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Nowthen

## 2016 Mayoral Candidate Found Guilty of Violating State Campaign Laws

Violations will Cost Debbie Mahutga \$750

Three administrative law judges from the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings determined that the facts were not in dispute, 2016 Nowthen Mayoral candidate and retired Nowthen Assistant City Clerk Debbie Mahutga violated several Minnesota State Campaign Laws. Violations will cost Ms. Mahutga \$250 in fines and require her to return an illegal \$500 corporate contribution.

Administrative Law Judge James E. Lafave (presiding), Jeanne M. Cochran, and Jessica A. Palmer-Denig, issued their ruling on August 2, 2017. They ordered Ms. Mahutga to pay her civil fine and return the illegal contribution by September 15, 2017.

Ms. Mahutga was found to have violated Minnesota Statutes 211A.02, subd. 1(b) (3); 211A.02, subd. 2; 211B.04; and 211B.15, subd. 2(b).

**Vote for  
Debbie Mahutga  
for  
Nowthen Mayor  
on November 8, 2016  
Thank you!**

[www.debformayor.com](http://www.debformayor.com)

### Illegal Paid Advertisement Run in Nowthen City Newsletter

On August 17, 2016, Ms. Mahutga paid to have an advertisement run in the City of Nowthen's Newsletter. This newsletter was mailed to every household in the city. It is unknown if Ms. Mahutga placed the ad while still working for the city or if it was placed shortly after her retirement. The advertisement failed to include a disclaimer stating what individual or committee had paid for the it.

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## Donations Sought for Medical Bills

2016 St. Francis HS Grad Seriously Injures Construction Worker

A GoFundMe online donation page has been setup for Laura Soto, 33, mother of six children. Donations will be used to assist in paying for her medical bills. Soto was working as a construction flagger at the intersection of 237th Avenue and 7th Street in East Bethel when she was struck by a vehicle. Soto remains in critical condition.

The vehicle that struck Soto was driven by East Bethel resident Jordan Paulus, DOB: 11/4/1997, who is a 2016 graduate of Saint Francis High School. Paulus was reading her smartphone Snapchat app while driving. She abruptly swerved to avoid stopped traffic in front of her and instead hit Soto. The Star Tribune reported that Soto had no chance to move, and was tossed in the air, even though she had a reflective vest and pants on.

Snapshot is a smartphone mobile app that allows users to capture videos and pictures that automatically delete after 1 to 10 seconds.

First time offense for texting and driving is only \$50. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office press release states that the case remains under investigation and the driver has not been cited or charged with any offense yet.

The GoFundMe page can be found at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/laura-soto-help-to-recovery>

## Oak Grove Calls Special City Council Meeting

The Oak Grove City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 19900 Nightingale St. NW, to consider several items.

Council will be asked to consider a temporary on-sale liquor license for St. Francis Lions for Acorn Day Event, approval of temporary on-sale liquor license for St. Patrick's Church for Country Fest event, and approval of Change Order #2 for the 2016 Street Improvement Project-Blackfoot St. NW.

## Met Council Poker Game: Buying Train Cars and Condemning Land for SWLRT

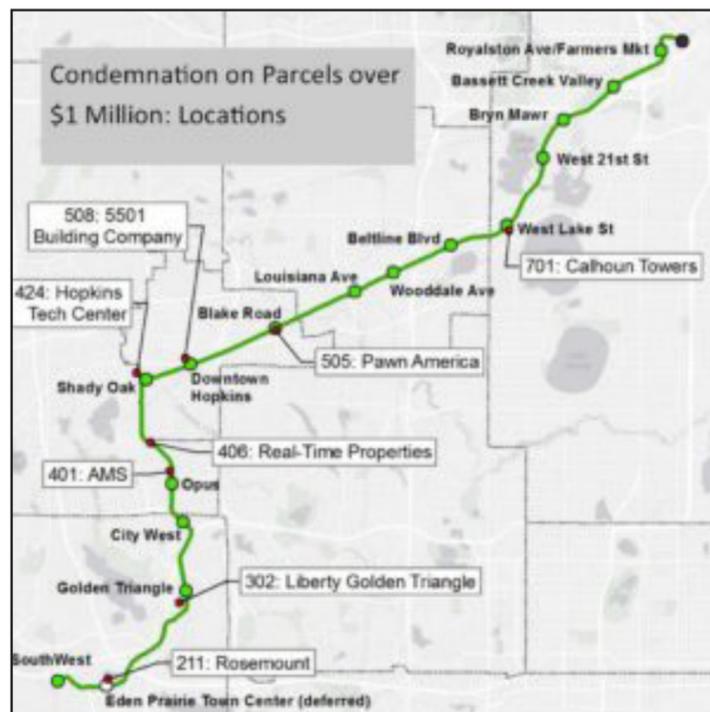
Commissioner Matt Look Provides Insight

by Kim Crockett

The August meeting for the Met Council's Southwest Light Rail Corridor Management Committee was canceled, again. Last month's meeting was also canceled.

