

## Columbia Heights Charter Commission sends question to General Election ballot

3 seats open; Ranked Choice Voting on next agenda

by Bryan Olson — *Exclusive*

The Columbia Heights Charter Commission met last Thursday and voted 7-2 to put a proposed change to the city charter on the Nov. 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

The question was on the ballot in 1998 — it asked if the mayor’s term of office should be changed from two years to four years. Voters then said no — 4,446 to 3,765. Voting against the motion to place the same question on the ballot this year were commission members Ramona Anderson and Greg Sloat. Voting in favor were Matt Abel, Kathy Ahlers, Bill Hugo, Roger Johnson, Tom Kaiser, Frost Simula and chair Steve Smith.

Before this motion was passed, a motion not to pursue the charter change was defeated 5-4. Abel, Anderson, Sloat and Smith voted to drop the matter. The city charter requires that a proposed change be passed by a majority vote of the Charter Commission, then moves on to the City Council for unanimous approval. Failing a unanimous vote of the council, the proposed change is sent back to the Charter Commission for either a majority vote to send it to a voter referendum, or make more changes, or to not take any action — thereby dropping the proposal.

The City Council at its Feb. 12 meeting voted 4-1 not to approve the change. Councilor Connie Buesgens was the one vote in favor of its adoption. The council majority agreed they didn’t want to be making such a decision — that it was better left in the hands of the voters.

At the April 19 Charter Commission meeting, member Bill Hugo said he interpreted the council’s comments as a body that wanted to see the question sent to the ballot for the public to decide. City Attorney James Hoefft answered by clarifying what he thought was the council’s position: “I don’t know that the council in and of themselves were eager to make any change to (the charter); they just had to make a decision because it was placed in front of them. To say that the council members want it to go to a referendum — I’m not sure’s that necessarily accurate. If it’s going to change, they would prefer it go to a referendum, but I’m not sure they were looking at the fact that it (the charter) needed to be changed in the first place.”

Buesgens attends the Charter Commission meetings as the city council liaison, and when asked, offered “my impression was that they wanted the people to decide.” Hoefft responded, “my point is the only reason the council made a decision was because they had to.”

### Second reading of another proposed charter change

Whether to take the mayor’s authority over the operations of the police department and put the responsibility into the hands of the city manager is the other question that has been discussed over the last several months. (See *Anoka County Record*, Jan. 30, 2018, Oct. 31, 2017, July 25, 2017; *Anoka County Record — Lite*, Feb. 20, 2018)

The city charter has granted the mayor this authority since the document was adopted in 1921. Arguments in favor of the change have made mention that several recent mayors have abdicated this authority to the city manager anyway, that making the charter change would only be a formality. The counter-argument has been stated as this: a change isn’t needed to the nearly hundred-year-old provision because it hasn’t presented any problems, and there is a sentiment that the elected official is more accountable to the citizenry than an employee of the city council. The Charter Commission voted 6-3 to send the proposed charter change to the city council. The three

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votes against were made by Kaiser, Anderson and Sloat. The item will be placed on a future city council agenda, whereupon the same process for consideration will be used again as it was for the proposed Charter change to lengthen the mayor's term of office. The commission's next meeting is July 19.

The question of whether to place authority over the police department in the hands of the city manager, was on the General Election ballot in 2002. It was defeated by voters 4,651 to 2,939. The voters that prevailed wanted no change.

Absent from last Thursday's Charter Commission meeting were Mike Patiuk, Rob Fiorendino, James Guy, Eric Penniston and Susan Wiseman. Sen. Carolyn Laine arrived late, after all voting had taken place.

Near the close of the meeting member Frost Simula told the body that he wanted his proposed changes to the charter placed on the next meeting agenda. He stated that he had submitted his thoughts last July, regarding changes as to how appointments are made to fill vacant city council seats. Commission chair Steve Smith asked that Simula or other members who may have submissions for the agenda to submit their written material far enough in advance so that it can be included in the next meeting packet.

Commission member Kathy Ahlers topped off the meeting with a request that the subject of Ranked Choice Voting be put on the next Charter Commission agenda. Ahlers said that the voting process, used in Minneapolis and St. Paul for city elections, can eliminate the need for primary elections.

### **Three seats open on the Charter Commission; applications being taken**

Nearly fifteen of the meeting's forty-five minutes were spent discussing the commission's application process. There had been some confusion in recent months about whether applications were being withheld by city staff and not forwarded in a timely fashion to the Tenth Judicial District's Chief Judge, Douglas Meslow. The Chief Judge makes the charter commission appointments in the district.

