



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OATHS OF OFFICE MAYOR NELSON  
COUNCILMEMBER DIRCKS
3. ROLL CALL
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR
7. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2019
  - B. Disbursements
    1. General Operations Disbursement Claim No. 19-15 \$586,152.57
  - C. Sign Permit
  - D. Contractor's Licenses
  - E. Correspondence
8. POLICE REPORT
9. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT
10. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Approval of Amendment to Private Activity Bond Policy
  - B. Approval of Council Appointments
11. ENGINEER'S REPORT
12. ATTORNEY'S REPORT
13. REPORTS
14. OTHER
  - A. Administrator Reports
15. ADJOURN

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
AND DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

## **RULES FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

- Discussion from the floor is limited to three minutes per person. Longer presentations must be scheduled through the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's office.
- Individuals wishing to be heard must sign in with their name and address. Meetings are video recorded so individuals must approach the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.
- Council action or discussion should not be expected during "Discussion from the Floor." Council may direct staff to research the matter further or take the matter under advisement for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The purpose of a public hearing is to allow the City Council to receive citizen input on a proposed project. This is not a time to debate the issue.

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

- The presenter will have a maximum of 10 minutes to explain the project as proposed.
- Councilmembers will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal.
- Citizens will then have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the project. Those wishing to comment are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes. In cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced, the spokesperson should identify the audience group he/she is representing and may have a maximum of 10 minutes to express the views of the group.
- People wishing to comment are asked to keep their comments succinct and specific.
- Following public input, Councilmembers will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.
- After everyone wishing to address the subject of the hearing has done so, the Mayor will close the public hearing.
- The City Council may choose to take official action on the proposal or defer action until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. No further public input will be received at that time.



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council was held on September 3, 2019 at the Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., at 7:00 P.M.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmembers Wendling, Delfs, Goodboe-Bisschoff and Mayor Nelson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief Ebeltoft; Public Works Director Randall; Building Inspector Baker; Attorney Thames; Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall; Administrator Buchholtz and Executive Assistant Gooden

Visitors: Cliff Fraser, 8301 Sunset Road NE  
Dennis Heinzmann, 8216 Polk Street NE

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Additions or Corrections to Agenda - None

### 5. Discussion From The Floor - None

### 6. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Nelson reviewed the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2019
- B. Resolution 19-28 Approve Minnesota Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling for Spring Lake Park Lions Club Located at Dala Thai Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 8407 Plaza Blvd.
- C. Resolution 19-29 Approve Premises Permit for Lawful Gambling for Spring Lake Park Lions Club Located at Torg Brewery, 8421 University Avenue NE
- D. Resolution 19-30 Transferring Funds From Fund 400, Resolving Construction, to Fund 333, Spring Lake Park Debt Service (Blaine)
- E. Suburban Rate Authority Second Half Assessment
- F. Third Quarter Billing for 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Assessment
- G. Contractor's Licenses
- H. Sign Permit
- I. Correspondence

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WENDLING TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

### 7. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Randall reported that the Public Works Department has been collecting garbage and recycling in the park in the parks on a daily basis. He reported that the Department created a skateboard park at Terrace Park and have been painting the tennis and basketball courts. He reported that the Department has been busy painting stop bars and cross walks and continue to clean out the sewers.

Mr. Randall reported that the seal coating of the street as been completed as well as the striping. He reported that the manhole at 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Monroe Street has been replaced. He reported that the Department set up and removed the barricades for Night to Unite. He stated that the part time seasonal employees are done for the season.

Mr. Randall provided a recap the of meetings that he attended in the month of August.

### 8. Code Enforcement Report

Building Inspector Baker stated that in August 2019, 19 building permits, two fire, four zoning, six mechanical and four plumbing permits were issued for a total of 35 permits compared to a total of 49 in 2018. He reported that the Code Enforcement Department conducted 77 inspections in the month of August including 22 rental, four zoning, 50 nuisance and one fire inspection.

Mr. Baker reported construction continues rapidly at the Legends of Spring Lake Park. He stated that the landscaping, sod and sprinkler system is 100% complete. He stated that he continues to conduct final inspections on individual units in both Section A and B, and anticipates completion in late September.

Mr. Baker reported that has been working diligently with the Spring Lake Park Police Department and the SBM Fire department on a couple of nuisance properties, trying to limit the call volume and resources both departments are using.

Mr. Baker reported that the the Hy-Vee building is moving ahead, with outside concrete being poured and the exterior facade getting some final touches. He stated that the Hy-Vee gas station has footings poured and the underground work is complete.

Mr. Baker reported that the Public Storage building is in the final stages and interior will have final inspections soon. He stated that the job superintendent stated that the project will hopefully be turned over to Public Storage at the end of September.

Mr. Baker reported that the August 2019 vacancy listing shows that there are 12 vacant/foreclosed residential properties currently posted and/or soon posted by the Code Enforcement Department. There are two vacant/foreclosed commercial properties and three residential properties currently occupied and ready for Sheriff Sale redemption. He reported that he did post one abandoned and/or vacant property notices in the month of August. He stated that the department issued four administrative offense tickets.

Mr. Baker reported that he attended the Council meetings on August 5 and 19; a Department Head meeting on August 6; a new construction meeting on August 7; a Council 2019 Budget Workshop on August 12 and a MNSPECT status meeting on August 13

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired on the number of nuisance calls and what the calls were for.

Mr. Baker explained that they were complaints that were either written complaints or called into the city by residents regarding junk on a property, parking violations or long grass.

### 9. Ordinances And/Or Resolutions

#### A. Resolution 19-25, A Resolution Adopting Proposed 2019 Taxes Collectable in 2020

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City Council, at its August 12, 2019, workshop, reviewed the proposed 2020 budget proposal. He stated that the preliminary levy is required to be submitted no later than September 30, 2019.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Resolution 19-25 establishes the proposed 2019, pay 2020, tax levy at \$3,553,246. He reported that the increase is due to a number of factors including employee salary and benefits, increased IT expenditures, increased capital expenditures for the Spring Lake Park Blaine Mounds View Fire Department, and a statutory increase in the City's contribution to the PERA Police and Pension fund.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City has received preliminary tax capacity numbers from Anoka and Ramsey Counties. He stated that based on those preliminary numbers, staff is estimating the tax rate for 2020 property taxes to be 45.75%, a significant decrease from the 2019 property tax rate of 48.81%. He stated that the decline is due to a combination of the City's growing tax base and the City Council's and staff's fiscal prudence.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Resolution sets the date of the annual Truth-in-Taxation (TNT) public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7 PM at City Hall.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the preliminary tax levy establishes the maximum tax levy for 2019, pay 2020. He stated that the final tax levy, which will be set on December 16, 2019, can be the same or lower than the preliminary tax levy.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DELFS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-25, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED 2019 TAXES COLLECTABLE IN 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

#### B. Resolution 19-26, A Resolution Cancelling or Reducing Bond Levies 2019/2020

Administrator Buchholtz reported that State Law requires the County Auditor to levy the amount of debt service originally certified unless the City passes a resolution cancelling the levy. He stated that Resolution 19-26 would cancel three debt service levies and reduce a fourth due to the City having funds on-hand to make the debt service payment.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the following debt service levies would be reduced by the proposed resolution:

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
2013B GO CIP Bond (Public Works Building)	\$ 81,000.00	\$0
2014A GO Improvement Bond (Street Projects)	\$ 230,000.00	\$90,000
2016A GO Capital Note (NMTV cable upgrade)	\$ 13,275.36	\$0
2017A GO Equipment Certificate (SBM Equipment)	\$ 252,262.50	\$0

He stated that the following bonds are reduced to a combination of Local Government Aid, Public Utilities funds, Special Assessments, Municipal State Aids funds, and General Fund budget allocations.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR NELSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-26 CANCELLING BOND LEVIES 2019-2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Resolution 19-27, A Resolution Appointing a Council Member

Mayor Nelson reported that Council interviewed four candidates for the vacant Council seat. He reported that the consensus of the Council was to appoint Lisa Dircks to fill the vacant Council seat.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Ms. Dircks could be sworn in before the next Council meeting in the event that a special meeting would need to be called.

Councilmember Delfs noted that with the appointment of Ms. Dircks, there will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WENDLING TO AMEND RESOLUTION 19-27 TO INSERT LISA DIRCKS' NAME AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-27, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COUNCIL MEMBER, AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Resolution 19-31, A Resolution Approving a Variance to Allow Construction of a Garage Addition of 8216 Polk Street NE

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City received an application from Dennis Heinzmann, 8216 Polk Street NE, for a variance from the side and rear yard setbacks and maximum lot coverage standard for a garage addition to the property. He stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the request.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the applicant is seeking a variance from the 10-foot side yard setback requirement and a variance from the 40-foot rear yard setback requirement, as set forth in Appendix E of the Spring Lake Park City Code.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the site is located on the 8200 block of Polk Street NE. He stated that the property is guided for low density residential in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the property is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential – allowed uses include single-family homes and duplexes. He stated the property records show that the house on the property was constructed in 1983.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Section §153.043 (B) limits buildings or part of buildings used for garages, sheds and agricultural buildings to 1,200 square feet in area or one story in height.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that an attached garage to a single-family dwelling is part of the single-family dwelling and thus is subject to the 10-foot side yard setback. He stated the existing attached garage is legal non-conforming use as it is located within the 10-foot side-yard setback. He stated that there is no record of a variance on file for the existing structure.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Section 153.061 of the City of Spring Lake Park's zoning code governs accessory building and uses.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the applicant previously received a variance in 2014 from the rear yard setback to accommodate a deck on the south end of the house.

He stated that the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the variance request with the following conditions:

1. Addition must architecturally match the existing structure in terms of height, roof pitch, siding materials, roofing materials and window placement.
2. Applicant must apply for all building permits as required.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bischoff inquired if there has been any drainage issued on the property or on the lot. Administrator Buchholtz stated that he was not aware of any issues.

Mayor Nelson stated that he had driven past the property and felt that the garage would be a good addition to the property and neighborhood as he is in support of residents having a place to store additional recreational items.

Councilmember Delfs stated that this property is in his neighborhood and he supports the addition. He stated that there has been no flooding or drainage issues in the neighborhood.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DELFS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-32 APPROVING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE ADDITION AT 8216 POLK STREET NE. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Resolution 19-32, A Resolution Approving a Variance to Allow Construction of a Building and Parking Lot Addition at 8301 Sunset Road NE

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City received an application from Cliff Fraser, Sunset Management, requesting a variance from the side yard setback of his property to allow a 44 foot by 112-foot expansion of the building to accommodate an expanding business that currently leases space in the building.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that property is along County Road 10 and Sunset Road NE and is 85,000 square feet, or 1.95 acres. He stated that directly to the east are single-family homes, to the north is a plastics manufacturer and to the south, Hy-Way House Motel is located across the highway. He stated that there is currently a 44-foot green space on the north side between the building and the north property line.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the L-shaped one-story 17,500 square foot multi-tenanted building with a surface parking lot of approximately 43 parking spaces. He stated that there is a mix of tenants including office/warehouse, industrial, auto repair and assembly.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the property has had a long history of code/SUP violations, primarily violations of businesses working after-hours, inoperable vehicles parked onsite, outdoor storage, handicap parking violation, and overnight parking of vehicle restrictions. He stated that Mr. Fraser applied for an amendment to the SUP in 2017 to seek flexibility on the previous SUP standards, but that request was denied by the City Council. He reported that complaints in regards to this site have decreased significantly since that action in 2017.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the property is guided Commercial/Industrial in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and zoning is I-1, Light Industrial. He stated that permitted uses include, but at not limited to, auto repair, light manufacturing, retail, offices and storage and warehousing.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the building expansion will encroach into the required side yard setback by 15 feet, leaving a 10-foot setback between the proposed building and the property line. He stated that this 10-foot setback is the same as the setback between the building to the north of the site and the property line. He stated that staff feels a 25-foot side yard setback in the I-1 zoning district is excessive and can be reduced to 10 feet. He stated that the proposed 10-space parking lot will encroach into the 25-foot front yard parking/loading facilities setback by 10 feet, leaving 15 feet between the parking lot and front property line.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the building expansion will increase the impervious surface of the property from 47,231 square feet (55.6% of the site) to 55,835 square feet (65.7% of the site). He stated that maximum amount of impervious surface allowed for this site is under the zoning code.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the site currently has 43 parking spaces located in a located in a parking lot in front of the building. He stated that the proposed project would add 13 parking spaces to the parking lot of a total of 56 parking spaces. He stated that the proposed use of the classroom, showroom and storage would require 15 parking spaces. This, added to the existing parking requirement of 47 spaces, equals 62 spaces. He stated that the applicant is proposing 56 parking spaces and this a deficit of 6 parking spaces. He stated that the City's experience is that the parking lot is heavily used by the auto repair businesses to store vehicles waiting to be repaired. He stated that some of these vehicles are prohibited by Section 153.120 of the Zoning Code, which prohibits outdoor storage of automobile parts or storage of inoperable or salvage vehicles. He stated that it is the responsibility of the property owner to manage these businesses shared interests.

