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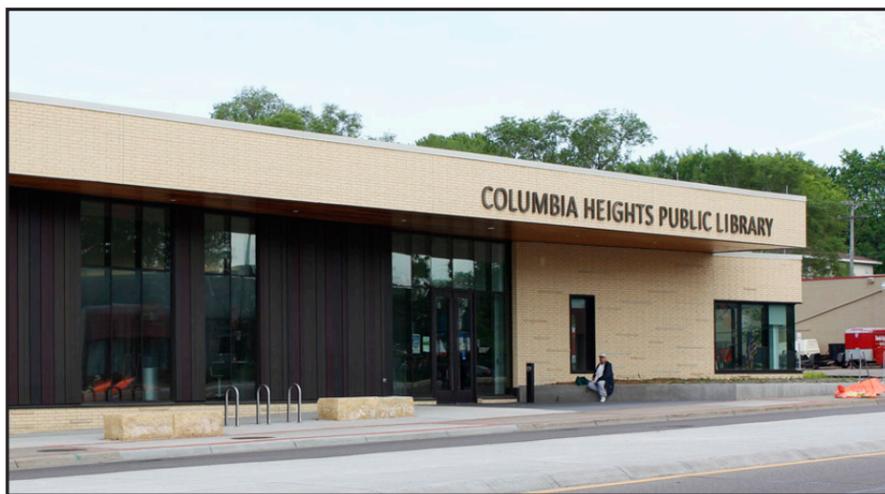
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Columbia Heights Library Board Update

by Bryan Olson — Anoka County Record EXCLUSIVE

Columbia Heights Library Director Renee Dougherty announced at the library board's meeting June 7th that a new hire has been made.

Replacing the recently retired Barb Kondrick, Cortni O'Brien will soon be the new Adult Services Librarian.



Dougherty told the library board that O'Brien hails from the Rush City area and wanted to return to the Twin Cities. She was among over 30 applicants for the job, according to the library board's meeting packet.

O'Brien will be moving here from

the western reaches of Colorado, where she was employed as a communications manager for a non-profit adult education effort called The Literacy Project. Here volunteers and English-as-a-second-language teachers provide reading assistance in the Eagle Valley Library District, a three-library system in the high mountains along Interstate 70, west of Denver. One of the libraries is located in the small town of Eagle, a county seat of 6,500 people.

Dougherty gave the library board a brief sketch of O'Brien's work history, but more detail can be found on the "Linked In" website. Her credentials include a bachelor's degree in literature from the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver.

The minutes of the previous library board meeting said there were two other contenders for the job, one from Lake Elmo (that city's library will be returning to the Washington County Library system next year) and the other from West Fargo, ND. The job was posted in March, advertising a salary range of \$63,000 to \$71,592 plus benefits.

The new library has been open a year but the meeting packet and Dougherty's verbal summary to the library board told a story of stormy seas, as the library still has a number of functional issues to be resolved.

Many of the drivers in the LED ceiling fixtures failed and all are being replaced. There have been numerous problems with air conditioning, air exchangers and the like. A door is not unlocking properly and there have been malfunctions with the RFID system

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Columbia Heights Library Clerk Nick Olberding told the Record that the microfilm reader works well but the computer has been cantankerous. Nevertheless, microfilms of old newspapers can be pored over at the Columbia Heights library.

A Missed Traffic Congestion Solution

The headline in the St. Paul Pioneer Press last week read, "Could these be solutions to Twin Cities traffic problem?" Referencing reports from MnDOT, Center of the American Experiment, and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the article identified five specific solutions for traffic congestion.

Publisher's Column



John Kysylczyn

Solutions included adding lanes, expanding transit, denser development, congestion pricing, and technology.

I personally reviewed each one of these studies and every one of them missed a key point that needs join this list. That key point is educating the public on the rules of the road and seeing that these rules are properly enforced. This was clearly evident on two recent road trips I took to St. Louis and Chicago this year. The failure to address this issue has transformed it into a contributor of traffic congestion.

It needs to be recognized that enforcement of traffic rules is as important of a solution to traffic congestion as other points outlined in these reports. Beyond safety reasons, rules of the road also exist to maximize the efficiency of our transportation system. While traffic accidents clearly harm efficiency, other more subtle violations can be equally damaging.

In St. Louis, along Olive Avenue, a major east-west thoroughfare, I personally witnessed almost a dozen different vehicles stop at a red light, and then drive through it 10-15 seconds before it turned green. The number of vehicle that ran lights as they turned red were too numerous to count. In the core of downtown, it has apparently become acceptable to just stop in the middle of a 30 mph street to let people in or out of your car. In half of these situations I witnessed, pedestrians were present, and had to watch both ends of the light cycles in order to cross the street safely.

In the Chicago metropolitan area, traffic congestion has been affected by the complete lack of speed limit enforcement in ways that were not immediately obvious to me until I spoke with some of the locals. In this metro area, it is common for vehicles to travel 20-30 mph over the posted speed on freeways and local county roads. On Illinois 62 for example, drivers traveling at 60 mph on a 40 mph posted road is common. On Illinois 53, you would lose count of those traveling 85 mph on a 55 mph posted road.