We wondered why, so I called Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look who serves on the Committee to see if he had been given a reason.

Here is what he had to say: "The meetings have been canceled because there isn't any good news to report. And they don't really want what they are doing to get out there."



What is the Met Council doing?

According to Commissioner Look, "The Met Council is buying and condemning land for right-of-ways and buying train cars for light rail projects that have yet to receive approval and funding agreements at the federal level." The Center has reported this before but it is worth repeating.

The Council just authorized eminent domain condemnation for eight large properties valued at over \$1 million along the route in the event that the properties cannot be obtained by negotiation. The train cars, purchased from Siemens, cost \$3 million per car. (We don't know how many the Council is planning to buy right now; we are working on that.)

Thankfully, the Met Council's disregard for land owners in the path of their still imaginary LRT is not going unanswered.

Rep. Jim Nash (R-Waconia) authored legislation in 2017 eliminating special status granted to the Met Council's transit projects in 2006. The Nash bill essentially returns the full cost of taking private property to the Council, rather than shifting it onto land owners. According to the Met Council, the Nash provision adds an estimated \$25 million to the cost of acquiring all the land for the Southwest LRT corridor. And that cost cannot be "shared" with the federal taxpayer. Score one for the little guy.

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## Campaign Violations & Penalties

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### Failure to File Proper Campaign Finance Reports

Around September 7, 2016, Ms. Mahutga filed a campaign finance report covering August through the first week in September. Several required items were missing from her reports.

Ms. Mahutga failed to report the employer or self-employed occupation of those who contributed more than \$100 to her campaign. This requirement exists in law so the public will know if a certain company or industry is promoting a particular candidate. On the expenditure side, four specific expenditures totalling \$350.70 were reported a month late. The report also failed to include a complete address and telephone number on her report.

In Ms. Mahutga's October report, she failed to include her street address and zip code on the line which stated "address". She also failed to include the city or state.

After the November 2016 general election, Ms. Mahutga failed to file a campaign finance report within 30 days as required by law. She later included this information in with her year-end report which she filed around January 27, 2017.

### Illegal Corporate Contribution Accepted Under Questionable Circumstances

In October 2016, Ms. Mahutga reported receiving a \$500 contribution from Triangle Recycling, LLC. The business is also known as Wear Ever / Triangle Recycling. The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State reports this business as being located at 21226 St. Francis Boulevard, Nowthen, MN 55303. It is owned by Gerald Bauer, 4635 Norris Lake Road, Oak Grove, MN.

Mr. Bauer has a lengthy history with the Nowthen City Council. In a November 12, 2013 meeting packet, Bauer's recycling business was noted as having been illegally operating since 2007.

On November 10, 2015, city records show a 3-2 vote with councilmembers Randy Bettinger, Jim Scheffler, and Paul Reighard giving Mr. Bauer additional time to close his illegal business and clean up the property after his June 2015 deadline was missed. Mayor Jeff Pilon and councilmember Mary Rainville voted against the extension.

Corporate contributions to political candidates or candidate committees have been prohibited in Minnesota for approximately 100 years. Any funds coming from a C-Corporation, S-Corporation, LLC, or other corporate structures cannot be accepted. Corporations may only contribute to political committees that operate separate from candidates, or as some would call independent expenditure committees.

Owners or employees of a company may make contributions out of their own personal funds only, up to maximum limits set by law.

### Penalties Assessed, Return of Corporate Donation Ordered

Ms. Mahutga was fined \$100 for failing to include the proper disclaimer on her campaign advertisement that was run in the Nowthen City Newsletter. She was fined \$50 for failure to properly fill out campaign finance paperwork and submitting it by the proper due dates. She was also fined \$100 for accepting an illegal corporate contribution and in addition was ordered to return the full \$500 to Triangle Recycling, LLC.

Ms. Mahutga indicated that she would be filing new campaign finance reports with the City of Nowthen shortly. The administrative law judges have set the same deadline of September 15, 2017 for the filing of the corrected reports.

If Ms. Mahutga fails to abide by the September 15, 2017 deadline set in the order, further legal action may be taken against her.

Ms. Mahutga also has the option of appealing the decision to the Court of Appeals within 30 days of the decision which was dated August 2, 2017.

### Mahutga Defends Her Actions

The report noted that Ms. Mahutga admitted that she made errors in her campaign finance reports, failed to include the proper disclaimer in her advertisement, and accepted a contribution from Triangle Recycling, a limited liability company.

Ms. Mahutga explained that she was a first-time candidate who simply made some mistakes. She stated that she was waiting for an invoice which is why she filed one report late. She also indicated that she was unaware that a limited liability company was considered a company.