Administrator Buchholtz provided the City Council with the following Findings of Fact/Recommendations for the request for a variance at 8301 Sunset Road NE:

1. The property owner is utilizing the property in a way that is consistent with the Industrial uses contemplated by the Comprehensive Plan and authorized under the Zoning Code.
2. The addition of a building and parking lot of similar design and construction to the existing building and with a similar setback as adjacent building will not alter essential character of the locality, which is an industrial park.
3. The proposed use will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood as the property is surrounded to the west and north by industrial uses. A new parking lot and a building addition are reasonable uses in an industrial zoning district.
4. The side yard setback requirement for the I-1 district for side yards not abutting residential is excessive in this instance. Requiring the full 25-foot setback to the adjacent use is not reasonable and make it difficult to reasonably use the property while meeting the code standards. The property is adjacent to another industrial use with a 10-foot side yard setback.
5. The proposed use meets the test of not being granted on economic considerations alone. The applicant has no reasonable way to add the desired area to the building and meet the zoning code, no matter if there is

additional expense. The issue is the required large setback, not economics.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance and stated that the following conditions should be included in with the variance:

- Applicant shall construct the building in a manner consistent with the elevations shown in Sheet A-201, dated 7/24/19 by HPA Architecture.
- The building addition shall be painted gray to match the exterior of the existing building.
- Applicant shall comply with and enforce the parking restrictions as outlined in the SUPs issued on October 1, 2007, July 6, 2010 and October 18, 2010.
- Any new lighting on the addition or new parking lot shall comply with City standards-downcast cutoff fixtures so as not to spill light onto neighboring properties or street right-of-way.
- Building and parking lot will follow any recommendations of the City Engineer on grading and stormwater management.
- Applicant shall obtain all necessary building permits and must obtain a certificate of occupancy prior to occupancy of the building.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bischoff inquired if the number of complaints against this property have declined. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the number of complaints has declined and the nearby resident has been in contact with Mr. Fraser regarding late night noise coming from one of the businesses.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bischoff inquired if the church that is located within the building is considered non-profit and therefore not subject to taxes. Administrator Buchholtz reported that the space that is occupied by the church is less than 13,000 square feet and the entire building is on the tax roll for the county.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bischoff inquired if the proposed business (quilt shop) should not be profitable and able to remain in the space, she was inquiring if the church would expand and occupy more space. Mr. Fraser stated that the proposed quilting business is very profitable and very well established. He stated that does not see a problem with the quilt business. He reported that space that the business currently leases from him is not enough and the new addition will only help the business.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that there had been parking issued in the past but Mr. Fraser has installed new parking signs and designated areas for each business. He reported that a parking lot expansion plan was proposed after the variance was requested. He stated that in the future the parking lot expansion could be explored as an additional variance to the property.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER WENDLING TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-32 APPROVING A VARIANCE TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING AND PARKING LOT ADDITION AT 8301 SUNSET ROAD NE. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

10. New BusinessA. Police Officer Candidate Tentative Job Offer

Police Chief Ebeltoft reported that Police staff has successfully completed the interview process and background investigations on the top three qualified candidates for the vacant Police Officer position.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the candidates that the following candidates had a background investigation done on them were: Dustin Lemke, Joseph Hill and Andrew Olson. He reported that it was with great pleasure that he would like to present candidate Dustin Lemke as the selected candidate for the position of Patrol Officer for the City of Spring Lake Park.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that he is seeking the Council's final approval for a tentative job offer to Dustin Lemke, pending passing a psychological, medical and drug exam. He stated that tentative start date would be September 23, 2019 or before.

**MOTION MADE BY MAYOR NELSON APPROVING TENTATIVE JOB OFFER TO DUSTIN LEMKE AS POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Engineer's Report -None11. Attorney's Report - None12. ReportsA. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Report

Mayor Nelson reported that the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee assisted with concession sales at the Music In the Park series and the softball tournaments this summer. He stated that the events were successful. He reported that the monthly porkchop dinner has been very successful and will continue.

Mayor Nelson stated that a business meeting for the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon committee will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, and stated that anyone can attend. He encouraged residents to volunteer with the committee and assist with many of the events that the committee hosts.

13. OtherA. Administrator Reports

Administrator Buchholtz reported that he attended a meeting with Hy-Vee and Park Construction regarding the work to be done on Highway 65 and the lane closures. He stated that during the next few days traffic will be backed up on Highway 65 but by September 13, 2019, the east bound traffic should be back to the pre-construction state, weather permitting.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the exterior work on Hy-Vee is being finalized. He reported that he approved a minor PUD request. He stated that the gas station will now have a separate coffee shop building added to the site rather than having the coffee shop inside the convenience as one.



Administrator Buchholtz reported that he attended the Cable Commission meeting and discussion on the franchising fees and the kind of services and function of North Metro Cable that provides local cable programming to the surrounding communities.

Administrator Buchholtz reported that Recreation Programmer John Angell had submitted his letter of resignation on September 3, 2019. He stated that staff has accepted the letter of resignation and that Mr. Angell's last day will be September 17, 2019.

14. Adjourn

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WENDLING TO ADJOURN. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

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Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

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Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer



CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
CLAIMS LIST APPROVED AND PAID  
GENERAL OPERATIONS

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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
66742	AFLAC	PAYROLL	22.17
66743	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	37.26
66744	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	780.00
66745	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	435.27
66746	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	1,479.85
66747	HEALTH PARTNERS	PAYROLL	14,171.22
66748	L.E.L.S.	PAYROLL	229.50
66749	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	105.00
66750	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	72.00
66751	SYSCO MINNESOTA	RECREATION SOFTBALL TOURNEY	145.72
66752	WANDA BROWN-MCGRECK	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	49.30
66753	CADY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	FINAL PAYMENT EQUIPMENT	1,760.00
66754	CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER	LEGAL FEES	8,553.34
66755	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	160.34
66756	CHAMPION YOUTH	INSTRUCTOR RECREATION	1,327.20
66757	CINTAS	MATS	100.23
66758	COMPUTER EXPLORERS	INSTRUCTOR RECREATION	264.00
66759	CONNEXUS ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	9.77
66760	CORE & MAIN LP	ANNUAL SUPPORT CONTRACT	2,250.00
66761	COTTENS INC	AUTO SERVICES/REPAIR/BATTERY	318.95
66762	DOUGLAS EBELTOFT	REIMBURSEMENT CONFERENCE	933.50
66763	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	503.50
66764	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL INC	LOCATES	149.85
66766	INSTRUMENTAL RESEARCH INC	WATER TESTING	72.00
66767	JIM DONNA	PERFORMANCE IN PARK REC	850.00
66768	LABOR AND INDUSTRY	SUPPLIES/PARTS	60.00
66769	LEE'S HEATING & AIR	SERVICES	100.00
66770	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1,941.83
66771	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	WASTE WATER SERVICES	49,464.84
66772	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	SAC A/SAC C	7,380.45
66773	MHSRC/RANGE	CONFERENCE	595.00
66774	MICHAEL & NICOLE MARTIN	OVERPAYMENT FINAL WTR BILL	20.30
66775	CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS	APS TRANSACTIONS	200.70
66776	MNSPECT	CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT	41,795.81
66777	ON SITE SANITATION INC	RESTROOMS RECREATION	105.00
66778	TOYOTA-LIFT OF MINNESOTA	METAL SCREEN CAGE ROOM	6,810.00
66779	U.S.T.I.	MONTHLY BILLING	9.28
66780	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	MONTHLY SERVICES	7,292.15
66781	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	41.67
66783	AT & T MOBILITY	MONTHLY SERVICES	2,573.48
66784	AFLAC	PAYROLL	22.17
66785	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	37.26
66786	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	780.00

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
 CLAIMS LIST APPROVED AND PAID  
 GENERAL OPERATIONS

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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
66787	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	437.39
66788	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	1,559.38
66789	HEALTH PARTNERS	PAYROLL	14,889.72
66790	L.E.L.S.	PAYROLL	229.50
66791	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	105.00
66792	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	72.00
66793	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	209.49
66794	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	BATTERY PACK	39.00
66795	CADY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	LABOR/PARTS	1,247.97
66796	CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER	LEGAL FEES	10,544.41
66797	CENTRAL WOOD PRODUCTS	REC-STEP CERT. PLAYGROUND	1,735.00
66798	COMM-WORKS, LLC	PARK CAMERAS	125.00
66799	COTTENS INC	BATTERY PACK	279.98
66800	DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS	PAINT	371.75
66802	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	86.00
66803	FASTENAL COMPANY	PARTS	2.72
66804	GALE'S AUTO BODY	AUTO SERVICES	5,876.59
66805	GREEN LIGHTS RECYCLING INC	RECYCLING EVENT	7,083.44
66806	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1,933.72
66807	MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL	MONTHLY CREDIT CARD	133.16
66808	MNSPECT	CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT	11,201.30
66809	MTI DISTRIBUTING INC	SUPPLIES/PARTS	946.24
66810	OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	MONTHLY FIBER FEE	43.20
66811	ON SITE SANITATION INC	RESTROOMS RECREATION	359.00
66812	ORGANIX SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	538.82
66813	KRISTINE PEARSON	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	30.28
66814	PERFECT 10 CAR WASH	AUTO SERVICES	15.98
66815	RILEY BUS SERVICE INC	BUS SERVICES RECREATION	3,400.00
66816	SLP FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRE PROTECTION	18,364.00
66817	STANTEC	ENGINEERING FEES	22,106.73
66818	STREICHER'S	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	147.97
66819	USS MINNESOTA ONE MT LLC	SUBSCRIBED ENERGY	15,778.75
66820	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	MONTHLY SERVICES	431.92
66821	ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	57.50
66822	ALLIED BLACKTOP	STREET SEAL/CRACK REPAIR	100,673.21
66824	ASLAKSON'S SERVCIES INC.	OSBORN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS	41,812.99
66825	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	206.47
66826	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	169.76
66827	CITYWIDE SERVICE CORP	FORFEITURE OF VEHICLE	175.00
66828	COMCAST	MONTHLY SERVICES	105.92
66829	COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOG	AGREEMENT OFFICE 365	350.00
66830	CONNEXUS ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	340.22
66831	COON RAPIDS CHRYSLER	AUTO SERVICES	2,385.35

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
 CLAIMS LIST APPROVED AND PAID  
 GENERAL OPERATIONS

Date: Aug 2019  
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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
66832	CRYSTEEL DIST INC	BACKRACK, BRACKET, SADDLE BOX	1,001.37
66833	DARRELL'S CONTRACTING INC	SEWER PATCHES/BLACKTOP	3,040.00
66834	DAVE PERKINS CONTRACTING INC	STORM SEWER/MONTROE & 81ST	51,760.00
66835	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	STATE FURNISHED MATERIALS	56,937.00
66836	EVIDENT INC.	SUPPLIES	180.80
66837	MICHAEL FLUEGGE	UMPIRE FEE RECREATION	72.00
66838	GENO'S SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING	PIPE SERVICES 8463 TERRACE	150.00
66839	HARMONY AMISH TOURS	RECREATION DAYTRIP	1,144.00
66840	HOTSY EQUIPMENT OF MN	SUPPLIES/PARTS	621.74
66841	HOUSE OF PRINT	FALL RECREATION BROCHURE	3,741.23
66842	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	190.91
66843	JOSHUA AND AIMEE NUTTER	OVERPAYMENT FINAL WTR BILL	57.50
66844	MICHAEL LEDMAN	INSTRUCTOR RECREATION	506.25
66845	LINDA STUTH	RECREATION EXTENDED TOUR	550.00
66846	MN FALL EXPO	FALL MAINT EXPO REGISTRATION	210.00
66847	MUNICIPAL PAVING PLANT	ASPHALT MIX	261.76
66848	QC DANCE	INSTRUCTOR RECREATION	1,083.50
66849	QIONG LIU	REFUND MESSAGE LICENSE APP	150.00
66850	RANGER CHEVROLET	2019 CHEV SILVERADO	29,249.00
66851	RYAN URICH	OVERPAYMENT FINAL WTR BILL	50.00
66852	LEE SADOWSKI	UMPIRE FEE RECREATION	345.00
66853	SHAWN WILLSON	UMPIRE FEE RECREATION	240.00
66854	SHRED-IT USA	SHREDDING SERVICES	104.95
66855	SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY	2ND HALF MEMBERSHIP ASSESMENT	452.00
66856	TASC	ADMIN FEES	30.08
66857	THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	MONTHLY CREDIT CARD	115.63
66858	T-MOBILE	REFUND ESCROW L1900 PJT	21.84
66859	KENNETH A. TOLZMANN, SAMA	3RD QTR BILLING PROPERTY TAX	9,260.60
66860	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	3,213.52
66861	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	2.12
66862	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	79.53
66863	HEALTH PARTNERS	PAYROLL	718.50
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>			<b>586,152.57</b>

WHEREAS,  
the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park has considered the foregoing itemized list of disbursements; and

WHEREAS,  
the City Council has determined that all disbursements, as listed, with the following exceptions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

are proper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:  
that the City Council directs and approves the payment of the aforementioned disbursements this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Councilmembers:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Buchholtz, Admin/Clerk-Treasurer

City of Spring Lake Park  
1301 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

## Sign Permits

September 16, 2019

### Sign Permits

Spring Lake Park High School

1100 81st Avenue NE

SMC Construction

8465 Plaza Blvd



CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue N E  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
763-784-6491

**Sign Permit Application**

DATE: 8/08/19  
NAME OF APPLICANT: COQUINE ERICSON  
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 1209 WEST COUNTY ROAD E., SUITE 100, ARDEN HILLS, MN 55112  
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 651-481-9036

**NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION** of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected SPRING LAKE PARK H.S. FIELD (150 #16)

1100 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. NE  
New Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ Remodel: X Word Change Only: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a drawing or sketch showing the position of the sign in relation to the nearest building, structures, public streets, right-of-way and property lines. Said drawing to be prepared to scale.