These speed issues have affected congestion not only in the number and seriousness of traffic accidents, but I learned how they have affected the use of left turn lanes. When vehicles travel at a wide range of speeds, it is extremely dangerous to navigate left turns when yielding to oncoming traffic. Many of the left turn lanes I encountered backed up with traffic to the point of blocking adjacent thru lanes. This occurred at some intersections where it was obvious that traffic engineers had already programmed the light to have a lengthy dedicated left turn arrow.

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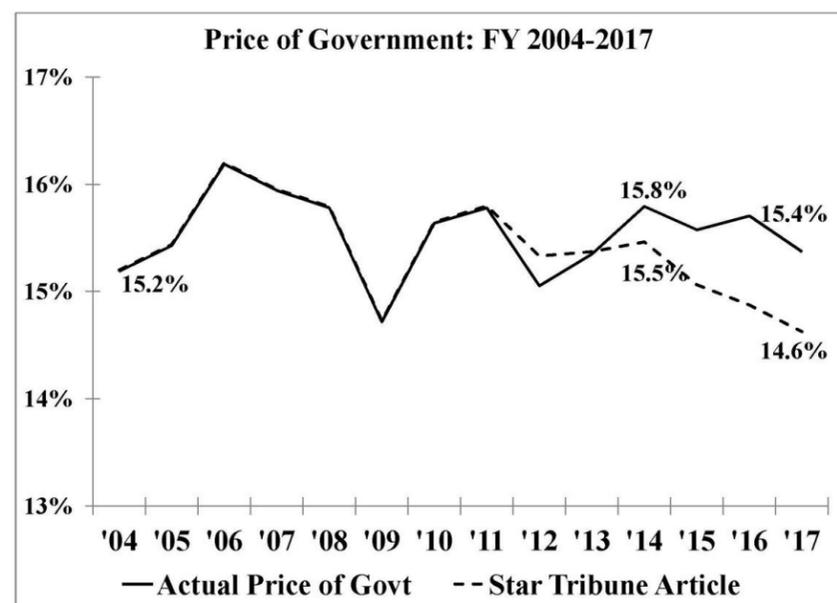
No, Minnesota Government Has Not Gotten Cheaper

(And more importantly, the Minnesota "Price of Government" can't tell you this)

By Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence

The June 11 Sunday edition of the Star Tribune featured an article on Governor Dayton's budget legacy. A portion of the story compared changes in government spending and revenues under the current administration to the Pawlenty years. The print version featured a graph showing Minnesota's Price of Government (POG) from 2004 through 2017 with the accompanying comment "by one measure, government is getting cheaper."

The problem is that the Star Tribune's graph showed forecasted estimates for what the Price of Government would be for 2012 through 2017. We've plotted the actual Price of Government for 2004-2017 along with the Star Tribune's graph below. (You can access the most recent Price of Government report, from Minnesota Management and Budget's February economic forecast here.) As you can see, the actual Price of Government for those years was higher than projected and ended the period higher, not lower, than where it started. MCFE brought this to the attention of the Star Tribune and a correction appeared in the June 18 edition.



Unsurprisingly, this article — particularly the incorrect Price of Government chart — was very popular and gained significant traction on social media. But this reporting error allows us an opportunity to again comment on a far bigger annoyance than misrepresentation from inadequate

fact checking. The bigger problem is the continued use of and reliance on the POG as the authoritative, final word on how cheap, expensive, or affordable government is.

The problem lies in using "personal income" as the POG's denominator. The federal government has defined "personal income" to measure overall economic activity, and so it includes a host of items that can't be used to pay taxes or fees to government. This includes the value of employer health care contributions and our personal wonky favorite, the earnings a home owner forgoes by living in his or her own house instead of renting it. As a result, the Price of Government report significantly understates state and local government's claim on money income — the stuff actually available to pay taxes. If you substituted the household income measure used in the state's Tax Incidence Study, the Minnesota Price of Government would be 20%-35% higher in any given year.

But that's not even the most distorting aspect of the POG. As we have discussed here, the fastest growing piece of personal income in Minnesota comes from government itself. Since 1990, government transfers have grown about 25% faster per year than personal income overall and about 30% faster per year than salaries and wages. These government transfers include about \$20 billion worth of Medicaid and Medicare services consumed in the state — \$20 billion of "income" that doesn't go toward making anyone's April 15 income tax payment. Take out these transfer payments, and Minnesota governments are claiming about 7% more of personal income than in 2004 and about the same share as in 1991.

In its current form, the Price of Government measures governments' claim on the economic activity of the state. But here's the problem: nobody actually talks about, interprets, or uses the POG in this abstract way. It's used to argue whether government is getting "cheaper," whether or not we can "afford" to pay more, or how much more or less government "costs" than before. None of those questions are informed by this measure. Instead, we get claims that government in Minnesota somehow costs less because state and local revenues haven't kept up with the growth in the value of government benefits.