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Question: why does Minnesota continue to allow an unaccountable body like the Met Council to have the power to condemn land, levy taxes and borrow money?

The federal "New Starts" program matches federal funds with local funding for transit projects eligible under grant guidelines. Southwest LRT, estimated to cost just under \$2 billion, is stuck in the engineering phase. The Trump administration has stated clearly that it does not intend to fund projects like Southwest and Bottineau LRT. But it is Congress, and the FTA, not the president, that makes these calls. So why not wait for federal funding?

Commissioner Look explained, "In the Council's mind, it's like a high-stakes poker game. The Council is betting that by spending hundreds of millions of dollars, they can pressure Congress and the FTA into approving the projects. They talk as if it is a done deal, as if big talk and spending will make it so. But the federal grant program doesn't work that way."

The Commissioner continued, "And by the way, there is no "continuity" plan—in other words, there is no mechanism in place that would set money aside to take care of capital replacement and improvements in the years to come. When these systems start to age and break down, taxpayers will get handed the bill," he warned. "It's like taking off in a jumbo jet with no plan for how you're going to land. It's a disaster waiting to happen."

But hasn't the Federal Transit Administration been building systems for years with no requirement for a set-aside to pay for future capital costs?

Commissioner Look was more optimistic, saying, "The folks at the Federal Transit Administration have learned their lesson with train systems like the one in Washington, DC. No money was ever set aside for maintenance and capital replacements. Now the system is falling apart and there is no money. They know that politicians love the next new shiny thing but they don't want to take care of what they've already built."

That explains why the FTA's Executive Director told Minnesota's GOP leadership in a letter dated April 7th that the Met Council must "provide a complete financial plan to FTA that demonstrates the [Council's] ability to continue to operate, maintain, and rehabilitate the existing transit system." (Emphasis added.) The Council also needs to work out co-location agreements with several operators of freight lines that want protection against liability resulting from crashes with passenger trains.

Even if the Council can accomplish all that, it does not mean the project will be eligible for a federal matching grant. Or that the money will be appropriated by Congress.

Back to those \$3 million dollar Siemens trains. Commissioner Look asked, "Why is the Council buying trains for projects not yet approved? Of course, there is lead time to consider. But if Southwest LRT never gets built, will the train cars purchased now be technologically compatible with the existing system? Siemens is not going to give us our money back."

My intern followed up on that. He was told by the Council that the Siemens cars should be able to run on any LRT track but that they will not be compatible with the other trains in the system.

I asked Commissioner Look how the Met Council's leadership talks about all this behind closed doors. He answered, "The Council's best case scenario is that Congress rejects the administration's local funding approach and appropriates enough money to cover projects like SWLRT. Then if FTA approves the project, it's a go. The Council's worst-case scenario is that the Council spends to keep SWLRT alive while waiting for the next Democratic administration. Either way they win."

Commissioner Look has another warning for the metro area and greater Minnesota. "The Met Council is just not giving up. It will spend money it does not have, and then come running back to the legislature and state and local taxpayers for a rescue. Local officials and legislators who think they can avoid paying for these boondoggles are fooling themselves. The Council will patiently wait for the right time to come back and get funding."

Met Council reform anyone?

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# ANOKA COUNTY WATCHDOG

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

August 4, 2017

**Quote of the Week:** "Rep. Lesch's immediate need for resources in his personal accounts at or close to the time of the unexplained transfers further supports the Board's conclusion that the transfers were for personal use."

- MN Campaign Finance Board Report

## BUSTED

DFL State Representative John Lesch of Saint Paul is in some hot water - real hot water.

The long-time legislator and candidate for attorney general - the state's top legal officer - was fined \$15,000 personally and his campaign committee another \$5,000 for multiple violations of campaign finance law.

It is indeed rare that the Board would personally fine a candidate, much less in the amount of \$15,000.

Then again, most fines levied by the Board are for paperwork errors or inattention to small matters.

This is no small matter.

To start, the Board found that on five occasions, Rep. Lesch transferred campaign funds into personal accounts, totaling \$8727.62.

Lesch claimed that these transfers were reimbursements for campaign-related expenses.

But, uh, Lesch could provide no documentation of the expenditures to support his claim they were merely reimbursements.

Yes, in this day and age, Lesch attempted to convince investigators that there were no documents he could produce to back up his claim. No receipt copies from vendors, no copies from his bank, no copies or reproductions from anyone.

Moreover, investigators found that the transfers into his personal accounts happened very close to the time payments were due that he otherwise didn't have money to pay.

In other words, the timing was suspicious. Lesch has bills due and owing. He doesn't have the money. When the money is close to being due, he transfers money from his campaign into his personal account.

In absence of any exculpatory evidence, the Board rightly concluded that he "converted" the funds.

"Conversion" is a legal term meaning that money or other property is used by a party that has no right to use it.