Attach two (2) blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and method of construction or attachment to the building or in the ground, including all dimensions. Show location of all light sources, wattage, type and color of lights and details of light shields or shades.

Attach a copy of stress sheets and calculations showing the structure is designed for dead load and wind velocity in the amount required by this and all other Ordinances of the City, if requested by the Building Inspection Department.

Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: Twin Cities Sign Installations

Jeff Knutson  
Address: 14333 Ural St. NE., HAM LAKE, MN 55304 651-208-2547

Is an Electrical Permit required? NO

- I, the undersigned applicant, do further make the following agreement with the City of Spring Lake Park Mn:
- 1) To authorize and direct the City of Spring Lake Park to remove and dispose of any signs and sign structures on which a Permit has been - issued but which was not renewed, if the owner does not remove the same within thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Permit.
  - 2) To authorize and direct the City of Spring Lake Park to remove said sign and sign structure, at the expense of the applicant, where maintenance is not furnished, but only after a hearing and after notice of sixty (60) days, specifying the maintenance required by the City.
  - 3) To provide any other additional information which may be required by the Building Inspection Department.

Coquine Ericson  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:\*\*\*\*\*  
FEE: \$75.00 RECEIPT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR DENIAL: \_\_\_\_\_



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMIT:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FRONT OF BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL EXISTING SIGNS: 1206 sq ft

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED SIGN OR SIGNS: 10 sq ft

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INCLUDE A DRAWING SHOWING LOCATION AND MESSAGE ON SIGN.

IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDE A SIGNED LETTER FROM THE OWNER GIVING PERMISSION TO ERECT THE SIGN.

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY PRECEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING.

DRAWING:

Proposed

10 sq ft - \$75.00

Plaque  
B7/A4.301  
Qty. 1

36"

**2018 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS**

*Spring Lake Park Lions Club*  
Nicole Van Lith & Rob White  
Brian & Lisa Kavar Family  
Bill & Wendy Koschak  
Mike & Kim Caputa Family  
Chris Mueller & Maggie McCormack  
Kevin & Tonya Rowe Family  
Rich & Mandy Birdwell Family  
Bentley & Addyson Hasling  
Dan & Stacy Suszynski  
Sean & Angela Blomquist Family  
Class of 1999  
Kathleen, Lily & Lincoln Engelage  
Tom & Fay Gallagher  
Ben & Danielle Gjavik Family  
Mike & Maria Jukowski  
Michael & Paula Ponto Family  
Westwood Staff

*Family of Scott & Rachael Morton*  
Tom Holland and Family  
Paul & Jonelle Meyer  
Ed & Sharon Krumme  
Nathan & Kristin Labansky  
Matt & Shilah Ricker  
Tom & Kieu Stueve  
Chris & Denise Fowler Family  
Ryan & Joanna Mickelson Family  
Loren & Tracy Boyer  
Michael, Jolynn, Gavin & Owen Christanson  
John & Jennifer Dierkhising  
Marilynn Forsberg  
Brant & Brandy Gilbert  
Eric & Amy Hendrickson  
Ehren & Jennifer McGeehan Family  
Wayne & Allie Schmidt

**PANTHER FOUNDATION**  
Empower. Inspire. World-Class Learning

**SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS**

40"

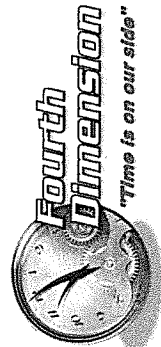
Gemini - Aluminum Plaque  
1" aluminum boarder and text raised - brushed  
Background pebble finish painted black

Names are not replaceable.  
REVIEW CAREFULLY.  
Incorrect spelling of names is  
the SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CLIENT.

This sign is screwed through the face into plywood with wood screws with covers.

Approx 40 -45 lbs.  
10 sq ft.

107A



ph: 651.481.9036 fx: 651.481.0613  
1209 West County Road C, Suite 100  
Arden Hills, MN 55112  
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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER  
AVM Construction

PROJECT  
Spring Lake Park High School

JOB NUMBER  
106906

SUBMITTAL 1  
4.29.19

REVISION / DATE  
4 / 9.4.19

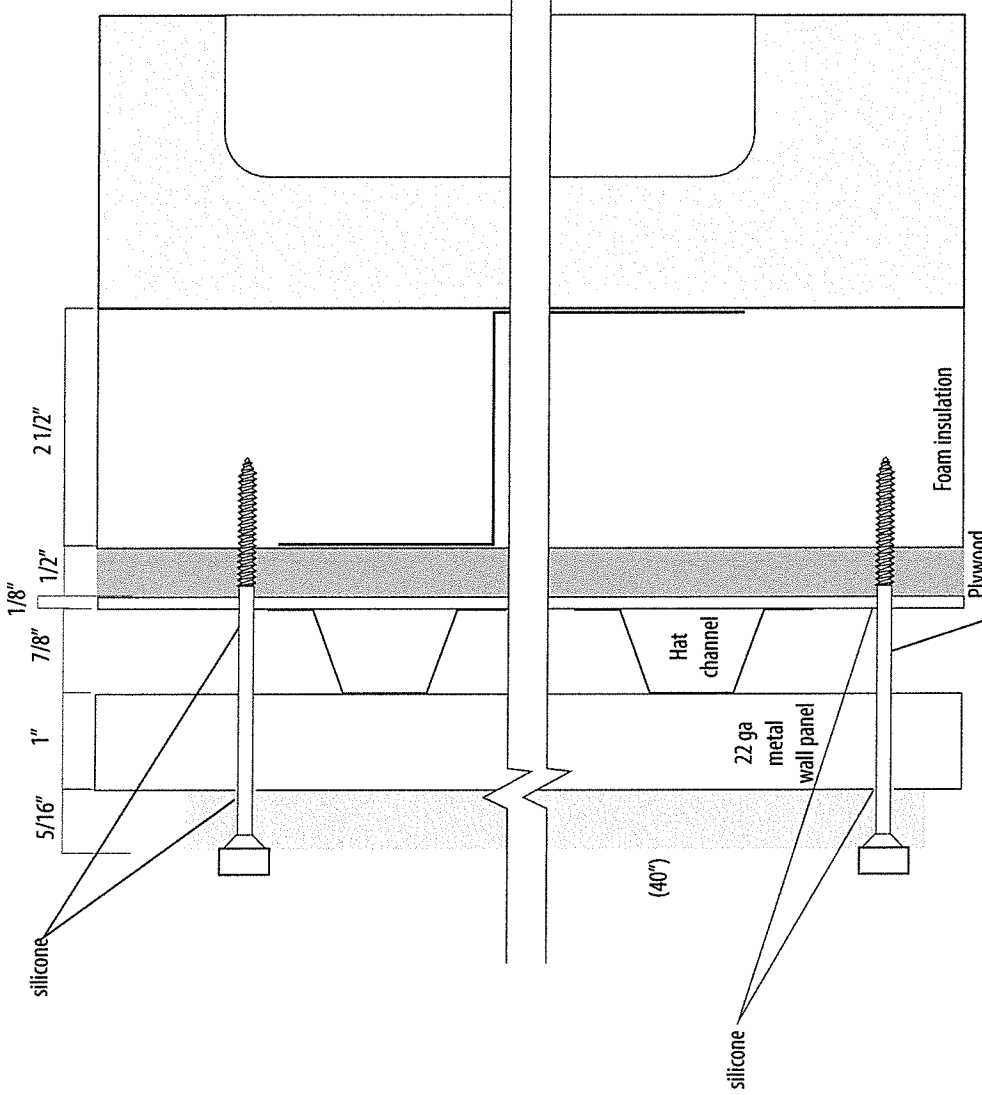
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NTS - In proportion

SALES / PM  
Corrine

Gemini Plaque  
Mounting Detail

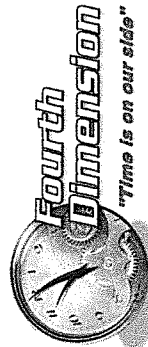
TOP VIEW - PLAN VIEW

Gemini Plaque with counter sunk screws  
and caps to cover screw heads.



4" x 1/4" - 20 stainless steel 18-8 flat head screw  
(partially/fully threaded shaft, Head diameter .43" #14 size .252"  
McMaster Carr #90000A749 wood)

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER  
AVM Construction

PROJECT  
Spring Lake Park High School

JOB NUMBER  
106906

SUBMITTAL 1  
7/29/19

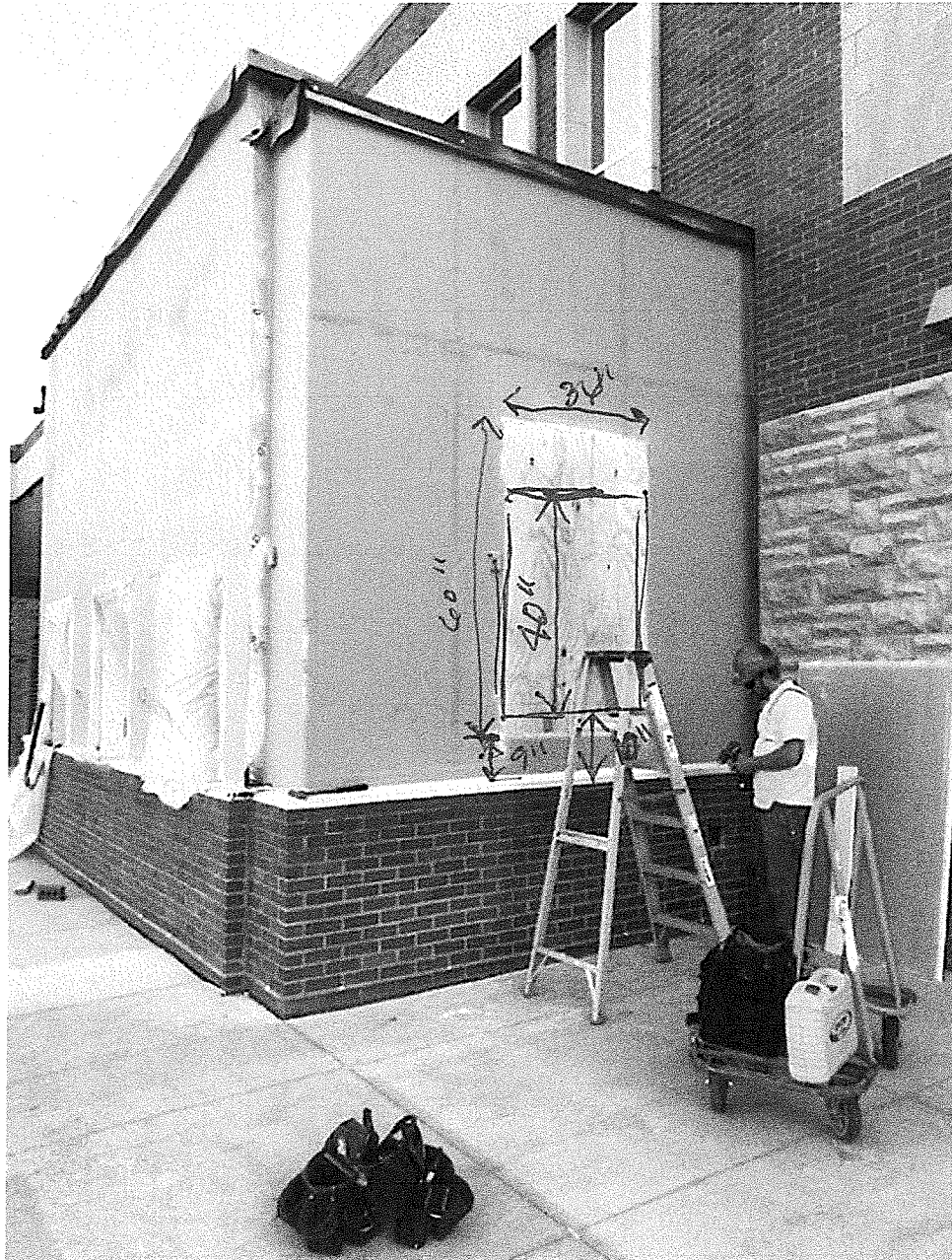
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SCALE  
6"=1'

SALES / PM  
Corfine

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CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue N E  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
763-784-6491

**Sign Permit Application**

DATE: 09/09/2019  
NAME OF APPLICANT: Sinan Music (763-300-5519)  
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 8465 Plaza Blvd, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432  
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 763-300-5519  
**NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION** of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected SMC Construction

New Construction: X Remodel: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Change Only: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a drawing or sketch showing the position of the sign in relation to the nearest building, structures, public streets, right-of-way and property lines. Said drawing to be prepared to scale.