Government's scope and complexity begs for a simple, easy to understand tracking measure on government's claim on resources that can be used to actually support government. The current POG is most definitely not it. We can fix it or kill it, but let's not let a bad measure continue to confuse the debate.

Minnesota Center for Fiscal Excellence (MCFE) is a member-supported, non-profit, non-partisan fiscal research and advocacy organization committed to the concept of fiscal excellence in Minnesota's state and local governments. We are an independent voice, not tied to any political ideology. We exist to serve the public good, and have since our founding in 1926.

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that is used for checking in and out materials. The library director informed the board there would be an attempt to get the warranties extended on these faulty items.

Dougherty told the library board that she is working on the 2018 budget. The 2017 budget is \$878,079. Dougherty noted that several expenses have gone up in the new building compared to the old library. HVAC costs have tripled, wages increased, building maintenance costs are up, and information systems resources from city hall are coming at a higher cost.

The board was pleased to hear that a wheelchair has been donated to the library for patron use.

The meeting concluded with board members agreeing to kick around ideas over the next few months as to how to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the library next year. Columbia Heights established its first library in 1928.

Traffic Enforcement *continued from page 1*

I encountered freeway congestion from Chicago all the way back to the Twin Cities at various points of my journey this past Sunday, and all of it was due to a failure to follow the rules of the road.

Through the 60 mph construction zone between Janesville and Madison, WI, a pickup truck with WI plates drove 52 mph alongside a semi-truck for over 20 miles. The pickup truck refused to pass the semi-truck. When a vehicle behind him flashed his lights as a signal to pass or move over, the pickup truck hit the brakes dropping his speed to 40 mph almost causing a 15 car pileup. Then the pickup truck hit the gas and accelerated quickly to catch up to the semi-truck to block traffic again.

After Portage, WI, a white Toyota Prius with the MN license plate "RED OAK" planted themselves like an oak tree in the left lane of the freeway traveling at 65 mph in a 70 mph zone, requiring hundreds of vehicles to maneuver around them to the right. Impeding traffic is illegal in most states.

By Camp Douglas, WI, in the middle of a torrential rainfall, an SUV towing a trailer with WI plates stopped on the freeway sticking out partially in the traffic lane. This naturally caused a significant traffic backup. He was carrying household items in an open trailer and decided to stop under a bridge to protect the stuff from getting too wet. Stopping for non-emergency purposes like this is illegal in most states.

By Millston, WI, an old motorhome was driving back and forth within the lane, speeding up and slowing down, and haphazardly passing vehicles. The driver was illegally wearing headphones and may have been driving with the tempo of the music.

North of Tomah, WI, a high school age kid was driving a new red pickup truck while towing a black enclosed trailer from a northern Wisconsin gymnastics or dance group. His attempt to pass a semi-truck going up a steep hill failed. He fell a significant distance behind the semi-truck and then refused to move back into the right lane. About 10 minutes later, after dozens of vehicles were forced to weave around him and the semi-truck, he finally passed the semi-truck and then moved over.

Near Osseo, WI, a pickup truck with MN plates was having a difficult time steering at 65 mph because the front end of his truck looked like it was going to take off into outer space. He was hauling a trailer with an unbalanced load that was applying so much pressure on the rear trailer hitch that his front tires were about to lift off the ground.

In each of these cases, drivers broke longstanding rules of the road. Their actions had a significant effect on the transportation system. It is time that we seriously consider the idea that education and enforcement of existing traffic laws is a key part of solving traffic congestion problems in all parts of the country, including Minnesota.

John Kysylyczyn, the owner and publisher of Anoka County Record, has logged over 50,000 miles taking road trips across the US and Canada.



ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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

2017

June 16th,

Quote of the Week: "Governor Dayton violated the Separation of Powers Clause of the Minnesota Constitution when he line-item vetoed funding for Plaintiffs for the next biennium. These vetoes impermissibly control, coerce, and restrain the action of the Legislature in the exercise of its official and constitutional powers and duties. The Governor's veto message made clear he did not disagree with the amounts or character of the appropriations for the Senate and House. In fact, the vetoed appropriations matched amounts recommended in the Governor's budget for the Senate and House of Representatives. The message demonstrated the Governor's intent was to coerce the Senate and House to revisit bills that had become law."

- Pleading on behalf of House and Senate, filed in court

Factoid of the Week: 19 Minnesota counties that Barack Obama carried in 2016 flipped to Donald Trump in 2016.

Factoid of the Week: Income tax collections by the state are down \$235 million under projections so far in 2017.

DAYTON'S MANAGEMENT

With Governor Dayton in the twilight of his administration, the tired, vapid retrospectives have already begun.

The Legacy media, when not busy savaging the character of President Trump, has busied itself propagating the narrative that Mark Dayton was some sort of financial genius regarding his stewardship of the state's finances.

This narrative may be more laughable than the Dayton-is-a-detail-oriented-executive narrative.

Guess what? Any grade schooler can balance revenues with kid-in-the-candy-store spending desires when it's possible to forcefully expropriate money from the private economy.