In this case, the Board ruled that Lesch personally used funds owned by the Lesch campaign committee.

Lesch the person had no rights to funds owned by the Lesch committee.

In short, the committee concluded that he stole money from his campaign account to pay for personal expenses.

Lesch responded to the conversion charge by essentially saying "There's no evidence because there's no receipts."

Fortunately, the Board didn't buy it. To do so would lay out a blueprint for unscrupulous candidates to convert campaign funds. Destroy the receipts, find a way not to reproduce them,

and repeat the crime.

Next, the Board fined the Lesch campaign \$5,000 for filing false and incomplete campaign finance reports in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

During that time, one of Lesch's campaign treasures was - get ready for it - his wife.

His wife also happens to be a full-time lobbyist, employed by Mayor Hodges over at the City of Minneapolis.

Melissa Lesch admitted to investigators that she signed campaign finance reports as "accurate and true" even though she knew the reports were not accurate and true.

In other words, she lied about the campaign finance reports for which she was responsible.

The voters will pass their judgement on Lesch, meaning that he will likely be overwhelming re-elected to his Saint Paul district because DFLers believe that ethics laws are a cudgel to be swung only at Republicans.

DFL legislator has lobbyist wife who is also his treasurer. What could go wrong?

Good for the Board for laying the hammer down on this one.

An ethics complaint from the House GOP against Lesch would be a good second act to this tragic comedy.

## GOLF CLAP, PLEASE

The "golf clap" is faint praise for any ho-hum issue overhyped by its advocates, the legacy media, and spin doctors.

Such is the praise this week for Obamacare premiums in Minnesota that are expected to rise only modestly or even fall.

While the headline news may seem cause to do cartwheels, it deserves little more than a golf clap.

This is because premiums were held in check only because of massive buydowns out of the state treasury.

In short, premiums didn't fall. They were merely subsidized on a one-time basis.

Now, the buy down was a good thing in one regard because they protected innocent Minnesotans from being crushed yet again by Obama's Rube Goldberg health care scheme.

The like-your-doctor-keep-your-doctor-costs-will-go-down farce that Senate Republicans in Washington can't seem to fix because of the entitlement mob, that grows like the Blob, as Washington promises more and more benefits to an increasingly indolent populace.

Nonetheless, this news gets a polite golf clap. Obamacare is still a major problem and there is a moral hazard in insulating citizens against its noxious effects, even when those citizens are blameless.

## HUMAN CAPITAL PARALYZED

The Wall Street Journal reported this week that Americans are as immobile as they've been in many years, which is a threat to our economic well-being.

Dynamic and prosperous economies rely on the efficient allocation of resources, including human capital.

Yes, people and their labor are an economic input that must be efficiently allocated, meaning

that it must be deployed where it will be put to its highest and best use.

When human capital is immobilized, economic output suffers.

Such is the case today. Many sectors of the economy are reporting that jobs are going unfilled.

While the reasons for Americans not moving are many, there is no doubt that government policy is to blame for some of it.

First, severe land use restrictions are making it difficult for perspective job transferees to find affordable housing in some hot job locations.

Second, government welfare programs are providing a perverse incentive for many Americans to stay put and unemployed in one location instead of moving to where jobs are open.

Subsidized housing and health care make it easier to stay in the familiar confines of the home town instead of uprooting the family and taking a risk to move to an unfamiliar place.

Third, government keeps Americans in place by promising all manner of market-distorting "economic development" that will bring jobs to them instead of the other way around.

Whether the chopsticks factory of 30 years ago, the Giants Ridge ski lodge of 10 years ago, or the shrimp production pools of this year, corporate welfare dressed up as economic development has become a disturbing feature of our modern government.

In a larger sense, government has offered yet another detrimental promise to the American people: Don't worry about the stress and inconvenience of moving to a job. Instead, we will bring jobs to you. In the meantime, please enjoy a subsidized lifestyle that relieves you of any personal responsibility.

It's vote buying, plain and simple. And it's further evidence that our government is too big and too powerful.

Economic dislocation is a hard fact of life in a capitalist economy. Layoffs happen.

Industries are created and destroyed. Jobs are created and destroyed. People are required to leave one life behind to enter another.

The harder truth is the alternative to this type of economy.

Capitalism: The worst economic system ever devised, except for all the others.

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Sincerely,

Harold E. Hamilton, owner.

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## Rep. Uglem Speaks on Obamacare Premiums

Recently, the Minnesota Department of Commerce released preliminary rates for the 2018 individual insurance market, revealing that Republican-led reforms may end the four year trend of double-digit premium increases since the implementation of Obamacare and MNsure in Minnesota. The individual market serves Minnesotans who do not receive health insurance through their employer or the government.