Attach two (2) blueprints or ink drawings of the plans and specifications and method of construction or attachment to the building or in the ground, including all dimensions. Show location of all light sources, wattage, type and color of lights and details of light shields or shades.

Attach a copy of stress sheets and calculations showing the structure is designed for dead load and wind velocity in the amount required by this and all other Ordinances of the City, if requested by the Building Inspection Department.

Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: SML Electrical

Steve Lawrance / 612-290-8550 / steve@smloutdoor.com

Address: 700 Tower Drive, Medina, MN 55340

Is an Electrical Permit required? Yes.

I, the undersigned applicant, do further make the following agreement with the City of Spring Lake Park Mn:

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- 3) To provide any other additional information which may be required by the Building Inspection Department.

Sinan Music  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:\*\*\*\*\*

FEE: 147.50 + 87.50 = \$235.00 RECEIPT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON FOR DENIAL: \_\_\_\_\_



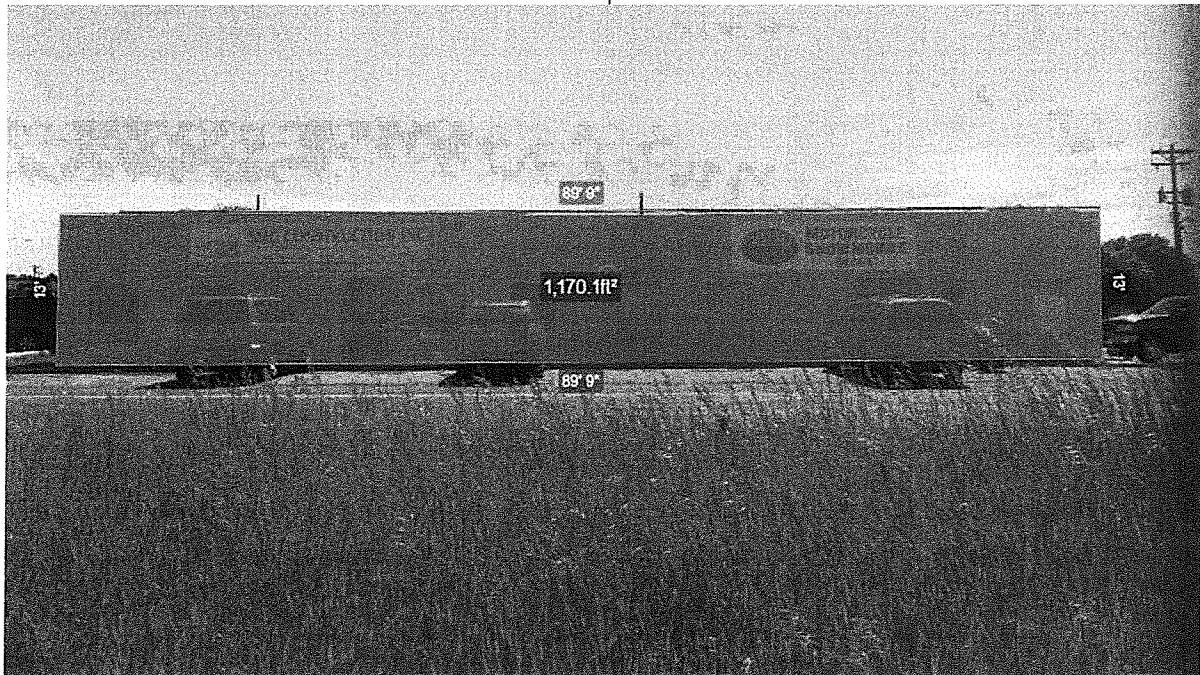




**8465 Plaza Blvd Ne**  
Spring Lake Park MN 55432

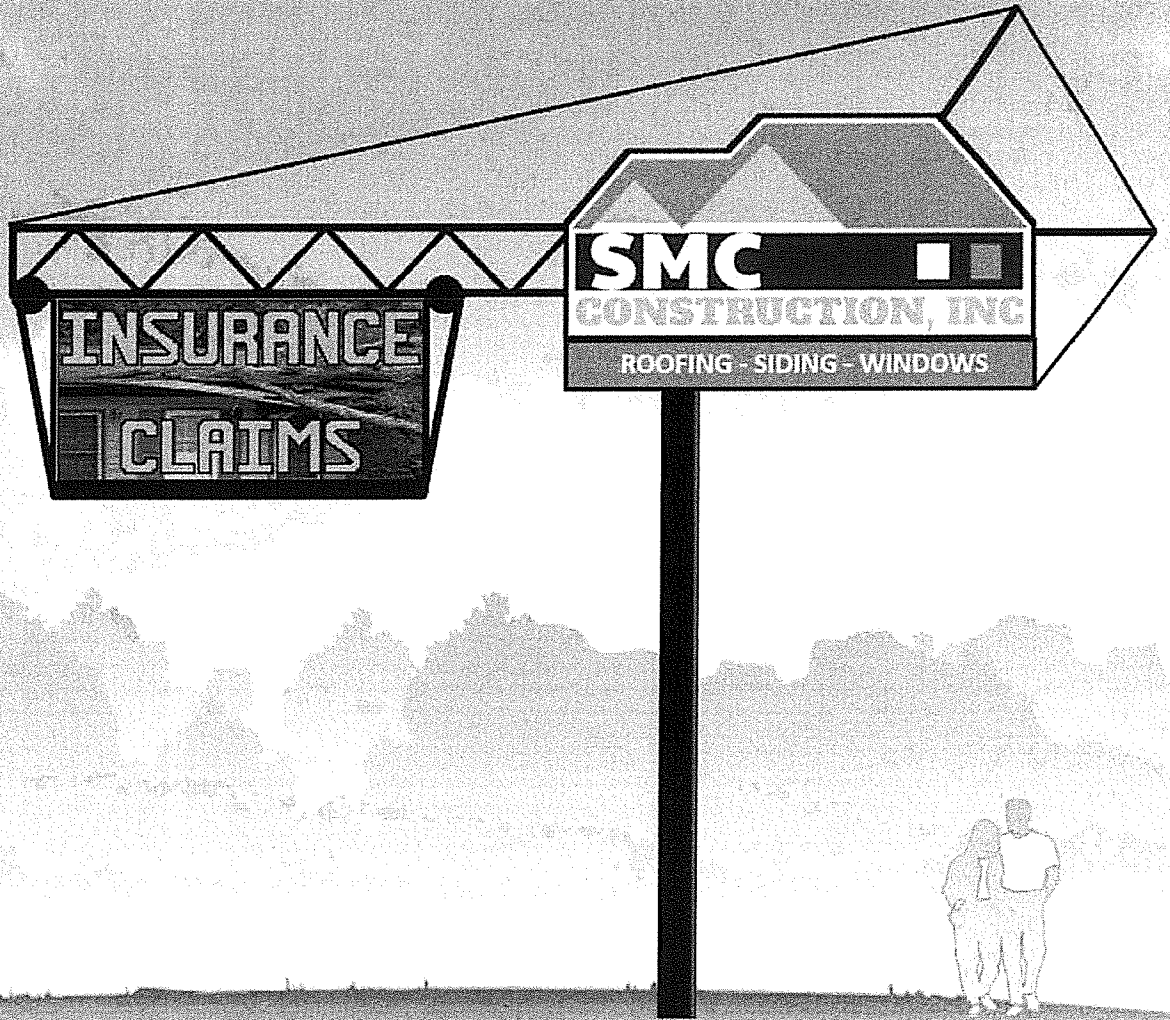
Sign Permit Supporting Documents  
Sept – 2019

SMC Construction, 8465 Plaza Blvd Ne, Spring Lake Park  
Existing Wall Signage Will Be Removed



Formula: 30% of frontage Square footage for total signage sf (wall and/or freestanding), 35% of that may be EMC

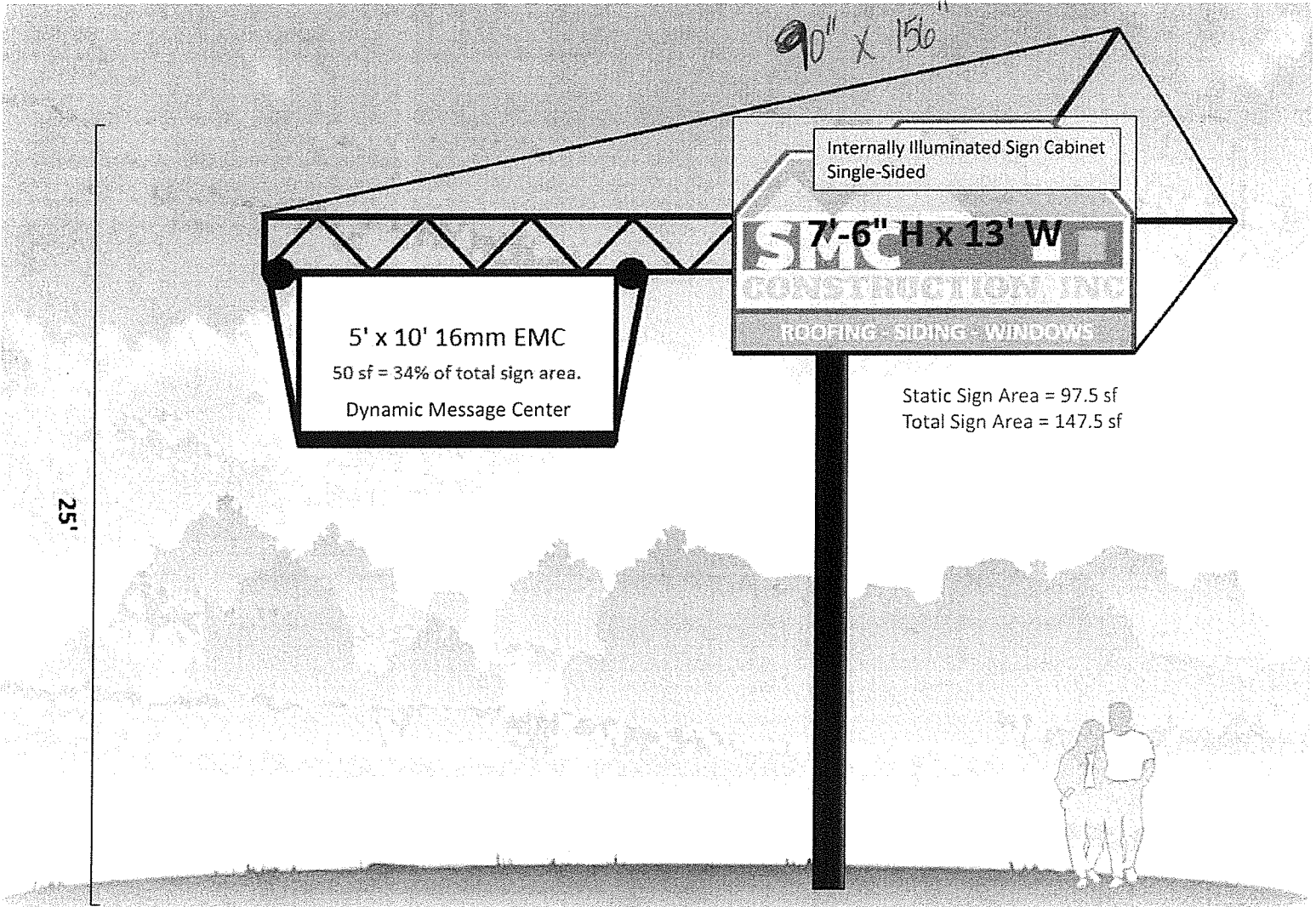
$$\begin{aligned} &\sim 13' \times 89.75' = 1166.75 \text{ sf} \\ &1166.75 \times .3 = \mathbf{350 \text{ Allow Signage}} \quad \times .35 = 122 \text{ EMC} \end{aligned}$$