So Mark Dayton, with the willingness of big spending DFLers in the legislature, jacked up taxes high enough to cover big spending.

That's not a difficult task.

Moreover, there are just a couple of extra holes in that narrative.

First, the governor has missed the mark many times and in significant way.

Recall the failed "electronic pull tab" scheme that was supposed to fund the public financing of Ziggy Wilf's football squad and the downtrodden non-profit known as the National Football League.

Revenues were only a fraction of the projections, leading to a huge tax on tobacco, a favorite whipping boy of the DFL, even though those taxes are exceptionally regressive.

And while we're at it, let's take in another episode of "Mark's Arguing with Himself - Again" the Tobacco Tax edition.

Dayton 2010: "You raise the price of a pack of cigarettes \$1.50 as Mr. Horner proposed, that's money out of the pockets of working people and poorer people, and that means kids don't have as much to eat or don't have the same quality of food. Those are addictions, and I think you treat addictions as addictions and you don't penalize the people who are dealing with them economically."

Dayton 2017: "This new study makes clear that making cigarettes less easily accessible to children and adults means fewer Minnesotans start smoking, and are more likely to quit. "It is reprehensible that Minnesota Republicans have prioritized more than \$300 million in tax breaks to big tobacco in the next decade, over the fiscal integrity of the state and the best interests of Minnesotans."

The latest evidence of a lack of fiscal acumen comes in the form of the governor's too-cute-by-half stunt of defunding the legislature through a line-item veto.

Recall that DFLers in the Senate built a new office building for themselves just before they were removed from the majority in the 2016 elections.

That building was financed with \$90 million in bonds, which are sold in the private debt markets and are an instrument that comes with rights and obligations.

The legislative budget that the governor vetoed contains the regular payments that the state makes on the bonds.

Thus, unless and until funding is restored, there is no money to make scheduled bond payments.

If those payments aren't made, the state defaults on the bonds.

A default would invite lawsuits from bond holders and also likely result in a downgrade of the state credit rating, something the Democrats love to crow about.

In addition to putting over 400 staff members at risk of a layoff, Dayton's stunt now also threatens more lawsuits and a credit downgrade

How many lawsuits can one Mark Dayton veto create? The world may never know.

Here's one more question regarding this whole defunding affair: Where is Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk and House Minority Leader Melissa Hortman on all this?

Why hasn't the media asked them if they support putting their own staffers at financial risk to score political points?

Why aren't they asked if they support Mark Dayton releasing these folks from hostage taking?

Mark Dayton is no fiscal manager. This episode makes it crystal clear, if it wasn't already.

RAMSEY COUNTY AT THE BUFFET

Ramsey County commissioners this week voted themselves a pay raise that takes their salary, excluding benefits, to a whopping \$92,423 per year.

Showing nothing but contempt for the taxpayers of the county, Commissioner Jim McDonough complained of "folks who think we should do the job for free."

Uh, \$92,423 isn't free. It isn't even close.

Commissioner Janice Rettman was sole dissenting vote.

Commissioner Blake Huffman, who is seeking the GOP endorsement for governor, wasn't present for the vote and to this publication's knowledge, has not said how he would have voted or whether he will take the pay increase.

By way of comparison, the median household income in Ramsey county is just over \$56,000, according to the Census Bureau.

Commissioners making 165% of the median household income in the county?

That's nothing short of appalling.

This is especially true when commissioners just raised the county sales tax to pay for transit projects.

What a show of disrespect for the taxpayers.

Ramsey County is a charter county, meaning that citizens can amend the county's "constitution" as they feel necessary.

It's time for a charter amendment to limit commissioner pay.

A good place to start is a salary capped at the median household income.

When government lives better than those who fund government, we have a problem.

BIG LAKE, BIG GOVERNMENT?

What's in the water up in that part of town? In this reliably conservative part of Minnesota, Big Lake becomes the second jurisdiction to consider having government take over trash hauling.

Orrock Township, which hasn't gone DFL since 1866, recently experienced civil unrest when the town board attempted to take over trash hauling.

Fortunately, a town hall meeting shortly thereafter put it to rest when citizens made a floor motion to keep the free market at work and prohibited the township board from pursuing a takeover.

Now Big Lake.

For the uninitiated, "organized collection" is a law that allows cities or townships to snuff out the free market in trash hauling and institute a government take over. This is done by forcing the favored hauler or haulers to contract with the government instead of each household for trash service.

Instead citizens negotiating price and service from among competing haulers, government takes over and negotiates a master contract for you.

You get whatever hauler, price, and service level government negotiates.

Think Obamacare for trash hauling.

In the free market, if you don't like your hauler, you can fire your hauler. Under Organized Collection, if you don't like your hauler, too bad. You get to complain to city hall and hope government will listen.

So now we learn that Big Lake is considering this scheme.

Fortunately, citizens can do something about it.

There will be a public meeting on June 26 from 5-7PM at city hall to allow citizens to weigh in with the city council.

