPTER 333**  
The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:  
1. Assumed Name: **Styles by Dekeia**  
2. Principal Place of Business: **12685 Riverdale Blvd. Suite 23 Coon Rapids, MN 55448**  
Nameholder(s): **Shalaya Gardner 3133 6th Ave Anoka, MN 55303**  
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**WAYNE F. RUGGLES**  
STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ANOKA PROBATE DIVISION  
Estate of TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Wayne F. Ruggles, aka Wayne Ruggles Court File No. 02-PR-17-244  
Decedent ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT (Intestate Estate)  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:  
It is ordered and notice is hereby given that on August 1, 2017 at 9:00 am a hearing will be held in the above named court at Anoka County Courthouse, 325 East Main St., Anoka, Minnesota, regarding the petition of Jessica Ruggles and Andria Addison, for an Order for Summary Assignment. Any objections thereto must be filed with the court on or before such date.  
That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said petition will be granted and an Order issued for distribution.  
NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, personal representative shall give notice to all interested parties as required by law and, on or before the hearing date, file due proof thereof with this court.  
Dated: 5/10/17 /s/ Sean C. Gibbs, Judge of District Court  
Dated: 5/10/17 /s/ Karis Dahl, Deputy Court Administrator  
Eric C. Dammeyer (#134375); Attorney for Petitioner  
3800 American Blvd. West, Suite #1500; Bloomington, MN 55431  
T 952-927-7060; F 952-232.6263; [eric@dammeyerlaw.com](mailto:eric@dammeyerlaw.com)  
(5/30, 6/6, 2017 ACR) #681

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certificate under oath.  
FILED: 5/25/2017  
# 951958600025  
/s/ Shalaya Gardner  
(5/30, 6/6 2017 ACR) #680

**PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID**

**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 Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Blvd NW, Andover, Minnesota to review the following request:

Consider Amendments to the City Code 5-1B, Equines and 5-10, Offenses Related to Drug Paraphernalia.

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 Joe Janish, Community Development Director with any questions at (763) 767-5140 or j.janish@andovermn.gov

Joe Janish, Community Development Director

**CITY OF BLAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BLAINE CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY'S STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) FARMERS MARKET, BLAINE CITY HALL**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby

given the City of Blaine, Minnesota, will meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot at City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE to provide information about the City's SWPPP as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the SWPPP will be heard at this time. Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact Cathy Sorensen at (763) 785-6124 no later than Friday, June 9, 2017.

For questions regarding the SWPPP, contact Rebecca Haug, Water Resources Manager, 763-785-6188.

**CITY OF BLAINE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON-SALE WINE, 3.2 MALT LIQUOR ON-SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held on June 15, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, MN, before the Blaine City Council as required by City Code for Dixie Blue, Inc. dba Dixie Blue BBQ & Catering in conjunction with the sale of the On-Sale Wine, 3.2 Malt Liquor On-Sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses for the facility located at 2330 Cloud Drive NE Suite 101, Blaine, Minnesota. At said hearing all persons shall be heard who wish to speak for or against the proposed license.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact

Stacy Dellich at (763) 785-6122 no later than Friday, June 9, 2017.

Contact Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk, (763) 785-6124 if you have any questions regarding this public hearing.

Cathy Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 17-23**

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota will receive bids at the Coon Rapids Public Works facility until 2:00 p.m., June 22, 2017 at 1831 111th Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvement:

Main Street & Coon Rapids Boulevard Lighting Project

Supply approximately 100 street light assemblies and design & installation instructions consistent with project specifications.

Project documents are available at <http://www.questcdn.com>. You may download the complete set of digital bidding documents for \$30.00 by entering eBidDoc™ #5171946 on the "Search Projects" page. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Bids shall be directed to the Public Works Director, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the inscription "Main Street & Coon Rapids Boulevard Lighting Project 17-23." Project bids will also be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Bids will be opened and read by the City Public Works Director at the Coon Rapids Public Works facility at 2:00

p.m. on June 22, 2017. Bidding documents will be tabulated and reviewed by City staff to be considered by City Council at 7:00 p.m., July 5, 2017. The City of Coon Rapids reserves the right to reject or hold all bids for 60 days.

**CITY OF FRIDLEY PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public hearing of the Fridley Planning Commission at the Fridley Municipal Center, 6431 University Avenue N.E. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

For the purpose of:

Consideration of a Plat, PS #17-03, by Kurt Manufacturing Co. Inc., to replat the property, which will take two irregularly shaped parcels (flag lots) and creating two rectangular shaped lots, legal description is on file and available at Fridley Municipal Center, generally located at 7585 Viron Road

Any and all persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity at the above stated time and place. Any questions related to this item may be referred to Stacy Stromberg, Planner, at 763-572-3595.

Hearing impaired persons planning to attend who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 no later than June 14, 2017, The TDD number is 763-572-3534.

The City Council meeting for this item will be on July 10, 2017.

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831**

Forest Lake, MN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2017

Revised for Publication  
The following unapproved minutes have been revised for publication and will be approved at the next Regular School Board Meeting. The full text is posted on the district web site, available by standard or email, and for public inspection at the school district offices during normal business hours.