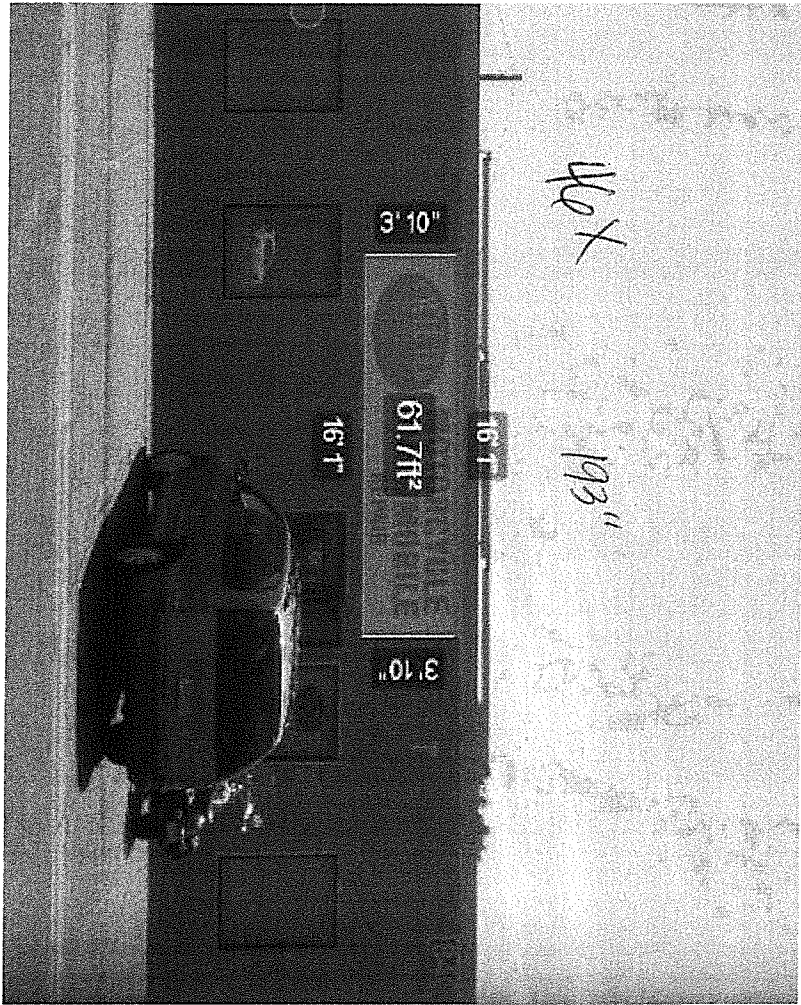


25'

50%

98%





625

Gristing



Sign Location



Sign Location

City of Spring Lake Park  
1301 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Contractor's Licenses

September 16, 2019

General Contractor

Terra Construction

Plumbing Contractor

Blaylock Plumbing

Kramer Mechanical







## Police Report

August 2019

Submitted for Council Meeting- September 16, 2019

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to six hundred and seventy-seven calls for service for the month of August 2019. This is compared to responding to five hundred and thirty-six calls for service in August of 2018.

Investigator Bennek reports handling a case load of thirty-five cases for the month of August 2019. Twenty-six of these cases were felony in nature, two of these cases were gross misdemeanor in nature and seven of these cases were misdemeanor in nature. Investigator Bennek is also monitoring two forfeiture case along with his current monthly case load attempting to bring all cases to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Investigator Bennek as part of his investigations reviewed a "Crime Alert Bulletin" to metro area investigators regarding a male accessing "Senior Living" type buildings and forcefully groping and sexually assaulting female victims. Investigator Bennek recognized similarities with this bulletin and a case he was working within the City of Spring Lake Park. Investigator Bennek through his investigation and working with ten other cities in the metro area and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office have identified the male in these incidents. This male at the time of the writing of this report was in custody at the Anoka County Jail pending charges.

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Administrative Office Staff continue to remain steadfast in their duties, typing and imaging reports, filing, answering and dispensing phone calls for service and information, while continuing to address citizen concerns at our "Police Public Walk up- Window", along with other duties that may be assigned on a daily basis.

The month of August has been a busy month for myself as well, besides handling the day to day operations of the police department, I continue to attend meetings on a daily basis representing the City of Spring Lake Park and the Police Department. City Administrator Buchholtz and myself attended "Nite to Unite" festivities here in the city and visited as many community block parties as we could for the evening. I also assisted with the interview process for our "Park and Recreation Director" position and identifying a qualified replacement for retiring Director Rygwall. I also attended a workshop for the 2020

City Budget with other Department Heads, Peggy Anderson, Administrator Buchholtz, the Mayor and City Council.

This will conclude my report for August 2019

Are there any questions?



Investigator  
Tony Bennek

# Spring Lake Park Police Department Investigations Monthly Report

**August 2019**

## **Total Case Load**

### **Case Load by Level of Offense: 35**

<b>Felony</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Gross Misdemeanor</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>7</b>

### **Case Dispositions:**

<b>County Attorney</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Juvenile County Attorney</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>City Attorney</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Forward to Other Agency</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SLP Liaison</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Carried Over</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Exceptionally Cleared</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Closed/Inactive</b>	<b>5</b>

### **Forfeitures:**

<b>Active Forfeitures</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Forfeitures Closed</b>	<b>1</b>





# Memorandum

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**To:** Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

**From:** Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

**Date:** September 12, 2019

**Subject:** Conduit Financing Request

The City of Spring Lake Park, through its bond counsel, has received a request from Excell Academy Charter School, Brooklyn Park, to issue tax-exempt conduit bond financing to allow the school to purchase and remodel the building it currently rents. Brooklyn Park was ruled out as an issuer as they have issued tax-exempt qualified debt in 2019.

The City of Spring Lake Park has no plans to issue debt in 2019, making it a candidate to assist Excell Academy Charter School in this transaction. This transaction will not impact the City's debt rating or debt limit as established under state law. These bonds are not obligations of the City, which means that the City has no obligation to pay them in case of default. The transaction will be beneficial to the City as the transaction will generate \$57,500 in administrative fees for the City that can be used for any purpose.

Bond Counsel Andy Pratt, Best & Flanagan, will be at the meeting to explain the transaction in more detail and answer any questions that the City Council may have. In order to facilitate the transaction, the City Council will need to approve an amendment to the City's Private Activity Bond Policy. The redlines are attached for your review.

These types of transactions happen frequently across the State of Minnesota and were specifically authorized by the Federal and State governments as a way for non-profits to access the tax-exempt bond market to reduce the cost of issuance for construction projects.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the proposed amendments to the City's Private Activity Bond Policy and to authorize the City's Bond Counsel to proceed with the transaction.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.



## *Memorandum*

DATE: September 11, 2019 – for September 16, 2019 City Council Meeting  
TO: Spring Lake Park City Council  
City Administrator Daniel Buchholtz  
FROM: Andrew J. Pratt, City Bond Counsel  
REGARDING: Proposed Excell Academy Charter School Financing

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### Background and Proposed Project

My office was recently approached by a financing team representing Excell Academy, a charter school and 501(c)(3) organization located in Brooklyn Park. Excell is looking to purchase and remodel the building that it currently rents at 6510 Zane Avenue North in that city, along with acquiring parkland located immediately north of the building. The entire transaction cost is estimated at approximately \$11.5 million.

To accomplish this transaction, Excell approached the City of Brooklyn Park for tax-exempt, conduit financing, earlier in 2019. The project then encountered several delays, and the City of Brooklyn Park issued its own tax-exempt, “bank-qualified” general obligation bonds in July, in the amount of \$4,470,000.<sup>1</sup> Excell is again seeking conduit financing. Brooklyn Park was ruled out as an issuer of this conduit debt, because doing so in the full amount would strip the bank-qualified designation from its 2019 general obligation bonds. Federal tax regulations allow a municipality that is not the site of a financing to still issue conduit revenue debt for the project. As I have served as the Spring Lake Park bond counsel for several years, I contacted the City Administrator to see if the City would be interested to serve as the bond issuer. I was advised the City has no plans to issue tax-exempt bonds in 2019, so there is no bank-qualification issue in play.

### Effect on City

As the Council will recall, a few years ago the City served as the conduit revenue bond issuer for the Legends of Spring Lake Park/Dominium project. Those bonds were issued under a different federal tax section, allowing for residential rental projects. The City is not liable to pay debt service on those bonds, and the issuance did not affect the City’s bond rating or debt capacity. Likewise, issuance of conduit revenue bonds to benefit Excell Academy will not affect the City’s bond rating or debt capacity, and the City will never have any obligation to pay debt service on these bonds. Excell Academy must pay debt service on time, or else face a default under its lending documents, and potential foreclosure of the property.

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<sup>1</sup> Tax-exempt bonds are considered to be “bank qualified” for a given year if they are either governmental bonds or 501(c)(3) conduit revenue bonds, and all bonds issued within the calendar year do not exceed an aggregate amount of \$10 million. A “bank qualified” designation makes tax-exempt bonds more attractive for purchase by private investors and banks, thereby resulting in a lower interest rate.

# *Memorandum*

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## Public Process

If the City wishes to be the conduit revenue bond issuer for the Excell project, the City Council will have to hold a public hearing, after adequate notice is published. The public hearing would likely occur sometime in October, during a regular Council meeting. Also, the City Council will have to approve the bond documents; the City's interests in these documents will be assigned to the project lender or a bond trustee, so after issuance the City will have no obligation or responsibility to keep track of bond proceeds or correspond with the financing group. The Brooklyn Park City Council will also need to hold a public hearing and grant "host approval" for the issuance of the bonds. The financing group is looking to close in late November, which is attainable with this schedule.

## City Administrative Fees

The City is able to charge an administrative issuance fee to Excell, compensating the City for utilizing its tax-exempt bond authority through being the bond issuer. The City has a Private Activity Revenue Bond Policy, which is proposed to be modified by the City Council. That policy imposes a \$5,000 application fee, and then an administration fee of the greater of \$10,000 or 0.50% of the principal amount of the bonds. If the bonds are issued approximately in the principal amount of \$11.5 million, the administrative fee will be approximately \$57,500. These funds may be used to compensate the City for the costs of being the conduit revenue bond issuer (i.e. legal fees, publishing fees, etc.), as well as for any other purpose. The administrative fees are payable upon closing of the bonds.

## Conclusion

The obvious benefits to the City of serving as the conduit revenue bond issuer are to assist the growth of a non-profit organization in the greater Twin Cities community, and realize application and administrative fees in excess of \$60,000. In return, the City will have no liability or credit risk on the project financed by the bonds or the repayment of the bonds.

I will be present at the September 16 City Council meeting to explain this transaction in further detail. In the meantime, I am available to answer any questions at 612.843.5823 or apratt@bestlaw.com. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



**CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA**  
**PRIVATE ACTIVITY REVENUE BOND POLICY**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota (the "City") has the authority to issue revenue bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.165~~54~~ (the "Industrial Development Act") and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C (the "Housing Act"). The City Council of the City will consider the issuance of private activity bonds (both taxable and tax-exempt) to finance the following types of projects:

- (1) Manufacturing/industrial facilities;
- (2) Multifamily housing;
- (3) Health care facilities;
- (4) Other projects on behalf of qualified 501(c)(3) organizations; and
- (5) Other projects authorized by state statutes and federal law.