This is really a simple choice: who best decides trash hauling for you? You or government?

The Anoka County Watchdog is a place where concerned taxpayers can find fact-supported information and other resources about governmental waste and abuse in Anoka County.

My intent is to provide you, the taxpayer, with the information you need to hold your local politicians accountable.

Visit my website and sign up for free weekly e-mail updates at:

www.AnokaCountyWatchdog.com

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT**Lock Your Vehicles**

Summer is here - which we are grateful for - however, with nice weather comes an increase in vandalism and incidents of vehicles being rummaged through. Vandalism is a little harder to prevent, and often the victim is targeted by the suspect, but you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim by light up your property and not just the driveway! Landscape lighting, motion activated lights out back, and extra fixtures around all entrances will help. Also, if you have dogs and hear them barking during overnight hours - look outside, turn on an inside light - anything to scare away someone on your property. And as always, report suspicious activity to 911 immediately.

As for vehicles being rummaged through - remove or hide valuables and lock your doors. Thieves who are just rummaging and taking random articles are not going to break a window to gain access. They will just move on to the next vehicle if yours is locked. Also, leaving outside lights on is a good deterrent too!

Andover**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 13 - 138xx Orchid St NW - vandalism to a home; flag pole thrown through a window

June 12 - 33xx 159 Ave NW - vandalism to a vehicle; windows smashed, interior cut up

June 12 - 25xx 138 Ave NW - packages stolen from the mailbox

June 12 - 39xx North Enchanted Dr NW - unsecure vehicle; sun glasses

June 12 - 13xx 146 Ln NW - unsecure vehicle; backpack, ecig

June 10 - 5xx 155 Ave NW - vandalism to a vehicle; spray painted

June 10 - 6xx 155 Ave NW - vandalism to a vehicle; spray painted

June 10 - 138xx Raven St NW - Vandalism to a vehicle; spray painted

June 9 - 135xx Gladiola St NW - forced entry through the vehicle door; purse

June 9 - 18xx 155 Ave NW - unsecure vehicle; electronics

June 9 - 13xx 155 Ave NW - unsecure vehicle; nothing of value was stolen

Arrests/Incidents

June 15 - Round Lake Blvd NW/South Coon Creek Dr NW - 2nd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a property damage crash at the location. One of the drivers appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .312

June 14 - 143 Ave NW/Vintage St NW - 4th Degree Assault on a Peace Officer, 2nd Degree DWI, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were locate2d. While placing the male under arrest he fought the deputies. The male was arrested.

June 11 - Round Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW - DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The male was arrested. .11

June 11 - 20xx 156 Ave NW - House Fire; deputies responded to a house on fire at the location. Andover Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

Columbus**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 9 - 178xx Kettle River Blvd NE - vandalism to a yard; tire marks

East Bethel**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 10 - 31xx 185 Ln NE - unsecure vehicle; cash

June 10 - 44xx 189 Ln NE - canoe stolen from the property

June 09 - 181xx Flanders St NE - vandalism to a mailbox

Arrests

June 12 - Sims Rd NE/Hwy 65 NE - DAC-IPS; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The male was arrested.

June 9 - Hwy 65 NE/209 Ave NE - 2nd Degree DWI; while on patrol a deputy came across a single vehicle that crashed into a tree. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .170

Ham Lake**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 14 - 142xx Hwy 65 NE - vandalism to a business fence; cut

June 12 - 158xx Lincoln St NE - muffler stolen off a vehicle

June 10 - 138xx Aberdeen St NE - vehicle being test driven was never returned

Arrests/Incidents

June 15 - 50xx Ivy Lane NE - HRO Violation, DAS; deputies responded to a violation of a harassment restraining order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The female was arrested.

June 11 - 7xx 133 Ln NE - House Fire; deputies responded to a house fire at the location. Ham lake Fire Department extinguished the fire. No one was injured.

Nowthen**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 9 - 224xx St Francis Blvd NW - vandalism to a vehicle; kicked

Arrests

June 15 - Viking Blvd NW/St Francis Blvd NW - 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for an equipment violation. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

June 10 - 187xx Ebony St NW - Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a female/male domestic. The male left the scene before deputies arrived. An alert was put out for the male.

Oak Grove**Thefts & Damage to Property**

June 11 - 219xx Woodbine St NW - license plates stolen off a vehicle

Arrests

June 12 - 18700 Block of Lake George Blvd NW - 4th Degree DWI, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a vehicle for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Sen. Chamberlain Update

2017 was a historically productive session - we accomplished everything we set out to do at the beginning of the year, and more. Here are some of the highlights:

We passed the largest tax relief bill in nearly two decades!

- We reduced taxes on Social Security income, helping 350,000 seniors.

- We created a first-in-the-nation tax credit for paying down student loan debt.

- We brought Farmers and mom-and-pop business serious property tax relief.

- We expanded tax credits for working families and families with young children.

Fully-funded schools

- We increased funding for K-12 schools by \$1.3



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billion over the last budget.

- We funded "School Readiness Plus" which allows school districts flexibility with early learning options.