City Attorney Hoeft explained to the commission members that there had been requests made of cities by judges in the past, to take the applications but hold onto them until "a batch" of applications had been collected and then forward those to the judge. Hoeft said the Chief Judge told him recently that this was also his preferred way of handling charter commission applications.

For a time the city was sending applications as they were received to the Chief Judge. Discussion at the meeting implied that applicants may have also sent applications directly to the judge. Hoeft made it clear to the members that that the judge has ordered the city clerk to collect applications and forward them when "a batch" has been collected. Just exactly what "a batch" is, and collected over what specific period of time, seemed to be a question mark in the minds of those in the meeting room.

Hoeft was asked that if anyone had recently applied in a manner other than the judge's preferred method, should those persons apply again? Hoeft recommended they do so. City Clerk Katie Bruno said there was one application on file, and it had been received that week.

Three vacancies on the Columbia Heights Charter Commission were announced during the meeting. Resignation letters had been received from James Guy and Eric Penniston, and Roger Johnson announced that this would be his last meeting because he will be moving out of the city.

Applications should given to the city clerk, Katie Bruno at City Hall; she can be reached at (763) 706-3611.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Come, share a cup of coffee, and  
*Socialize with the Sheriff's Office.*  
Join us on Wednesday, May 9th  
from 10 – 11am at Bridge Street  
Coffee in Oak Grove.  
3122 Viking Blvd NW

We will be there to answer  
questions, hear concerns, and get to  
know the residents in our  
community!

# New Brighton-Columbia Heights legislative update

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weekend! Below you will find updates from the Capitol and information about my upcoming Coffee & Conversations.

## Coffee & Conversations

Please join Sen. Laine and me for Coffee & Conversations events in both April and May. These informal meetings give us an opportunity to connect one-on-one, to ask questions, raise concerns, and discuss what's happening at the Capitol and in our communities.

### April Coffee & Conversations:

Date: Saturday, April 28

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location: Community Grounds Coffee Shop, 560 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights

May Coffee & Conversations: Saturday, May 12, same time and location

## Even Year Elections

The Senate State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee, with 50/50 party line support, has approved an amendment to the elections omnibus bill, SF 3021, prohibiting cities from extending or shortening the terms of council members when switching from odd-to even-year elections, or vice versa. This election law change would have significant impact on the city of New Brighton along with Maplewood and potentially other cities in Minnesota.

Under the amendment, cities that change election years would then need to hold elections in consecutive calendar years to allow the terms of incumbents to expire. In 2016, the City of New Brighton passed an ordinance switching from odd year to even year elections. When this was done, the city council analyzed the impacts of transitioning (pros & cons) and ultimately decided it was in the best interests of the city to do so.

New Brighton and other cities are moving to match local elections with national elections. If this bill were to become law, cities will need to hold an additional election in 2019. This means the cities would hold elections in 2018, 2019 and then again in 2020. One of the most obvious impacts of this legislation is financial.

The estimated cost of conducting an election is a minimum of \$75,000. The cost of elections was one of the primary drivers of New Brighton's decision to go to even election year cycles.

## State Budget

Earlier in the session, Governor Dayton outlined his detailed budget proposal, with greater investments in education, job creation efforts, and a tax proposal focused on fairness for everyone, not just the wealthy. Two weeks ago, the House majority released their budget targets for each subject area, and last week we saw various bills emerge.

We have a modest \$329 million budget surplus. I'll be working to ensure the session ends productively, by delivering more opportunities for Minnesotans and their families to succeed while maintaining our state's strong fiscal stability.

## Investing in Students

One area in which the Governor's and the House Majority's approaches have differed is education. In his budget proposal, Governor Dayton came forward with help for school districts' unfunded special education obligations, working to eliminate what's known as the "cross-subsidy." He also has a plan to extend our successful voluntary pre-K opportunities beyond next school year. Unfortunately, under the Republican plan, state support for special education wouldn't start catching up until 2022, and there are no additional investments in pre-K for our youngest learners.

The Higher Education bill also has room to improve, with few resources to lower college tuition, while earmarking \$5 million for a single program at a single state university. Instead, our investment ought to spread across all campuses in order support efforts to lower student tuition and academic debt.