**II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the general guidelines and requirements the City will use to evaluate requests for private activity bond financing. The City has complete discretion regarding whether to issue private activity bonds and reserves the right to approve only proposals which, in the opinion of the City, meet the needs of the City and have a strong likelihood of success. All proposals for the issuance of private activity bonds must meet the following general requirements:

- A. Be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- B. Fulfill all of the applicable federal and state requirements for the issuance of bonds.
- C. Comply with all applicable federal, state, regional and City laws, including zoning and land use regulations and ordinances s applicable to the project.
- D. The applicant agrees to use the legal services of a bond attorney designated by the City of Spring Lake Park.
- E. The applicant for bond financing and the applicant's chosen bond underwriter, placement agent or lender shall hold the City and its respective officers, consultants and agents harmless from any alleged or actual violations of any securities laws, state or federal, in connection with the issuance of bonds for the project. In addition, the Ceity shall ~~not~~ be held responsible for any debt repayment of the bond issue or other costs relating to the project to be financed, should it fail financially for any reason, or for any costs related to

[an audit opened by the Internal Revenue Service or applicable State of Minnesota agency.](#)

- F. The City is to be reimbursed and held harmless for and from any out of pocket expenses related to the bonds including, but not limited to, legal fees, financial analyst fees, bond counsel fees, City staff's expenses in connection with the application and any deposits or application fees required under state law in order to secure allocation of bonding authority. The applicant must execute a letter to the City undertaking to pay all such expenses. A form of the required letter is set forth in Exhibit C.
- G. If the City determines that issuance of the bonds requested by the applicant is reasonably expected to cause governmental bonds issued by the City in that calendar year to be ineligible for designation as "qualified tax exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (also known as "bank qualified" [designation](#)), the applicant will be required to reimburse the City, at the time of issuance of the City's bonds, for any interest rate differential between bank qualified and non-bank qualified bonds. [The City will retain the services of a financial analyst to undertake such cost calculations, and the applicant will be responsible for the financial analyst fees.](#)
- H. Applications for financing must be made on the forms attached to this Private Activity Revenue Bond Policy.
- I. The applicant must deposit all required fees on a timely basis.
- J. The Council may, in its sole discretion, impose conditions exceeding those required under the City zoning code in respect to exterior building materials, landscaping, signage, lighting and such other aspects as the Council may consider appropriate on a case-by-case basis.
- ~~K.~~ The Council may, in its sole discretion, withdraw its preliminary approval of a project at any time if, in its judgment, the purposes of the Industrial Development Act or the Housing Act will not be served by going forward with the project and its financing.

~~K.~~

### III. TYPES OF PROJECTS

#### 1. Manufacturing /Industrial Facilities

Bonds for manufacturing facilities are issued under the Industrial Development Act and either Section 144(a) or Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the "Code"). In addition, the bonds are generally subject to the volume cap allocation requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 474A, as amended. The purpose of issuing bonds for such facilities is to encourage the development of appropriate industrial projects that will benefit the community by providing jobs and economic development, eliminating blight, and increasing property values. Manufacturing bonds are available only for "core" manufacturing projects, and only for relatively small manufacturers (cannot expect to have more than the maximum IRS allowable capital expenditures in the City in the six-year period surrounding issuance of the bonds).

2. Multifamily Housing

Housing bonds to finance privately-owned multi-family housing facilities within the City are authorized under the Housing Act and either (a) in the case of facilities owned by 501(c)(3) entities, Section 145 of the Code or (b) in the case of facilities owned by non-501(c)(3) entities, Section 142(d) of the Code. The purpose of issuing multi-family housing bonds is to benefit the community by encouraging the availability of multifamily housing opportunities for residents of the City. The City within its sole discretion will determine whether or not to approve Housing bonds and if so, which multifamily project or projects it will finance. All housing projects financed with tax-exempt bonds must comply with the restrictions set forth in the Housing Act and Section 142(d) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

3. Health Care Facilities

Health care facility revenue bonds are issued to finance hospitals, nursing homes or assisted living facilities within the City owned and operated by 501(c)(3) entities. Such bonds are issued in accordance with the Industrial Development Act or the Housing Act and Section 145 of the Code. The purpose of issuing health care bonds is to benefit the community by encouraging the availability of affordable health care services for residents of the City.

4. Facilities for other 501(c)(3) Organizations

Bonds may be issued to finance facilities within the City providing services that benefit the City and its residents (including, without limitation, educational services) owned and operated by 501(c)(3) entities. Such bonds are issued in accordance with the Industrial Development Act or the Industrial Development Act and Section 145 of the Code. The purpose of issuing such bonds is to benefit the community by encouraging the availability of beneficial services for residents of the City.

**IV. DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

- A. The project to be financed shall use building and design materials that are in compliance with applicable state and local building and licensing codes and designated maintenance standards.
- B. The design and maintenance must be compatible with other neighboring land uses, building architecture, and landscaping.

**V. FEES**

- A. A non-refundable application fee of \$5,000 is due at the time the application for private activity revenue bonds is made. This fee shall be due in the case of an application for either a new money bond issue or a refunding bond issue. This application fee is in addition to the other fees set forth below and is not a credit against said additional fees.

- B. A bond administration fee of the greater of \$10,000 or 0.50% of the principal amount of the bonds is due at the time of closing on the bonds, ~~subject to a maximum fee of \$50,000~~. This fee shall be due in the case of all new money issues.
- C. For bonds to be issued to refund a bond issue not issued by the City and for which the bond administration fee in paragraph B was previously paid to the City, no additional bond administration fee will be required.
- D. For bonds to be issued to refund a bond issue previously issued by the City, a bond administration fee of the greater of \$10,000 or 0.25% of the principal amount of the refunding bonds is due at the time of closing on the bonds, ~~subject to a maximum fee of \$50,000~~.
- E. All fees and expenses in relation to the issuance of the bonds (in addition to the foregoing application fee and bond administrative fee), including the fees of the City's bond counsel, shall be the responsibility of the applicant, regardless of whether the bonds are actually issued.
- F. For applications requiring an allocation of bonding authority from Minnesota Management and Budget ("MMB") pursuant to the provisions of [Minnesota Statutes](#), Chapter 474A, an application, in the form prescribed by MMB, must be submitted to MMB along with the appropriate application deposit and nonrefundable application fee due to MMB.

## VI. ~~HOST APPROVAL~~ FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL PROJECTS

- A. Host Approval. The City will consider requests for the issuance of bonds by other political subdivisions ~~to for qualified finance of projects located within the City, known under the Code as "host approval outside in the eCity."~~ The City has a preference to serve as the conduit revenue bond issuer for qualified projects within the City limits, but in cases in which that role is not possible or economically infeasible, the City will consider issuance through an outside political subdivision. In these cases, the non-refundable application fee must be paid (see Article V.A of this Policy). No administrative fee is charged, except actual costs incurred by the City, including costs associated with a review by the City's bond counsel (if necessary), must be reimbursed. The City reserves the right to reject such requests for any reason.
- B. Bond Issuer for Extraterritorial Projects. The City will consider requests for the issuance of bonds by the City for qualified projects located within another political subdivision's boundaries, and for which the other political subdivision will be considered as the "host city." In these cases, the non-refundable application fee and the bond administration fee (see Article V.A and V.B of this Policy) must be paid. The City reserves the right to reject such requests for any reason, including without limitation a determination that such issuance by the City ~~by the City that such issuance by another political subdivision~~ would impair the City's ability to issue governmental bonds as "bank qualified bonds" in that calendar year.

C. *Effect of Policy on Extraterritorial Projects.* Whenever the City serves as a conduit revenue bond issuer for projects located outside of the territorial limits of the City, all provisions of this Private Activity Revenue Bond Policy related to adherence with City ordinances, regulations, or policies, including but not limited to zoning and Comprehensive Plan compliance, building regulations, landscape plans, etc., do not apply to such financing.

## **VII. REFUNDING BONDS**

Previous issuance of bonds by the City does not commit the City to the issuance of refunding bonds at a future date. Applications for the refunding of previously issued bonds will be evaluated in terms of general benefit to the City based on such factors as financial benefit to the applicant, the project's past operating history, including property maintenance and employment, and the applicant's future plans for operations in the City. To the extent appropriate, the provisions of this Private Activity Revenue Bond Policy shall apply to refunding bonds.

It is recognized that projects previously financed may not have met the foregoing requirements applicable to new financing requests. Applications that include the refunding of previously issued bonds will be evaluated based on such factors such as substantial debt service savings, removal of bonding covenants significantly impairing the financial feasibility of the project, significant rehabilitation or physical improvements of the property, or enhancements to the affordability of existing rents.

## **VIII. POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE**

The City will require that each applicant demonstrate to the City that it will comply with substantially the same procedures for post-issuance compliance that apply to City governmental bonds under the City's Post Issuance Debt Compliance Policy, approved February 4, 2013, as amended from time to time. The City may require that applicants retain a trustee and/or an independent arbitrage consultant for the term of the bonds.

## **IX. APPLICATION PROCESS**

The process for obtaining bond financing is as follows:

- A. An application for the issuance of bonds must be submitted in the form specified by City staff along with the required application fee. Please submit applications to:

Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer  
City of Spring Lake Park  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

- B. City staff will complete an initial review to evaluate the proposal and determine whether it qualifies for consideration for financing.

- C. Staff will consult with the City's bond counsel as necessary to verify the project's

qualifications for financing.

- D. For bonds requiring a bond allocation from ~~the Department~~MMB prior to issuance, the proposal will be presented to the City Council for a preliminary resolution. The resolution will identify the preliminary intent of the City to issue bonds, a description of the proposed project, and the amount of bonds to be issued. Upon adoption of the preliminary resolution, the applicant, working with the City's bond counsel, shall prepare the application to be submitted by the City for a bond allocation to MMB.
  - E. All of the bonds for new money projects, as well as some refunding bonds described in this Private Activity Revenue Bond Policy, require a public hearing to be held by the City Council ~~at some time after the public hearing~~. Housing bonds under Chapter 462C require, prior to publication of notice of the public hearing, submission of a Housing Program to the Metropolitan Council. The Housing Program must be approved by the Metropolitan Council. Following such public hearing, the City will adopt a final bond resolution approving the documentation to be executed by the City and authorizing the execution of said documents and the issuance of the bonds.
  - F. Prior to the issuance of bonds (other than housing bonds issued under the Housing Act), and following the public hearing, the City must file an application for approval of the bond issue with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development ("DEED"). The application is considered routine if the proper documentation is filed including the completed application form, the City's bond resolution, a preliminary bond counsel opinion, evidence of the public hearing, and a letter of preliminary intent from the applicant's chosen bond underwriter, placement agent or lender to underwrite the bond issue. DEED approval is required before issuance of the bonds.
  - G. Until the bonds are issued, the City reserves the right to:
    - (1) Reject applicant's choice of underwriter, trustee, paying agent, placement agent, or legal counsel.
    - (2) Require corrections or amendments to any legal document.
    - (3) Reject the proposal and the issuance of the bonds if the City determines, in its sole discretion, that the financing is not in furtherance of the City's goals or is otherwise unacceptable, even if preliminary approval for the proposal or any part of the proposal being separately considered has previously been given.
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**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of September—~~of June~~, 2019~~6~~ by the  
City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota.

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Nelson~~Cindy Hansen~~, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Exhibit A

**CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
APPLICATION FOR ISSUEANCE OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS**

*(Industrial, Health Care or Other Non-Housing, Non-Profit Projects)*

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**1. APPLICANT**

A. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Primary Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

D. Authorized Business Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

E. Structure:

Corporation

Partnership

Sole Proprietorship

LLC

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PURPOSE OF REQUESTED FINANCING**

New Facility

Expansion

Refunding

**3. ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS**

Land	\$
Building	\$
Equipment	\$
Architectural, Engineering	\$
Cost of Issuance	\$
Capitalized Interest (including discount)	\$
Other	\$
Total Financing Requested	\$



**4. AMOUNT OF FINANCING REQUESTED**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ % of project costs

**5. TYPE OF FINANCING PROPOSED:**

Publicly Sold Bonds                       Privately Placed Bonds (Sold to a Bank)

Expected Term of Financing: \_\_\_\_\_ Years

Security:

Mortgage                       Letter of Credit                       Guaranty (personal)

Guaranty (third party)                       Unsecured                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. BUSINESS PROFILE (Not Required for Refunding)**

a. Job Information:

1. Current number of full-time equivalent (2080 hours) employees: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of New Permanent Jobs to be Created: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of Construction Jobs to be Created: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of Jobs to be Relocated: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Length of Time in Business: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Do you have facilities in other locations:

Yes                       No

If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. NAMES OF:**

a. Underwriter, Place Agent or Lender Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

b. Corporate Counsel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

c. Counsel to Underwriter, Place Agent or Lender Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**8. WHAT IS YOUR TARGET DATE FOR:**

a. Construction Start: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Construction Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. ATTACHMENTS:**

*Attach the following information with the application. Application is not considered complete until all documents have been received.*

- a. Description of the project, including location;
- b. Give a brief description of the nature of the business, principal products, etc;
- c. Plot plan, elevation of proposed buildings, landscape, lighting and site preparation\*;
- d. Preliminary sources and uses for financing project;
- e. Initial application fee; and
- f. Indemnification Letter of Agreement.

\*Not required for projects not to be located within the City of Spring Lake Park.

**10. CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the information provided above contains no misrepresentations, omissions or concealments of material facts and that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have been furnished a copy of the Procedure for Application to the City of Spring Lake Park for Private Activity Revenue Bond Financing and I am aware of its content and agree to be bound by its terms and the terms of the indemnification letter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**NOTICE TO COMPANY: Data Practices Act.**

The information that you supply in your application to the City of Spring Lake Park ("City") will be used to assess your eligibility for financial assistance. The City will not be able to process your application without this information. The Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13) governs whether the information that you are providing to the City is public or private. If financial assistance is provided for the project, the information submitted in connection with your application will become public, except for those items protected under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13.59, Subdivision 3(b) or Section 13.591, Subdivision 2.