- Placed a strong emphasis on 3rd grade reading proficiency.

Funding roads and bridge: We passed the biggest investment into roads and bridges in state history - without tax or tab fee increases!

- \$5 billion has been allocated over the next decade for roads and bridges.

- No gas tax or tab fee increases!

Delivering results for you: Aside from my work on the tax relief bill, several bills I authored became law this year, including:

- \$123,000 for the Department of Education to hire a full time dyslexia specialist. This key step is the result of years of work by citizen advocates and will guarantee that students with dyslexia get the specialized instruction they need.

- \$1.5 million in the Capital Investment bill for repairs and maintenance to the Hugo Short Line

railroad track. This public-private partnership involves 500 jobs and two years of work.

- \$75,000 to Anoka County to establish and promote family foster care models.

My top priorities for 2018: Continued work on tax reform - "More spending and higher taxes" has been a mantra of our government for too long. This year we began to change that mindset. Minnesota will be facing serious demographic and workforce challenges in the very near future. We must make sure our economy is ready to handle that shift. The only way to prepare for this is to spur job growth, reform our tax system, and provide families with meaningful relief. I will be focused next year on continuing to prepare our state for its future.

Giving students the chance to succeed - Too many students are trapped in an education system that isn't meeting their needs. I introduced the Opportunity Scholarship program which would allow all students opportunities to succeed. The program would be funded with private contributions and does not impact public school funding. This program will continue to be a focus for me in the 2018 session.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANOKA COUNTY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Anoka County Board met on May 23, 2017. Standing county committee information reports and action items were considered, and action was taken as necessary. The following resolutions were adopted: #2017-60 MnDOT Partnership Contract, #2017-61 Purchasing and Contracting Policy Amendments, #2017-62 Prepayment of 2008 Certificate of Participation, #2017-63 Economic Assistance Payments, and #2017-64 Fees and Sales to Public and Other

Government Agencies. A public hearing was held related to Anoka County fees amendment. A full copy of the agenda, minutes, accounts, and claims greater than \$2000 may be found on the Anoka County Web site: www.anokacounty.us (6/20, 2017 ACR) #688

ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS

Bid #2017-14
Description of Bid/RFP: Anoka County Attorney's Remodel No Prevailing Wages Required
Bid Opening: July 25, 2017
For more information regarding the above published bids/RFPs, please visit the Anoka County Web Site at: www.AnokaCounty.us/bids.

NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT HEARING CITY OF OAK GROVE

COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OAK GROVE CITY COUNCIL will meet in the Council Chambers, 1900 Nightingale St NW, in the City of Oak Grove on the 10th day of July, 2017 at or around 7 o'clock p.m. to consider the making of the public improvement to be located on 194th Lane NW, Vintage Dr NW and one road segment of Woodbine St NW by installing bituminous pavement as authorized by Minnesota Statute, Chapter 429. (6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 2017 ACR) #689

The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is the properties abutting said streets. The estimated cost of this proposed improvement is \$65,000 - \$70,000. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. All persons as desired to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement may be heard at this hearing. Sheryl F. Fiskewold City Clerk (6/20, 7/4, 2017 ACR) #641

CITY OF OAK GROVE

Ordinance 17-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-67 OF THE OAK GROVE CITY CODE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK GROVE HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.
The Oak Grove City Code is hereby amended as follows: (deletions shown in strike-thru; additions underline):
Sec. 12-67 - Liquor restrictions and regulations

(j) No on-sale sales of liquor shall be made between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any weekday, Monday through Saturday inclusive. On-sale sales of liquor shall not be permitted on Sunday, unless an on-sale Sunday liquor license is held by the licensee, in which case no sales shall take place before 10:00 a.m. Sunday or after 1:00 a.m. on the following Monday. Hours of Sunday sales shall be those set by Minn. Stat 340A.504, as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 2.

Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage and publication.
Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oak Grove this 12th day of June, 2017.
Mark R. Korin, Mayor
Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk (6/20, 2017 ACR) #641

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.

Preferred Qualifications include direct experience as a deputy clerk or city clerk, certification as a Municipal Clerk, or the ability to obtain certification within three years.
Salary Range \$45,000 - \$70,000 depending on qualifications.

An application and full job description are available online at 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. 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: **Laura Cookies**
2. Principal Place of Business: **3255 Interlachen Dr NE Ham Lake MN 55304**
- Nameholder(s): **Laura E Welciek 3255 Interlachen Dr NE Ham Lake MN 55304**

4. I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

FILED: 6/7/2017
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/s/ Laura Welciek (6/20, 6/27 2017 ACR) #690

PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES

ORDINANCE NO. 155 (Second Series) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 700.02 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING HEALTH, CHAPTER 7 NUISANCES AND OFFENSES

The City Council of the City of Circle Pines ordains:

SECTION 1. The City Council of Circle Pines hereby replaces Subdivision 12 of Section 700.02, to read as follows:
700.02 Public Nuisances Affecting Health.