One of the things that makes Minnesotans so proud of our state is our strong commitment to public education. In order to continue this tradition, it will require the



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necessary investments in students, teachers, and families to ensure everyone has the resources they need to achieve.

### **Possible Changes to U of M Regent Selection**

The omnibus higher education finance bill also includes a handful of new policy provisions. Most notably, one provision would modify the University of Minnesota's Regent selection process by dissolving the citizen Regent Candidate Advisory Council and replace it with a Legislative Commission on Regent Selection comprised of lawmakers.

### **Protecting Pensions**

After several years of efforts, we're on the verge of making progress to improve the solvency of our state's public employee pension plans. Our teachers, police officers, and other Minnesotans who have worked hard for Minnesota and our communities their entire careers deserve economic security upon retirement. The bipartisan fix would include contribution increases from both the employees and state, changes to early retirement policies, and some small decreases in cost of living adjustments for retirees. This fix would go a long way as it cuts Minnesota's long-term liability in half.

I'm fearful that similarly to recent years, this bill may be used as a bargaining piece during end-of-session negotiations between the Governor and legislative leadership. It would be irresponsible to let a solution so many people have worked so hard on slip away. This is the fiscally responsible solution to promises that we made to our public workers and I support quick passage.

### **MNLARS**

One issue I've heard about from many folks this session is the new Minnesota Licensing and Registration System (MNLARS). The rollout of this system last year had significant problems and caused delays for Minnesotans seeking vehicle titles and completing similar transactions. When such a fundamental government service isn't working right, we have an obligation to ensure it's fixed.

Earlier this session, we delivered emergency resources to our state's Driver and Vehicle Services division to keep information technology professionals on board to continue system repairs. I am pleased that the legislature has acknowledged our deputy registrars who have experienced countless headaches working with the system and passed a bill providing funds for much needed relief.

### **NICWA and HF 3375: MMIW**

Last week I was fortunate to visit Anchorage, Alaska to attend and present at the NICWA (National Indian Child Welfare Act) Conference. Each year, NICWA hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) child advocacy issues. The four-day national conference addresses tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to foster parents and youth who have experience in child welfare systems. I was proud to share the incredible work of the Minneapolis ICWA Law Center and respond to questions on my bill, HF3375, the creation of a task force to study missing and murdered Indigenous women in Minnesota. Read this article to learn more about my bill.

### **Students Demand Gun Reform**

Schools are meant to be places of sanctuary, safety, and learning for our children. For the second time in two months, students from across the country streamed out of class as part of a National School Walkout to demand action on gun reform. I joined students at St. Anthony High School this past Friday, along with thousands of students across the US, as they left their classes in solidarity to observe a moment of silence for shooting victims. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to and walk with staff and students to remember the 200+ students, teachers, and staff who have been traumatized by gun violence.

As always, it's a pleasure to be your voice at the Capitol as we work together to make sure the things our community values are a priority.



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## **Anoka County to celebrate Law Day with event on April 27**

**For immediate release**

**ANOKA, Minn. (April 18, 2018)** – On Friday, April 27, the Anoka County Courthouse in downtown Anoka will open its doors to the public as part of a Law Day “Open Courthouse” event. The event is being held to showcase the work of Minnesota’s courts, and educate the public about the work of judges, attorneys, law enforcement, and citizens in administering the state’s justice system. The free, open-to-the-public event, will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Law Day events will include guided courthouse tours; an information fair; demonstrations of the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office K-9 unit; and presentations on various criminal justice issues, including: immigration, community and 21<sup>st</sup> century policing, death investigation and the role of the medical examiner, and investigating crimes. In addition, visitors can participate in free legal assistance clinics staffed by volunteer attorneys on matters related to family law, child support, conservatorship, debt collection, adult and juvenile expungement, evictions, warrants, driver license reinstatement, and more.

A welcoming ceremony featuring Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah and Tenth Judicial District Chief Judge Douglas Meslow will be held at 9:00 a.m. Guided courthouse tours will be offered at 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Legal advice clinics and presentations on various criminal justice issues will be held throughout the day. A detailed event schedule is attached, and can be found at [www.mncourts.gov/anokacountylawday2018](http://www.mncourts.gov/anokacountylawday2018).