I have read the above statement and I agree to supply the information to the City with full knowledge of the matters contained in this notice. I certify that the information submitted in connection with the application is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Exhibit B

**CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK  
APPLICATION FOR ISSUEANCE OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS**

*(Multi-Family Housing)*

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**1. APPLICANT**

- a. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Primary Business Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PROJECT INFORMATION**

- a. Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Business Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. RENTAL INFORMATION**

	Monthly Rent	Number of Units
Efficiency		
One Bedroom		
Two Bedroom		
Three Bedroom		
Parking (included in rent)		
Parking (not included in rent)		
Laundry		
Utilities included in monthly rent:		

**4. OPERATING EXPENSES:** \_\_\_\_\_ % of gross (annual)

**5. TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**6. DEVELOPER EQUITY:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**7. DEBT SERVICE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8. HARD COSTS\*:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Hard costs are all project costs the IRS has determined to be eligible items for depreciation.*

9. **LAND VALUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. **SOFT COSTS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. **ANTICIPATED INTEREST RATES:** \_\_\_\_\_%

12. **ANTICIPATED TERM OF DEBT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Years

If the project were conventionally financed, what interest rate would you expect to pay? \_\_\_\_\_%

13. **EQUIPMENT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of project cost is for equipment (e.g. washers/dryers)

14. **PROJECTIONS:**

ANTICIPATED INCREASES:	ANTICIPATED VACANCIES:
Revenue: _____% per year	First Year: _____%
Expenses: _____% per year	After First Year: _____%

15. **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:**

Anticipated construction commencement date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated construction completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

16. **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Signature/Title

Date

Exhibit C

**INDEMNIFICATION LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

The Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park  
and Members of the City Council  
City of Spring Lake Park  
1301 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: Application of \_\_\_\_\_ for Private Activity Bond Financing by the City of Spring Lake Park

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

This letter of agreement is given by \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ under the laws of Minnesota ("Applicant") as required by the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota in connection with its consideration of an application for private activity revenue bond financing for the project described in the application.

Applicant agrees as follows:

1. Applicant agrees to pay or reimburse the City for any and all costs and expenses which the City may incur in connection with its consideration of the project and the granting of bond financing therefor, whether or not the project is preliminarily approved by the City, whether or not the project is approved by the State of Minnesota, if necessary, whether or not revenue bond financing is finally approved by the City, and whether or not the bonds are issued and sold.
2. Applicant agrees to indemnify and hold the City, its officers, employees and agents harmless against any and all losses, claims, damages, expenses or liabilities, including attorneys fees incurred in their defense, to which the City, its officers, employees and agents may become subject in connection with the City's consideration, issuance or sale of the bonds for Applicant's project and the carrying out of the transactions contemplated by this agreement and any resolutions adopted, or agreements executed by the City in connection with the issuance of its bonds for this project.
3. Applicant hereby releases the City, its officers, agents and employees from any claims, causes of action, losses, damages, or liabilities which it may have against the City, its officers, agents, and employees or which it may incur in connection with: the City's consideration of the application for industrial development revenue bond financing for Applicant's project; the failure of the City, in its discretion, to issue bonds for Applicant's project; the issuance and sale of the bonds; the construction of the project; or any other matter or thing of any type or nature whatsoever which may arise in connection with the foregoing.
4. Applicant is aware of the City's application and administrative fee structure for bonds and agrees and covenants that all such fees will be paid in the amount and at the times required.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_



# Memorandum

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**To:** Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

**From:** Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

**Date:** September 12, 2019

**Subject:** Council Appointments

With the appointment of Lisa Dircks to the City Council, the City Council once again is at full strength. Mayor Nelson is currently working on an update to the appointment list. He stated that he will distribute the full list for City Council review at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.







City of Spring Lake Park  
Engineer's Project Status Report

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To: Council Members and Staff  
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 9.16.19 Meeting**  
File No.: R-18GEN

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**Note:** Updated information is shown in *italics*.

**MS4 Permit (193802936).**

Annual Report and Public Meeting was held on June 17, 2019. Annual report has been submitted. Annual Training will be completed before December.

**Local Surface Water Management Plan (LSWMP) (193803949).**

Council adopted on 4-15-19. *Currently working with the Administrator on Ordinance revisions.*

**2019 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193804547).**

This project includes sewer lining in the area near TH65 and Osborne Rd. *Construction Contracts were signed on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Construction will begin in September with initial cleaning and televising.*

**2019 Street Seal Coat and Crack Fill Project (193804625).**

This project includes streets in the area north of 81st Avenue between Monroe and Able. Crack repair construction and seal coat work was completed in July. *Street sweeping and pavement markings have been completed. Final contractor payment can be processed when close-out documents are received from Contractor.*

**Arthur Street (Well 5) Water Treatment Plant Evaluation (193801776 Task 300):**

A comprehensive plant maintenance project to repair damage from a chlorine leak and to complete ongoing maintenance is being considered. *The City Administrator is working with the LMC insurance regarding the claim that has been submitted.*

**Bituminous Trail (on Osborne Rd. from TH 65 to Central Avenue)(193804584):**

*Trail paving has been completed. Seeding is scheduled to occur around September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**Garfield Pond Improvements Project (193804750):** A neighborhood open house was held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Geotechnical borings have been completed. Meetings have been held with the Department of Natural Resources and Rice Creek Watershed District. *Continue design and communication with the neighbors. Public open house scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bids tentatively scheduled for November. .*

**Hy-Vee Project.** *Site, 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue/Highway 65, and CSAH 35 work is substantially complete.*

- *Wear course is done on all roadways.*
- *Permanent striping has been completed on about 90% of the work areas.*
- *Signal system is in the final stages of getting wired and should be operational by September 20<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Sawing and Sealing of the bituminous should be done by September 20<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Roads will all be opened in the permanent traffic configuration the week of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> or sooner.*

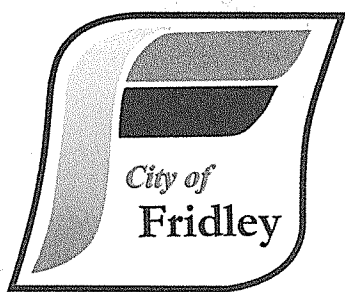
**Public Storage Project.** Construction nearly complete. Terry Randall has been monitoring construction. *An onsite meeting with the owner and the contractor was held on September 4<sup>th</sup> to review remaining site construction and discuss drainage issues. Need as-built drawings of the utilities.*

Feel free to contact Harlan Olson, Phil Carlson, Jim Engfer, Mark Rolfs, Ryan Capelle, Marc Janovec, Ailsa Mcculloch, Peter Allen, or me if you have any questions or require any additional information.



# **CORRESPONDENCE**





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Councilmember 2nd Ward – Steve Eggert  
Councilmember 3rd Ward – Ann R. Bolkcom  
City Manager – Wally Wysopal

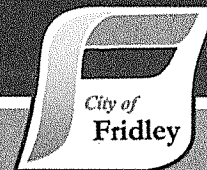
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### Save the Date



## Timberwolves Court Unveiling



## Timberwolves Court Unveiling on September 19

Now that we've won our new basketball court - courtesy of the Minnesota Timberwolves and U.S. Bank - it is time to break it in! Mark your calendars for the unveiling party on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 4-5 p.m. at Fridley's Madsen Park (735 73rd Avenue).

The first 50 kids to register for the session will receive a free t-shirt and water bottle. You can register for the skills session online at <https://bit.ly/2P23tke> or by calling Fridley Recreation at 763-572-3570.

This event will include special remarks from Timberwolves and City of Fridley officials, snacks, drinks, music, games, giveaways and a free 30-minute Timberwolves basketball skills session for kids ages 8-14.

Thank you again to everyone who voted for Madsen Park and supported the competition! Remember, this event is open to the public - everyone and all ages! We look forward to seeing you on September 19 at Madsen Park to celebrate our new basketball court.

### Stay Connected!

- Like Us on Facebook: search City of Fridley
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springbrook  
autumn sampler

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
FROM 5:30-8 P.M.

## Enjoy an Evening of Tastings while Supporting Springbrook Nature Center

Join us for the third annual Springbrook Autumn Sampler! This event will help raise funds for the Pavilion Activity Center at Springbrook Nature Center.

Your ticket includes live music, great food from local vendors, delicious wine and beer samples, door prizes, and a silent auction. Bring your friends to this ages 21+ event and enjoy the beautifully remodeled Springbrook Nature Center and learn about the great wines and beers available at Fridley Liquor.

### TICKETS

Purchase tickets *in person* at Fridley Liquor and Springbrook Nature Center or *online* at Eventbrite.com (Search 2019 Springbrook Autumn Sampler).



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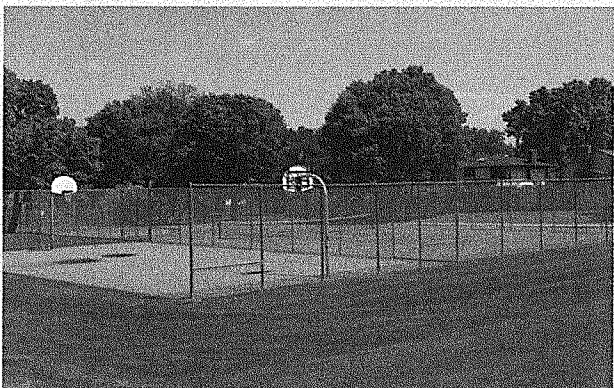
## Prairie in Progress— Please Pardon our Weeds

Visitors to the Civic Campus might notice some planted areas with a wilder look. These areas have been landscaped with native plant seeds in order to provide pollinator habitat, improve water quality, and to reduce erosion. Native plants grown from seed follow a three-year “sleep, creep, leap” process, in which they spend their energy the first year “sleeping” and developing a strong underground root system.

During this time, quick-growing, weedy vegetation seems more apparent. As the prairie plants become more established and begin to creep and leap, they will take over and shade out the weeds. With a little bit of time, we will soon see the native plants that were planted: black-eyed susan, wild bergamot, golden alexander, prairie blazing star, milkweed, asters, and many more. Come visit the Fridley Civic Campus to see what different plants have begun to take root, and take a look at a photo-based plant list available at the front desk!

## Park Feature: Briardale Park

Briardale Park is located at 6171 Rice Creek Drive and is a 2.8 acre neighborhood park with lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, a picnic area and playground equipment. A general skating rink is also provided during the winter months.

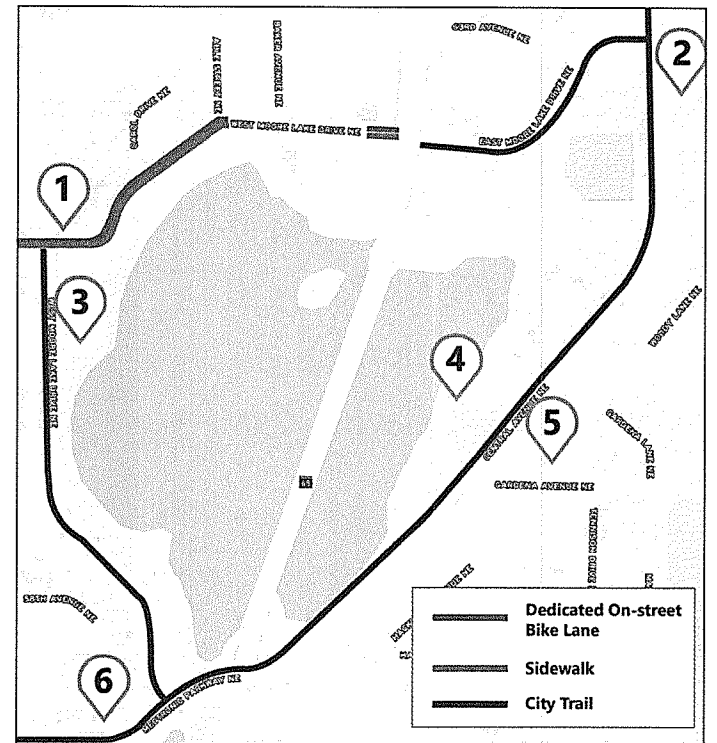


## West Moore Lake Trail Completed

The new West Moore Lake Trail is now complete and ready for walkers and bikers! This trail section completes the Moore Lake Loop, a 2.6-mile trail around Moore Lake, and provides a critical route to safely bike or walk to Fridley Middle School and Fridley High School. Get out and enjoy the beautiful fall weather along the loop and explore the connecting trails!