Subd. 12 **Intentional Feeding of Wild Animals.** No person shall feed or allow the feeding of wild or feral animals or of small mammals within the city. Feeding shall mean the provision of any grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, salt licks, or any other food that could attract wild animals. Living food sources such as trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered food for wild animals. Bird feed may be placed in bird feeding devices and structures solely for the purpose of attracting and feeding wild birds. Bird feeding devices and structures should be placed at a sufficient height or designed to prevent access by wild animals. No person shall place food for waterfowl on public or private property anywhere within the City of Circle Pines. This provision shall not apply to employees or agents of the city, county, state, and the federal government or veterinarians who are acting in the course of their official duties or have wild animals in their custody or under their management.



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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF HENNEPIN DISTRICT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Contract Court File No. 27-CV-16-15608

THIRD-PARTY SUMMONS

Ashburne at Parkers Lake Condominium Association, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Lindstrom Cleaning & Construction, Inc. d/b/a Lindstrom Restoration, Inc., Roof Company N.A., Inc., and Laukka Management, Inc., Defendants,

and Roof Company N.A., Inc., Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff,

vs. Jorge Farfun, d/b/a Eagle Creek, Inc. and d/b/a Eagle Creek Construction; Wilfredo Batres, d/b/a Lakeside Exteriors; Riverside Exteriors, LLC; Rene Hernandez; Jady Murillo, d/b/a American Building Professional, Inc.; and Paul Mertens and Lisa Niedzieski, d/b/a Final Touch Contracting and d/b/a Final Touch Contracting, LLC, Third-Party Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANTS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Third-Party Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Third-Party Plaintiff's complaint against you is attached to this Third-Party Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Third-Party Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Third-Party Summons a written response called an "Answer" within 20 days of the date on which you received this Third-Party Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Third-Party Summons located at:

Peter J. Manderfeld
The Mahoney Law Firm, PLLC
2445 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Also send a copy of your Answer to the attorneys for the Plaintiff and Defendants, located at:

Einar E. Hanson
Strobel & Hanson, P.A.
502 Second Street
Suite 301
Hudson, WI 54016

Michael D. Barrett
Cousineau, Van Bergen,
McNee & Malone, P.A.
12800 Whitewater Drive
Suite 200
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Michael Laukka
Laukka Management, Inc.
6504 Willow Wood Rd.
Edina, MN 55436

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Third-Party Plaintiff's complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Third-Party Complaint. If you believe the Third-Party Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS THIRD-PARTY SUMMONS.** If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Third-Party Plaintiff everything asked for in the Third-Party Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Third-Party Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Third-Party Complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Third-Party Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: June 2, 2017.
THE MAHONEY LAW FIRM, PLLC
/s/ Peter J. Manderfeld (#239690)
Attorneys for Defendant and Third-Party Plaintiff Roof Company N.A., Inc.
2445 Park Avenue, Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Telephone: (612) 339-5863
(6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 2017 ACR) #687

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and official or summary publication. Adopted this 13th day of June 2017, by the Circle Pines City Council. Dave Bartholomay, Mayor Patrick Antonen, City Administrator

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A request for a Minor Subdivision to split a portion of the property (1,080 square feet) located at 2112 43rd Ave NE., along the abutting property line of 2120

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CITY OF ANOKA NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The City of Anoka Public Services Department will hold a required annual meeting to update its City Council and interested individuals regarding the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The meeting will be held as part of the City Council agenda in the City Hall Council Chambers, 7:00 pm on Monday, June 19, 2017.

The City of Anoka discharges its storm water to the Mississippi and Rum Rivers under a General Permit granted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). As part of the requirements of this permit, the City has prepared a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), which includes a number of Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed to address the overall goal of improving the quality of storm water runoff.

There will be a brief presentation on the main components of the City's SWPPP. The public will have an opportunity to make oral and/or written comments on the adequacy of the City's SWPPP. The City will consider comments received and make any necessary adjustments to the SWPPP based on the review.

To request a copy of the City's SWPPP or to review it during business hours, contact: Ben Nelson, Engineering Technician, at (763) 576-2980. Written requests or comments may be directed to: Anoka Public Services - Engineering Department 2015 First Avenue Anoka, MN 55303

request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice. 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 July 12, 2017 regular meeting.

Colleen Winter
Community Development Director

CITY OF EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of East Bethel will

hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 2241 221 st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN. The hearing will be to consider the request by owner/applicant, Anne Hennessey to obtain a variance to allow a second driveway access. The CUITent zoning classification is RI, Single Family Residential, the address being 19328 Isetta St NE; PID # 25-33-23-31-0006; the legal description being Lot 3 Blk 3 Katie's Way.

The hearing of this request is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice. 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 July 12th, 2017 regular meeting.

IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831

Forest Lk, MN
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 15, 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 Rob Rapheal at 6:01 pm on 6-15-17, at the Schl Dist Offices. At roll call the following mmbrs were present: Corcoran, Morehead, Odegaard, Olson, Rapheal and Supt. L. Madsen, ex officio. Mmbr Peterson arrived at 6:02 pm.