“Each year, we have expanded our Law Day event in response to those we serve. This year, we are expanding our program for students, which will include K-9 presentations, a mock trial, a presentation by a veteran investigator with the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office, and a presentation with Chief Judge Douglas Meslow and community justice partners,” said Tenth Judicial District Court Judge Bethany Fountain Lindberg, one of 16 judges chambered in the Anoka County Courthouse. “In addition, we are adding educational presentations for attorneys that include Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. We are so excited to welcome the public to the Anoka County Courthouse, and showcase how judges, attorneys, law enforcement, and other

community justice partners work together to peacefully resolve cases and keep our communities safe.”

The Anoka County Courthouse is located at 325 East Main Street in downtown Anoka. No cost parking is available in the ramp located on Jackson Street, and visitors are encouraged to refer to this Anoka County [brochure](#) for additional parking information.

The Anoka County Open Courthouse event is scheduled to coincide with Law Day, a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share. Law Day was first established in 1958 through a proclamation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Congress passed a joint resolution designating May 1 as Law Day, U.S.A. in 1961.

*About Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District*

The Tenth Judicial District consists of the counties of [Anoka](#), [Chisago](#), [Isanti](#), [Kanabec](#), [Pine](#), [Sherburne](#), [Washington](#), and [Wright](#). Forty-five judges serve the district, which is the second largest of Minnesota's 10 judicial districts. In 2017, more than 130,000 cases were filed in Tenth Judicial District courts.

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— An Open Courthouse Event —

Friday, April 27, 2018

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anoka County Courthouse & Government Center

2100 3rd Ave., Anoka

## Open Courthouse Schedule of Events

<b>All-Day Activities</b>			
9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	<b>Guided Courthouse Tours</b>	Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Anoka County Courthouse, with visits to real courtrooms and the chance to hear from a local district court judge or other justice system officials.	Meet at the Government Center Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Information Fair</b>	Visit an information fair designed to showcase the work of many of the justice system partners in the local community, share legal resources available to the public, and highlight new advancements in criminal justice and court technology being implemented across the state.  <b>Information fair booths include: Immigration, Economic Assistance, Judicare, CAAP, Center for Excellence, Medication Services, Alexandra House, Veteran Services</b>	Government Center Atrium, 1st floor
<b>Presentations Open to the Public</b>			
9:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah & Tenth Judicial District Chief Judge Douglas Meslow address Law Day	Government Center Atrium
9:00 a.m.	<b>Expungement of Adult &amp; Juvenile Records</b>	Central Minnesota Legal Services and Volunteer Lawyers Network will offer a presentation on the process for seeking expungement of adult and juvenile offenses from the court record.	Anoka County Courthouse, West - 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Community Presentation (applied for CLE credit)</b>	Immigration issues, presented by Kathleen Moccio, Assistant Professor of Clinical Law, University of Minnesota.	Courtroom C202
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Community Presentation (applied for CLE credit)</b>	Community and 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Policing, Scott Nadeau, Chief of Police & Public Safety Director City of Maplewood	Courtroom C202
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Community Presentation (applied for CLE credit)</b>	Dr. A. Quinn Strobl, Anoka County Medical Examiner, Death Investigation & the Role of the Medical Examiner	Courtroom C202
1:00 p.m.	<b>Expungement of Adult &amp; Juvenile Records and Housing Records</b>	Central Minnesota Legal Services and Volunteer Lawyers Network will offer a presentation on the process for seeking expungement of adult and juvenile court records and housing eviction records.	Government Center, Room 237
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Community Presentation (applied for CLE credit)</b>	Daniel Douglas, Anoka County Investigations, Investigating Crimes	Courtroom C202