If approved by the federal government, the Minnesota Premium Security Plan will result in premium decreases for tens of thousands of Minnesotans. In contrast, average rates increased by double digits every year since 2014, including nearly 60 percent for 2017.

As a result of the reinsurance program, all current insurers will continue serving the individual market next year. In addition to the reinsurance program, Republicans successfully pushed for consumer protections that



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will provide access to better networks of hospitals and doctors.

These reforms were supported by just one Democrat in the Minnesota House. Governor Dayton refused to sign the measure, opting to let it become law without his signature.

“Stopping the double-digit premium increases caused by Obamacare and MNsure was one of our top priorities for Republicans this session.”

“More work is clearly needed, but reforms passed this session will help to put Minnesota back on track to be a national leader in health care. I will continue to fight to lower health care costs and increase access for families across Minnesota.”

According to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, rates could have risen by 25% or more without Republican reforms. Speaker Kurt Daudt sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price urging approval of the required waiver from the federal government needed to allow the reinsurance program to proceed.

Final rates for the 2018 individual market are expected to be released in October 2017.

## ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME REPORT

### ANDOVER

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

July 23 — 13613 Orchid St NW – truck stolen from the driveway; keys were in it

July 24 — 160xx Nightingale St NW – vending machines broken into

July 28 — 155xx Avocet St NW – theft from unlocked vehicles; cash, sunglasses

July 28 — 153xx Martin St NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; handgun

July 29 — 17xx 139 Lane NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; purse

July 30 — 23xx 135 Lane NW – padlocks cut on company trailers; suspects climb fence

July 31 — 152xx Hanson Blvd NW – lock removed from locker; wallet, iPhone stolen

Aug. 1 — 34xx 141 Ln NW – vehicle windows broken out while parked in the driveway

Aug. 2 — 143xx Vale St NW – theft of vehicle; keys in the vehicle – located abandoned and damaged in Andover – wallet was discovered missing too

Aug. 2 — 14xx 155 Ave NW – vandalism; “washers” shot at vehicles parked in a driveway

#### Arrests

July 24 — Hanson Blvd NW/161 Ave NW – 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics, a deputy stopped a driver for going through a red light. The driver did not have insurance on the vehicle. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The female was arrested.

July 28 — Round Lake Blvd NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 3rd Degree DWI, Speeding, Seat Belt; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.09)

July 29 — Hanson Blvd NW/161 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest, DAR, No Proof of Insurance; a deputy stopped a driver for driving without a valid driver's license. The driver had an active warrant. The male and female occupants were arrested

July 31 — Crosstown Dr NW/138 Ave NW – Warrant Arrest, 5th Degree Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped out with a male on a bike at the location. The male had an active warrant. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Aug. 1 — Rose St NW/Bunker Lake Blvd NW – 4th Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for speeding. The male appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.155)

### BETHEL

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

July 27 — 27xx 225 Ln NW – appliances stolen from a vacant home

### COLUMBUS

#### Arrests

July 24 — 76xx 162 Ave NE – OFP Violation; deputies responded to a report of an order for protection violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

### EAST BETHEL

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

July 21 — 14xx 205 Ave NE – forced entry into a

storage unit; tools

July 21 — 183xx HWY 65 NE – unsecure vehicle; radio cut out

July 30 — 188xx Hwy 65 NE – business; theft of items outside the store

July 31 — 197xx Polk St NE – theft of mail

#### Arrests

July 23 — Hwy 65 NE/Viking Blvd NE – 3rd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.20)

July 24 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to a report of multiple people attempting to break into a vacant trailer. Upon arriving a male was located. The male had an active warrant. During the search of the male narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

Aug. 1 — 181xx Hwy 65 NE – HRO Violation; deputies responded to a report of a harassment restraining order violation. It was determined that the order was violated. The male was arrested.

### HAM LAKE

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

July 21 — 23xx 139 Ln NE – unsecure shed; tools

Aug. 1 — 15xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE – business; several theft from, and damage to vehicles

#### Arrests

July 22 — 12xx 154 Ave NE – OFP Violation, Warrant Arrest; deputies responded to the location in an attempt to locate a male with a warrant and violating an order for protection. The male was located and arrested.

July 24 — 1400 Block of 143 Ave NE - DAC-IPS, Possession of Narcotics; a deputy stopped a driver for not having a valid driver's license. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

July 26 — 133xx London St NE – 5th Degree Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a mother/daughter domestic assault. The daughter was arrested.

July 29 — 177 Ave NE/Marmom St NE – 3rd Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single motorcycle crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. The male was taken to the hospital. Legal blood was taken. The male was arrested.

July 29 — Hwy 65 NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE – 4th Degree DWI, DAS, Seatbelt, Littering; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated and did not have a valid driver's license. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. (.087)

### LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

#### Arrests

July 22 — Typo Creek Blvd NE/227 Ave NE – 2nd Degree DWI; a deputy stopped a driver for poor driving conduct. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. (.240)

July 30 — Viking Blvd NE/Humber St NE – 3rd Degree DWI, Possession of a Controlled Substance; deputies responded to a single vehicle rollover crash. The female appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. During the search of the vehicle and accident site narcotics were located. The female was arrested..