Consent agenda: Mmbr Morehead moved apvl of agenda items 3.1-3.3. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran. All mmbrs present voted aye and the motion carried.

Appvd the bills as of 6-15-17 totaling \$403,357.24 broken into the following funds: Gen Fund \$133,652.95; Food Svc \$79,237.12; Transp \$79,868.80; Comm Svcs \$10,212.77; Maroon Gold Spt Ctr \$17,606.88; Grants-SDE \$1,153.00; Capital \$26,071.40; Internal Health Ins: \$18,246.00; Bldg Fund: \$1,460.00; Non Public Schools: \$214.16; Pop Fund \$2,559.76; Federal Prog. \$4,052.78; Special Ed \$29,021.62

Appvd Classified Personnel: Resign - 3; Retire - 1; Recommend Paraprofessional employ for Summer Schl June 14 thru July 19, 2017 - 45; Recommend Employ - 4; Auth of Transfer - 1; LOA: - 1; Lay off Status due to Reduction of Position - 2; Reduction of Position - 1

Appvd Licensed Personnel: Non -Curricular Assign- 2; Employ - 2; Retire/Resign-5;

Report: Comm Ed Dir McKinnon rptd on a new Facility Use Policy.
Old Business:
Mmbr Peterson moved to Certify Schl Dist Population of 48,832 as of 6-15-17. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Olson, by roll call vote all mmbrs voted aye. The motion carried.

Mmbr Morehead moved to Appv Principal/Asst Principal Placements for 2017-18 and 2018-19. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson, by roll call vote all mmbrs voted aye. The motion carried.

Mmbr Olson moved to Ratify 2016-18 Food Svc Bargaining Unit SEIU Local 284 Agreement. The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Corcoran, by roll call vote Mmbrs Corcoran, Morehead, Olson, Peterson & Rapheal voted aye. Mmbr Odegaard voted no. The motion carried.

Mmbr Morehead moved to Adopt Resolution for the Non-Renewal of Probationary Teacher(s). The motion was 2nd by Mmbr Peterson, by roll call vote all mmbrs present voted aye. The motion carried.

No new business was rptd. As there was no further business Mmbr Corcoran moved, 2nd by Mmbr Morehead to adjourn. All mmbrs present voted aye and the mtg adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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To register or for more information, call 651-429-8007 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

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heard at the public hearing. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Holmbeck, City Planner at (763) 706-3673.

CITY OF COON RAPIDS

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT 14-26

The City of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, will receive bids at the Coon Rapids City Center until 10:00 a.m., June 29, 2017, at 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 for the following improvements.

Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "PROPOSAL FOR BOULEVARD PARK IMPROVEMENTS" and addressed to the City Engineering Division, City of Coon Rapids, 11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Project Scope: The work includes, but is not limited to, general earthwork, removal of pavement, storm sewer and vegetation, bituminous trails, concrete pavement and curbs, water service, storm sewer, electrical, splash pad, playground surfacing, landscaping, seeding, and site restoration.

The bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms provided in accordance with the Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications as prepared by WSB & Associates, Inc., 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416, which are on file with the City Engineering Division of Coon Rapids and may be seen at the office of the Consulting Engineers or at the

office of the City Clerk. Complete digital Proposal Forms, Plans, and Specifications for use by Contractors submitting a bid are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for a nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 by inputting Quest project #5175917 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

An optional paper set of Proposal Forms, Plan, and Specifications may be obtained from the Consulting Engineers, WSB & Associates, Inc., 701 Xenia Avenue South, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416, fee of \$100.00 per set, check payable to WSB & Associates, Inc.

Bids will only be accepted from Contractors who purchase digital or paper Bidding Documents as specified above. All bids shall be accompanied by a five percent (5%) bid bond payable to the City of Coon Rapids. Bids shall be directed to the City Engineering Division, securely sealed, and endorsed upon the outside wrapper with the project number. The provisions of Minn. Stat. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/ submission to the Advertisement for Bids/RFP of the City shall comply with the provisions of the statute. Cash deposits, certified checks, and bidder's

Land Inc., the current Zoning Classification being I-1, Light Industrial. The proposed zoning designation being Highway Commercial (B-3). PID # 323323310004. The hearing of this

bonds of the three (3) lowest bidders may be retained until the contract has been awarded and executed, by no longer than 60 days from the date of opening bids. All other deposits will be refunded promptly.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities therein, and to adjourn the meeting to a later date for the purpose of further considerations of the bids and taking actions thereon. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids.

Bids will be opened and tabulated by the City Engineering Division at the Coon Rapids City Center at 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 2017. The bids will be considered by the 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 EAST BETHEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of East Bethel will

hold a public hearing for propely rezoning, on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 2241 221 st Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN. The hearing will be to consider the request to change the zoning designation of the Official Zoning Map on a 37 acre parcel owned by T & G

Land Inc., the current Zoning Classification being I-1, Light Industrial. The proposed zoning designation being Highway Commercial (B-3). PID # 323323310004.

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