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Legal Advice Clinics			
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Family Law (Divorce/Custody/Child Support/Paternity)</b>	Attorneys will be available to discuss issues surrounding child support, driver's license payment plans for child support, custody, parenting time, paternity, contempt, divorce, domestic violence, waiver of court fees and costs, order enforcement, proper service, establishing court hearing dates, and other family matters that may come up after a divorce.	Law Library E130, Anoka County Courthouse
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Driver's License</b>	Representatives from Anoka County Court Administration, Child Support and Department of Vehicle Services (DVS) will be on hand to assist in reviewing your DL record to determine why you are suspended, and assist in getting you all the information needed to get your license reinstated. If it cannot be reinstated immediately, you will have received comprehensive instructions on what steps will still need to be taken to reinstate.	Courthouse, West - 4 <sup>th</sup> floor
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Adult &amp; Juvenile Expungements</b>	At 9:00 a.m., Central Minnesota Legal Services and the Volunteer Lawyers Network will offer a presentation on the process for seeking an expungement of adult and juvenile offenses from the court record. After the presentation, volunteer attorneys will be available until 3:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide assistance in filling out the appropriate court forms.	Courthouse, West- 4 <sup>th</sup> floor
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Eviction Expungements</b>	At 1:00 p.m., Central Minnesota Legal Services and the Volunteer Lawyers Network will offer a presentation on the process for seeking criminal and eviction expungements from the court record. After the presentation, volunteer attorneys will be available until 3 p.m. to answer questions and provide assistance in filling out the appropriate court forms.	Government Center, Rooms 243 & 244
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Outstanding Warrant Resolution</b>	Those with an Anoka County warrant or case will have the opportunity to resolve outstanding warrants for criminal misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors, and discuss resolution of outstanding issues in some felony cases; address matters regarding driver's license status and unpaid fines and fees.	Courthouse, West - 4 <sup>th</sup> floor
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Conservators/ Power of Attorney/Guardianships</b>	Auditors from the Conservator Account Auditing Program (CAAP) will be available to provide assistance with MyMNConservator and answer questions about conservator responsibilities. Experts will be available to answer questions. There will be a volunteer attorney available between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide legal advice about guardianship.	Government Center, Rooms 243 & 244
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Immigration</b>	Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., a volunteer attorney from Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid will be available to answer questions and provide information regarding immigration law issues.	Government Center Atrium
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Legal Clinic: Civil Law</b>	Attorneys will be available to discuss issues relating to evictions, landlord/tenant disputes, debt collection, garnishment, social security disability, unemployment benefits and other non-criminal matters. Volunteer attorneys will be available until 3:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide assistance in filling out the appropriate court forms.	Government Center, Rooms 243 & 244

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<b>Educational Track for Fridley Centennial High School Students (Judge O'Fallon)</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Roles in the Justice System and Mock Trial</b>	The Honorable Dan O'Fallon	Courthouse, Courtroom C230
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>K-9 Unit Demonstration</b>	Deputy Pete Psyck, Anoka County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse, Courtroom C230
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	Lunch	Courthouse, Courtroom C240
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Criminal Investigations</b>	Daniel Douglas, Anoka County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse, Courtroom C240
<b>Educational Track for Anoka-Hennepin and Centennial High School Students (Judge Fredrickson)</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>K-9 Unit Demonstration</b>	Deputy Pete Psyck, Anoka County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse, Courtroom C240
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Criminal Investigations</b>	Daniel Douglas, Anoka County Sheriff's Office	Courthouse, Courtroom C240
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	Lunch	Courthouse, Courtroom C230
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Roles in the Justice System and Mock Trial</b>	The Honorable Tammi Fredrickson	Courthouse, Courtroom C230
<b>Educational Track for Regional, Cross of Christ, and Compass High School Students (Judge Street)</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>	Maplewood Police Chief Scott Nadeau	Courthouse, Courtroom C150
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Community Leadership</b>	Panel: Anoka County Commissioner, Tenth Judicial District Chief Judge Douglas Meslow; Tenth Judicial District Administrator Paul Patterson; Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart; Anoka County Attorney Toney Palumbo; Virginia Murphrey, Chief Public Defender, Tenth Judicial District, and Anoka County Community Corrections Director, Dylan Warkentin.	Courthouse, Courtroom C150
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## **ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF JAMES STUART**

**FRIDAY UPDATE: 04.20.18**

This is a report of fraud that victimized a 78 year-old female in the city of Andover. Please talk with your family, parents, friends, and social groups about these types of crimes. As law enforcement, the best thing we can do to stop these types of crimes is to educate – and we need your help.

Complainant reports a few months ago she received a email on her computer or it may of been someone calling her about protecting her computer from Russia "hacking" it. The complainant reports she has been paying this individual thousands of dollars in gift cards to protect her computer and each time they ask for more money because of a 30% additive fee and a "delay" fee. The complainant continued paying through gift cards until recently she realized it was a scam. The complainant states she paid upward of fifteen thousand dollars, she is not sure of the exact amount. The complainant states the male has a accent and calls her on her land line and cellphone. The complainant states when she buys the gift cards, the male tells her to scratch off the back and read him the numbers. The complainant states she never gave her social security or debit card numbers to the male but she had to change her bank account with Wells Fargo twice because of inaccuracy in her bank account. The complainant states Wells Fargo is aware of the situation and is watching her account. The complainant states she received the calls from dozens of different phone numbers from New York and some Minnesota numbers. The complainant states the main number that they call from is from Platsville, New York (518) 299-0352. I advised the complainant not to answer the calls anymore and to speak to someone that works with her phone carrier to see if the incoming numbers can be blocked, no further information at this time.