### NOWTHEN

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

No date— 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – windows on a vehicle were broken

#### Arrests

Aug. 1 — 224xx St Francis Blvd NW – 5th Degree Assault; deputies responded to a staff/client assault. The male client was arrested.

### OAK GROVE

#### Thefts & Damage to Property

July 23 — 199xx Nightingale St NW – smashed vehicle window; nothing of value was stolen

July 31 — 07.31 25xx 223 Ln NW – theft from unlocked vehicle; wallet, change, concert tickets

### MESSAGES FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*There was an incident in Blaine that we wanted to make you aware of. This gentleman responded exactly how he should have: On 07/27/17 at 1630 hours, an elderly male reported that a male posing as a Direct TV employee knocked on his door and stated he needed to access the residence to inspect his Direct TV Genie. The unknown male insisted that he check if the DVR is a Direct TV Genie 1 or Direct TV Genie 2. The complainant closed the door on the male and contacted Direct TV. Direct TV did not have any workers in the area, nor do they send someone without appointments. Male described as Late 20's- late 30's, Native or Hispanic decent, dark colored hair and facial hair, wearing a tan jacket, hat and ID badge with a Direct TV insignia.*

We have had multiple incidents lately in which our Deputies have shown great restraint in effecting arrests or getting citizens much needed help. On July 2nd Deputy Young and Bayer were able to arrest a male armed with a knife who fled from the vehicle after a pursuit and stabbed himself in the neck. On July 4th Deputies Nelson and Yantos responded to a suicidal male who had PTSD and cut himself in the bathroom. They forced entry and were able to get the male secured for the paramedics. On July 13th Deputies Lien, Heinemann, and Bangerter responded to a suicidal male who was also on drugs. The male was covered in blood and asked for a gun to shoot himself before yelling gun and moving towards Deputy Lien. Deputies were able to get him handcuffed despite him resisting and get him secured and turned over to medics. We frequently hear about lethal force encounters in which law enforcement is questioned about their decisions. What we rarely hear about are incidents where law enforcement uses restraint and successfully resolves a situation without using lethal force. It can be a balancing act as it is imperative to do what you must do to protect yourself and others, yet attempt to peacefully resolve situations. We are also careful not to become complacent in the performance of our duties. The frequency and the professionalism with how these situations were handled is to be commended and hopefully gives these citizens a chance to get the help they need. Thank you to all involved Deputies, you are preserving the public's trust.

— Commander Podany

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**ANOKA COUNTY SUMMARY OF BIDS**

Bid #2017-16  
Description of Bid/RFP:  
2018 Roof Replacement and 2017 Partial Masonry Repairs at FAHR/ Cottage 10

No Prevailing Wages Required  
Bid Opening: August 29, 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).

(7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 2017 ACR) #706

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The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **CDS Enterprises**
2. Principal Place of Business: **18016 Bluebird St NW Andover, MN 55304**

Nameholder(s): **Craig Stirtz 18016 Bluebird St NW Andover, 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: 8/3/2017 # 959908800021 /s/ Craig Stirtz (8/8, 8/15 2017 ACR) #712

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The undersigned, who is or will be conducting business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. Assumed Name: **Rustic Everly After**
2. Principal Place of Business: **10924 Flora St NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Nameholder(s): **Aubree Nichole Peterson 10924 Flora St NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

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: 8/3/2017 # 959908200025 /s/ Aubree Peterson (8/8, 8/15 2017 ACR) #713

**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: **Suds Much Fun**
2. Principal Place of Business: **4635 6th St NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421**

Nameholder(s): **Crystal Hatlehol 4635 6th St NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421**

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: 7/12/2017 # 957080000032 /s/ Crystal Hatlehol, Sole Proprietor (8/1, 8/8 2017 ACR) #708

**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: **Lid Luv**
2. Principal Place of Business: **4542 121st Ave NE Blaine, MN 55449**

Nameholder(s): **Agile Solved, LLC 4542 121st Ave NE Blaine, MN 55449**

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: 7/12/2017 # 957051000039 /s/ Kathleen Rassmussen, VP Business Development (8/1, 8/8 2017 ACR) #707

**PUBLIC NOTICES UNPAID**

**CITY OF BLAINE NOTICE OF MEETING BEFORE THE BLAINE CITY COUNCIL**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Blaine, Minnesota, will consider action on the following application:  
CASE: 17-0030  
APPLICANT:

Blisstopia Yoga District).  
LOCATION: Subject parcel is more 10611 Baltimore Street particularly described NE #140 as:  
PETITION: The LOT 2 BLOCK 1 applicant is requesting a BALTIMORE 2ND Conditional Use Permit ADDITION to allow for the operation MEETING DATE of a yoga studio in AND TIME: Said a multi-tenant retail consideration will take building. The tenant place on Thursday, space is 1,850 square feet in size. The use is August 17, 2017, at the Blaine City Hall Council Chambers, considered amusement/ recreation and the use requires a conditional use permit in the PBD Minnesota, 55449 at (Planned Business

7:30 p.m. Should you Persons who have have any questions questions may call the or concerns, you are Planning Department, encouraged to submit City of Blaine, at (763) your comments in 785-6180. Hearing writing to the Planning impaired persons Department at the planning to attend who address noted above, need an interpreter by fax at (763) 717- or other persons with 2634, or by email at disabilities who require dbugge@blainemn.gov auxiliary aids should (Attach if more space contact Dawn Bugge at is needed). Please (763) 785-6180 no later note that unsigned or than August 10, 2017. anonymous comments will not be included in the public record.

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COON RAPIDS PLANNING COMMISSION**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICES**  
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2016 ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	
Name of Development Authority:	Oak Grove EDA
Name of Municipality:	Oak Grove
The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2016.	
The Anoka County Record (Name of the Newspaper)	8/15/2017 (Date of Publication)
	<b>Name of TIF District</b>
	TIF 1
Current net tax capacity	\$ 19,266
Original net tax capacity	\$ 7,663
Captured net tax capacity	\$ 11,603
Principal and interest payments due in 2017	\$ 0
Tax increment received in 2016	\$ 13,676
Tax increment expended in 2016	\$ 7,040
Month and year of first tax increment receipt ( MM / YYYY )	7 / 2002
Date of required decertification ( MM / DD / YYYY )	12/31/2027
Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:	
Loren Wickham Name of TIF Representative	
19900 Nightingale St NW, Oak Grove, 55011 Address (Street, City, Zip)	(763) 404-7075 Phone
lwickham@ci.oak-grove.mn.us Email:	
<i>Note to preparer: Publishing the last line of the table and the two paragraphs following the table is necessary only if a TIF district in the municipality is located in the fiscal disparities area and the municipality chose option "A" under Minn. Stat. 469.177, subd. 3(a), for the TIF district.</i>	

(8/8, 2017 ACR) #698

**IRENE P. KEKLAH**  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 02-PR-15-652  
Estate of  
Irene P. Keklah  
Decedent

**FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY**

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

IT IS ORDERED that any objections to the Petitions must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petitions may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petitions will be heard on Aug 15, 2017, at 9:00 am, by this Court at 325 East Main Street, Anoka, MN, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: 6/23/17  
/s/ Barry Sullivan, Judge of District Court  
/s/ Lori Meyer, Court Administrator  
Attorney for Petitioner; Roy B. Henline; Henline Law P.A.; 11300 86th Avenue N., Maple Grove, MN 55369; Attorney License No: 142487; Telephone: (763) 767-6200; FAX: (763) 971-8040; Email: [RHenline@HenlineLaw.com](mailto:RHenline@HenlineLaw.com)  
(8/1, 8/8, 2017 ACR) #711

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CASE: 17-25

ITEM: Home Occupation Permit  
 PETITIONER: Carol Engstrom

LOCATION: 13080 Marigold Street

The Petitioner requests that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission approve a Home Occupation Permit for pet sitting business, for no more than 2 dogs at any one time, as a home occupation.

The property may be legally described as:

Lot 24, Block 4, Shenandoah Meadows 2nd Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota

Said hearing will take place on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before August 8, 2017. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-757-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested persons are invited to attend and to be heard. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

Wayne Schwartz, Chairman  
 Coon Rapids Planning Commission

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS**  
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COON RAPIDS PLANNING COMMISSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a decision on

City of Circle Pines			
Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2016			
TIF District Name:	TIF District No. 1 [TIF 1 - South Side]	TIF District No. 3 [TIF 3]	TIF District No. 4 [TIF 4 - North Side]
Current net tax capacity	0	36,769	122,553
Original net tax capacity	0	1,760	12,245
Captured net tax capacity	0	35,009	110,308
Principal and interest payments due during current year	0	111,750	68,303
Tax increment received	0	44,178	161,943
Tax increment expended	0	2,122	186,617
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	July 1986	July 1994	July 2003
Date of required decertification	12-31-2014	12-31-2019	12-31-2028
Increased property tax imposed on other properties as a result of fiscal disparities contribution *	0 **	2,215 **	0 **

\* The fiscal disparities property tax law provides that the growth in commercial-industrial property tax values is shared throughout the area. In a tax increment financing district, this value sharing can either result in a decrease in tax increment financing district revenue or a tax increase for other properties in the municipality depending on whether the tax increment financing district contributes its share of the growth.