The mtg of the Schl Bd of ISD No. 831, Forest Lk., MN, was called to order by Karen Morehead at 8:00 pm on 5-18-17, at the Schl Dist Offices. At roll call the following mmbms were present: Corcoran, Morehead, Odegaard, Olson, Peterson, Theisen, and Supt. L. Madsen, ex officio. Member Rapheal was absent.

Consent agenda: Mmbr

Odegaard pulled agenda item 3.3 and moved approval of agenda items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson. All mmbms present voted aye and the motion carried.

Appvd the bills as of 5-18-17(including March 31, April 4 & 7, 2017) totaling \$626,201.83 broken into the following funds: Gen Fund \$288,013.73; Food Svc \$77,081.27; Transp \$64,819.62; Comm Svcs \$23,522.27; Maroon Gold Spt Ctr \$15,923.18; Grants-SDE \$50.00; Capital \$114,016.89; Internal Health Ins: \$18,571.00; OPEB Debt Svc Fund: \$2,500.00; Non Public Schools: \$206.68; Pop Fund \$5,695.92; Federal Prog. \$6,327.38; Special Ed \$9,473.89

Appvd Classified Personnel: Resign - 1; End of Employment - 2; Recommend Employment - 4; Auth of Transfer - 5; Restructure of SAC Asst Site Mgrs - 1; Lay off Status Due to Reduction of Position - 2; LOA - 6; Reduction of Position - 1

Adopt 2017-2018 Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL

Mmbrs Odegaard and Theisen recognized the retirement of Mr. Al Anderson. Mmbr Odegaard moved approval of agenda item 3.3. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson. All mmbms present voted aye and the motion carried.

Appvd Licensed Personnel: Unpaid LOA - 1; Non-Curricular Assign-2; Employment - 1; Retire/Resign-4; Change(s) in FTE - 1; Auth of Addl Position - 1

Old Business:

Mmbr Theisen moved Ratify FL Assoc of Educational Paraprofessionals Agreement 2016-2018. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson, by roll call vote Mmbrs Corcoran, Morehead, Olson, Peterson and Theisen voted aye. Mmbr Odegaard voted no. The motion carried.

Mmbr Theisen moved to Ratify FL Supervisors' Assoc Agreement 2015-2017. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson, by roll call Mmbrs Corcoran, Morehead, Olson, Peterson and Theisen voted aye. Mmbr Odegaard voted no. The motion carried.

Mmbr Olson moved to Appv New Supt to Engage in Addl Employment at the U of M for the months of June and July 2017. The time commitment will be late afternoon/evening and addl future employ opps will need to come before the Bd for approval. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson, by roll call vote all mmbms

**"A Walk in the Garden" Educational Series**

The University of Minnesota Extension - Anoka County Master Gardener Volunteer Program is sponsoring "A Walk in the Garden" educational series of gardening classes at the Bunker Hills Activities Center, 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN.

Classes are scheduled throughout the summer on select Wednesday evenings in the Veteran's Peace and Master Gardener Demonstration Garden south of the Activities Center from 7-8 pm.

- June 14: Native Plants  
Lynda Ellis, Extension Master Gardener
- July 12: Flamboyant Foliage  
Sue Peterson & Allyson Bergman, Extension Master Gardeners
- July 19: Hostas 101  
Cathy Beason & Cheryl Seeman, Extension Master Gardeners
- August 2: Revising Your Garden  
Cheryl Seeman, Extension Master Gardener
- August 9: Monarch Butterflies  
Kathy Johnson, Extension Master Gardener

Classes will be taught by Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and will include many useful gardening tips along with University of Minnesota research-based information. These classes immediately follow the Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinics, also held at the Bunker Hills Activities Center.

Pre-registration is required due to space limitations. Classes are free, but a suggested donation of five dollars per session is welcome, which helps to cover marketing and promotional expenses. Please call 763-324-3495 to reserve your space. A copy of the brochure is available at [www.anokamastergardeners.org](http://www.anokamastergardeners.org) and lists complete class descriptions.

present voted aye and the motion carried. available to use for survey costs. Theisen, Corcoran, Olson, Peterson and Morehead voted aye. Mmbr Odegaard voted no. The motion carried. Levy/Bond Discussion: Mmbr Theisen motioned, After the last Bd mtg 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran to the supt was directed to Appv a Survey with Morris gather survey info and she Leatherman. Dr. Madsen No new business was rptd. As there was no further business Mmbr Peterson moved, 2nd by Mmbr Odegaard to adjourn. All proposal would not the dollar amt not exceed exceed \$16,000. Also \$16,000. The motion was because we are a mmbm 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran. 8:21pm. of 916 we have \$10,000 By roll call vote Mmbrs

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**JERARD LeROY MACKEY** DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 02-PR-17-289

**NOTICE OF ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on August 1, 2017, at 9:00 am, a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Anoka County Courthouse, 325 East Main Street, Anoka, Minnesota, 55303, on the petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated October 1, 1982, and for the appointment of Susan A. Lynch, whose address is 10449 Jefferson Street NE, Blaine, Minnesota 55434 as personal representative of the estate of the decedent's estate in a Supervised Administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against said estate are required to present the same to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 5/26/17 /s/ Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, Judge of District Court /s/ Lori Meyer, District Court Administrator

David K. Porter; Attorney for Petitioner; Registration No. 87622; 5208 Bloomington Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417-1820; (612) 722-1001; email: Probater@Earthlink.net

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