### **Andover**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

04.18 152xx Avocet St NW – license plate stolen off a vehicle

#### **Arrests**

04.19 Hanson Blvd NW/161 Ave NW – Terroristic Threats; deputies responded to a road rage situation where a gun was displayed. Two-of-the-three suspect vehicle were located. One man was arrested.

04.16 15xx 154 Ave NW – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to domestic between two brothers. Both males were arrested.

04.14 11xx 142 Ave NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault; deputies responded to a domestic between brothers. One of the males was arrested.

### **Bethel**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Bethel this week.

### **Columbus**

#### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

04.16 143xx Lake Dr NE – business; scrap metal taken from the property

## **East Bethel**

### **Arrests**

04.19 44xx Fawn Lake Dr NE – Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father/son domestic. The son was arrested.

04.17 East Bethel Blvd NE/Klondike Dr NE – Possession of a Controlled Substance; a deputy stopped a driver for failing to signal his turn. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

04.15 241<sup>st</sup> Ave NE/Hwy 65 NE – DWI, Criminal Vehicular Operation; deputies responded to a 2 vehicle personal injury crash at the location. One of the driver's appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .20

## **Ham Lake**

### **Thefts & Damage to Property**

04.17 138xx Johnson St NE – business; tires and rims stolen from the property

### **Arrests**

04.17 Crosstown Blvd NE/Hwy 65 NE – Warrant Arrest, DAS; a deputy stopped a driver for having expired vehicle registration. The driver had an active warrant. During the search of the vehicle narcotics were located. The male was arrested.

04.14 Andover Blvd NE/Washington St NE – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; deputies responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch at the location. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .100

04.14 176xx Central Ave NE – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree DWI; deputies stopped out with a vehicle in the parking lot of a business. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The male was arrested. .09

## **Linwood**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Linwood this week.

## **Nowthen**

### **Arrests**

04.07 77xx Viking Blvd NW – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI; deputies responded to a single vehicle crash. The driver appeared intoxicated. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. The female was arrested. .225

## **Oak Grove**

No incidents that would be reflected in this report were reported in Oak Grove this week.

**Laura Landes & Missi Reeder**

**Crime Prevention**

**Anoka County Sheriff's Office**

**Blaine Police Department**

**Media Report**

3/29/18 through 4/3/18

**CASE NUMBER:** 18070505  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/29/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX PRESIDENT DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18070770  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** TEHFT - WARRANT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/29/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX LEXINGTON AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 25 Y.O FEMALE SHOPLIFTER ARRESTED FOR THEFT AND A WARRANT.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18071582  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/30/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 17XX 118TH AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT AT ABOVE LOCATION.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18071985  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/30/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 3XX NORTHTOWN DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 30 Y.O. ADULT MALE ARRESTED FOR THEFT AND A WARRANT AT HERBERGERS.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18072598  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/31/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 3XX NORTHTOWN DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 26 Y.O. MALE ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING .

**CASE NUMBER:** 18072625  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/31/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 11XX ABLE ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT OF LADDERS AT ABOVE LOCATION.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18072478  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** FIRE  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 3/31/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX KISKA CT NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION DISCOVERED ON FIRE.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18073267  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** BURGLARY  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 4/1/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 11XX TOURNAMENT PLAYERS PKWY NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 24 Y.O. MALE ARRESTED FOR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND BURGLARY.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18073620

**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 4/1/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 11XX ULYSSES ST NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 19 Y.O. FEMALE SHOPLIFTING. CITATION ISSUED.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18074118  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** TEHFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 4/2/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 38XX PHEASANT RIDGE DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** REPORT OF THEFT FROM WORK VEHICLE.

**CASE NUMBER:** 18074559  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:**  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 4/2/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 3XX NORTHTOWN DR NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** THEFT FROM BUSINESS

**CASE NUMBER:** 18074348  
**CASE DESCRIPTION:** THEFT  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 4/2/18  
**INCIDENT LOCATION:** 10XX LEXINGTON AVE NE, BLAINE, MN  
**NARRATIVE:** 28 YO MALE CITED FOR THEFT-SHOPLIFTING