\*\* Amounts displayed here indicate that the district did not contribute its growth in commercial-industrial property tax values and represent the resulting increase in taxes on other properties in the City for taxes payable in 2016.

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from: Ronda Dalbec, Finance Director  
 200 Civic Heights Cir Circle Pines, MN 55014  
 (763) 784-5898  
 rdalbec@ci.circle-pines.mn.us

the following matter:

CASE: 17-24

ITEM: Site Plan for a new car dealership

PETITIONER: Nate Sutton

LOCATION: 1950 - 2055 Gateway Drive

The Petitioner requests that the Coon Rapids Planning Commission approve a Site Plan for a new car dealership

Legal description: Outlot A, Gateway Commerce Center 2nd Addition, Outlot B, Gateway Commerce Center and Outlot A, Gateway Commerce Center 4th Addition

Said hearing will take place on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the City Center, 11155 Robinson Drive in the City Council Chambers

beginning at 6:30 p.m. The City Center is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assistance devices or a sign language interpreter must be received before August 8, 2017. Such a request may be made by telephone 763-767-6430, TDD 763-757-8885 or fax 763-767-6573. All interested persons are invited to attend and to be heard. You may call 763-767-6430 if you have any questions.

Wayne Schwartz, Chairman  
 Coon Rapids Planning Commission

**CITY OF COON RAPIDS**  
 ORDINANCE NO. 2193  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE

DEFINITION OF CLASS B OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE, ELIMINATING THE RADIUS REQUIREMENTS, AND ELIMINATING THE NUMBER LIMIT ON CLASS B OFF SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES ALLOWED THEREBY AMENDING REVISED CITY CODE - 1982 SECTION 5-203 AND SECTION 5-209

The City of Coon Rapids does ordain:

Section 1. Revised City Code - 1982 Section 5-203 is hereby amended as follows:  
 5-203 Definitions.

(7) "Class B Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor License" means a license to sell off-sale intoxicating liquor in conjunction with and secondary to a permitted or conditional principal retail use which shall have a minimum floor area of 50,000 square feet.

Section 2. Revised City Code - 1982 Section 5-209 is hereby amended as follows:  
 5-209 Types of Licenses and Fees.

(8) Off-sale liquor

establishments shall be separate, distinct entities with no entrances from other business activities, and shall have a minimum floor area of 2,500 square feet devoted to the liquor operations. The minimum floor area of 2,500 square feet shall not apply to Class B Off-sale liquor operations. Off-sale intoxicating liquor establishments shall be located only in those zoning districts where specifically authorized under Title 11 of this Code.

(b) Class B Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses. The Class B Off-sale liquor operation may not be sold or transferred in any manner to another party except as part of the sale or transfer of the principal use. The liquor operations shall be attached to the principal use, but shall be a separate and distinct entity from the principal use with separate entrances, warehouses and checkout lanes. The floor area of the liquor operation shall not exceed five percent or 2,500 square feet (whichever is larger) of the total gross floor area

of the principal use.

The City Council may issue no more than two Class B Off-sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses annually.

Introduced this 18th day of July, 2017.

Adopted this 2nd day of August, 2017.

ATTEST: Jerry Koch, Mayor

Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS**  
 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the St. Francis Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the following land use items on July 19, 2017, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the ISD #15 District Office located at 4115 Ambassador Blvd.

1. ORDINANCE: An ordinance to amend language in City Code Chapter 10 (Zoning), Section 93 to satisfy the latest requirements of the state mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit program which focuses on the management of stormwater. The ordinance amends the

**TODD CHARLES JOHNSON**  
 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 DISTRICT COURT  
 COUNTY OF ANOKA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 Court File No. 02-PR-17-386  
 Estate of  
 Todd Charles Johnson  
 Decedent  
 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Anoka County Courthouse, 325 East Main St., Anoka, Minnesota, 55303, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Joshewa A. Johnson, whose address is 347 Maryland Ave E, St. Paul MN 55130, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.  
 Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
 Dated: 7/21/17  
 /s/ Tammi A. Fredrickson, Judge of District Court  
 /s/ Lori O'Brien, Court Administrator  
 Attorney for Petitioner; Jay A. Joyner; Jay A. Joyner P.A.; 3247 Humboldt Ave S, Minneapolis, MN, 55408; Attorney License No: 52887; Telephone: (612) 801-1836; FAX: (612) 825-1337; Email: jjoyner@joynerlaw.com  
 (8/1, 8/8, 2017 ACR) #709

minimum infiltration within the meeting. Materials the City and adopts regarding the above infiltration restrictions items are available upon and prohibitions as request. required by the State Ben Gozola, City amongst other minor Planner changes.

All persons wishing to be heard on the above items should attend the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the City no later than 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 10th; or emailed to Ben Gozola at (bgozola@sambatek.com) no later

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