### Trail Features/Connections (see map)

1. Continue along 61st Avenue to Commons Park, the North Star Train Station and the Mississippi River Trail.
2. Travel north on the Central Avenue Trail 0.75 miles to the Rice Creek Regional Trail system, a winding trail through the woods through Locke County Park toward Long Lake Regional Park to the east or the Mississippi River Trail to the west.
3. Check out the West Moore Lake Sand Dunes, a remnant of the prairie and oak savannah that used to cover much of Anoka County. Trails through the dunes provide the opportunity to see many unique native plants and enjoy lake views.
4. Plan a picnic or fish at Moore Lake Park.
5. Head down Gardena Avenue 0.5 miles to visit the many walking trails at Innsbruck Nature Center or head south along Matterhorn Drive to visit Kordiak Regional Park.
6. Head west on the Medtronic Parkway Trail 0.5 miles to 7th Street.



to create a safer route between Fridley Middle School and Fridley High School. Cars dropping off students in the shoulder parking lanes were unpredictably entering and exiting traffic, creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians, bikers, and other vehicles.

Medians were installed, traffic lanes were narrowed and designated bike lanes were added. The number of east-west travel lanes has not been impacted. Anyone dropping off students should use the official drop-off locations designated by the schools. These improvements are part of the approved Safe Routes to Schools Plan to make Fridley a place where all students can walk and bicycle on routes that are safe, comfortable, and convenient.

### What else is new in the area?

In partnership with Fridley Public Schools and the Fridley Public Safety Department, Fridley Public Works has installed additional traffic calming measures along 61st Avenue/West Moore Lake Drive

## Commissions Help Advise City Decisions; Appeals Commission Update

Commissions are a great opportunity for residents to help advise the City Council on important aspects of the city. The City of Fridley has five commissions:

- **Charter Commission (four-year term):** Review the City Charter and make recommendations for amendments.
- **Planning Commission (three-year term):** Participate in continuous community planning and development of comprehensive goals and policies, and review of land use requests.
- **Environmental Quality and Energy Commission (three-year term):** Advise on a broad range of environmental policies and programs as well as the management of the City's environmental resources.
- **Parks and Recreation Commission (three-year term):** Recommend actions for the development of park facilities and recreational activity programs, as well as provide direction in City goals and policies.
- **Housing and Redevelopment Authority (five-year term):** Implement housing rehabilitation programs and redevelopment projects that create new housing opportunities, and administer programs aimed at creating jobs and bringing businesses to undeveloped areas.

If you are interested in joining a commission, please check our website for current openings or contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 for more information.

### Appeals Commission to Merge with Planning Commission

The City has determined that the Appeals Commission will dissolve, and its responsibilities will move to the Planning Commission. The purpose of dissolving the Appeals Commission relates to changes at the state level that have made it more difficult for a city to grant variances. As a result, the City is seeing less people applying for variances. Text amendments to code language have also led to fewer situations where variances are needed.

For example, common variance applications were for front yard setbacks to allow a front porch, living room or other additions. The City has since reduced the required setback for single family homes from 35 feet to 25 feet, which allows for many of these improvements to be built without requiring a variance.

The City wants to thank everyone who has served on the Appeals Commission over the years. Your service is very much appreciated! We hope you will continue to serve the City in other capacities.





## New Things in Town: Development Update



### Former City Hall

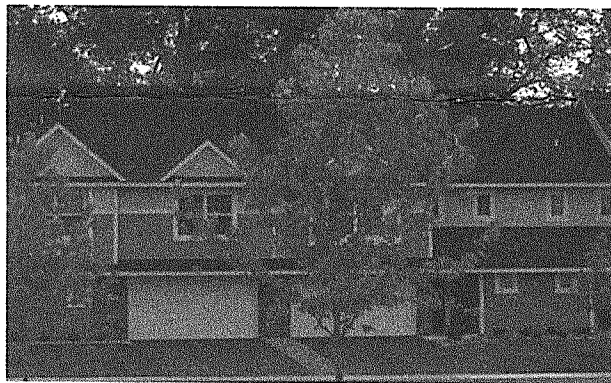
Demolition of the former City Hall, in preparation for the construction of the Ebenezer Senior Living development, has experienced some delay. The original demolition completion was set for July 19, 2019. However, the project is still planned to move ahead for demolition during the 2019 construction season. The developer is also working hard to begin construction of the foundation, including the underground parking, before winter.

### Fridley Train Station Village

The Fridley Train Station Village building permit applications have been submitted for the market rate building and senior building within the Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Site preparations began in August 2019. The market rate building will be four stories high with underground parking. There will be 95 units with a mix of studios, two bedrooms, and three bedrooms. To learn more about the units, please email [agoins@sherman-associates.com](mailto:agoins@sherman-associates.com).

### Lock Park Pointe

Construction for the Lennar Townhomes at Locke Park Pointe will begin soon. Representatives indicate they would like to get their models constructed during the 2019 building season. There will be 72 townhomes, with two styles: Carriage Urban Row (2.5-story) and Colonial Patriot (2-story). This development will be located south of the water feature at the new Civic Campus and will have trails connected in with the park and campus for active living. For people potentially interested in living in the community, please call 952-373-0485 or email [lennarminnesota@lennar.com](mailto:lennarminnesota@lennar.com).



### Northern Stacks Forgotten Star Brewery (Opening Fall 2019)

Fridley's first brewery, Forgotten Star, will occupy what was once the boiler room of the Northern Pump/FMC/BAE's Building on East River Road. The name of the brewery relates to the fact that the previous facility onsite was awarded the prestigious Battle E Award given during war time for outstanding contribution to the war.

According to the U.S. Navy, the Battle "E" Effectiveness Award recognizes sustained superior performance in an operational environment and sustained continuous readiness throughout the Fleet Response Training Plan (FRTP). It should be recognized that the Battle Effectiveness Award is not a qualification award or an award for mere excellence, but an award for being the best ship in the organization.

The original facility was given the prestigious award six times, even though it was not a ship. In honor of the awards, an "E" and stars were painted on one of the exhaust stacks for the original boilers of the facility. The stars were painted to show the number of times the award was won. However, they painted only five stars instead of six. There was one star missing – hence, "Forgotten Star."

## What is the Capital Improvement Program (CIP)?

The Capital Investment Program (CIP) is a plan that details the budget allocations for Fridley's capital projects over the next five years. A capital project is typically a one-time expense over \$10,000, and usually the acquisition, study, design and construction of an infrastructure project. It may also include the purchase of equipment, such as dump trucks, information technology systems and playground equipment. Projects are categorized in one of nine sections: building, streets, parks, information technology, capital equipment, water utility, sanitary sewer utility, stormwater utility and municipal liquor. Examples of past projects include the revamped Springbrook Interpretive Center and the University Avenue/Highway 65 Corridor Study.

Each year, City departments make a request to the City Manager and City Council for possible capital projects to be included in the next CIP. The application includes a summary of the project and project needs, as well as an estimated cost of the project and the longevity of its usage. Each application is reviewed independently by the Finance Department, which includes a financial analysis and an eligibility determination. Funding for the project and ongoing costs (such as equipment maintenance or building utilities) are also determined during this part of the process. Some projects may be funded entirely

by the City or through a combination of sources such as federal/state assistance or grants.

After the Finance Department reviews the applications, staff present the proposed CIP to the City Council. The mayor and council members review the document, set priorities, suggest changes and provide feedback on individual projects. Assuming the City Council is in agreement, the CIP is then finalized and adopted in December. All capital improvement projects must be approved by council.

These capital projects go through a lengthy, in-depth process that involves a significant amount of review, consideration and design. Even after a capital project has been approved, the City and Council is actively working with the CIP plan as project considerations are updated or additional funding sources identified. The City takes a very deliberate and cautious approach when selecting these projects to ensure they will be an effective improvement or enhancement to the community.

### Interested in reviewing the CIP?

Review the current and past CIPs, as well as other financial documents, on the City of Fridley website at [FridleyMN.gov/CityFinancials](http://FridleyMN.gov/CityFinancials) or in-person at City Hall.



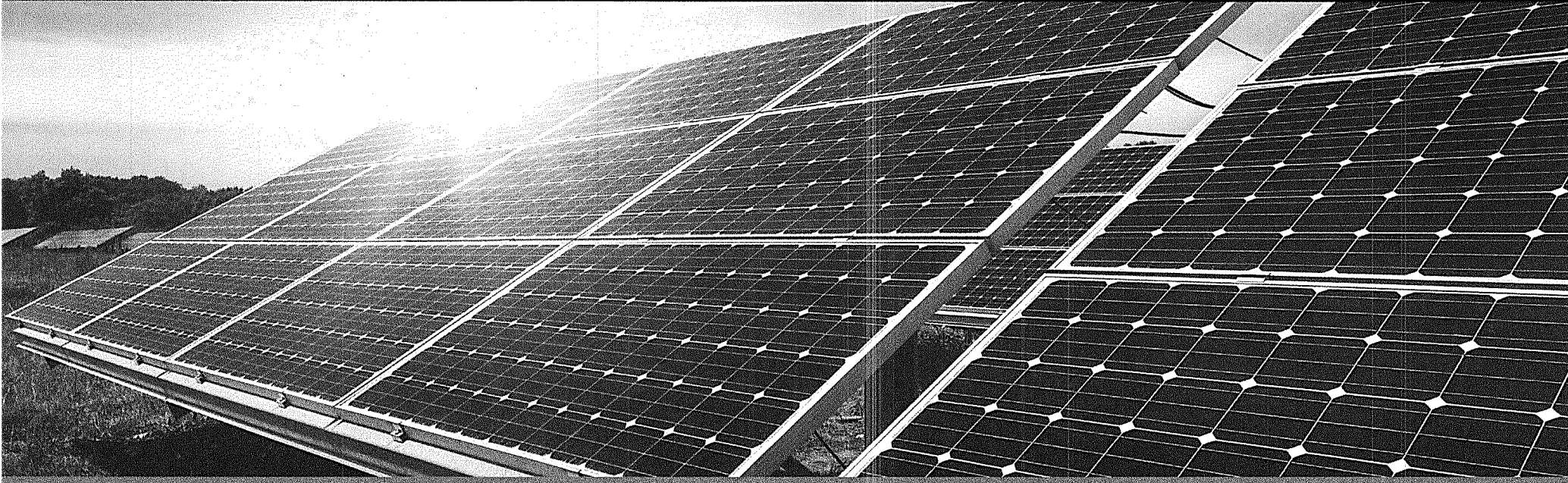
## Register for POLCO and Continually Help Improve Your Community

Our residents are the heart of our community, and we continually want your input to help us guide City services and initiatives!

One of the City's survey tools, POLCO, is specifically designed for Fridley residents. We encourage you to create an account so you can give feedback and be notified of all our surveys. You will be asked for your contact information and ZIP code to ensure you are receiving Fridley-specific input opportunities. After you have signed up, it is quick and easy to give feedback on all current and future surveys!

Visit [polco.us/groups/city/fridley-mn](http://polco.us/groups/city/fridley-mn) to create your account today.





## Year of Energy: Community Solar Gardens

*2019 is the year of energy. Each newsletter issue will include ideas to help you save money on your energy bill and reduce energy consumption. For this issue, we spoke with Natividad Seefeld, the president of the Park Plaza Cooperative.*

Shifting toward solar energy is an important strategy to reduce greenhouse gases and meet energy goals, but not every building is a good candidate for solar panels. Too much shade, lack of roof support, and other factors can make panels impractical or cost ineffective. A great alternative can be subscribing to a community solar garden, which allows you to support solar energy and potentially receive a discount on your energy bill.

Subscribing to a community solar garden allows you to act as an investor in an offsite solar garden. When the solar energy (and the associated renewable energy credit) from the garden is sold to Xcel Energy, you

receive your percentage of the profits. While each garden's contract is different, the amount you receive from the sale of the energy is usually greater than the cost to subscribe, resulting in a profit for you that is credited to your energy bill.

One neighborhood taking advantage of these savings and supporting solar energy is the Park Plaza Cooperative, a resident-owned manufactured home community. In partnership with Cooperative Energy Futures and North County Cooperative Foundation, over 20 Park Plaza residents have joined together to subscribe to a new 1357-kiloWatt garden in Sherburne County.

"Not only will it help families save money, we will help save our planet," says Natividad Seefeld, president of the Park Plaza Co-operative. "The land we are set on does not leave room for a solar garden onsite nor is it safe to put panels on top of our homes. So being part of a solar garden that is on someone else's land and maintained by an outside entity seemed to make the most sense for our community."

Other residents who are interested in subscribing to a community solar garden can learn more and find open gardens at [cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org](http://cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org). Since the renewable energy credit is sold to Xcel Energy, you cannot claim the credit toward offsetting emissions, however it plays an important part in shifting the grid to include more solar power. If you would like to claim the credit, consider an offsite program such as Xcel Energy's Windsource. Learn more at [XcelEnergy.com/Renewables](http://XcelEnergy.com/Renewables).

## Fall Clean-up: Street Sweeping and Hydrant Flushing

Our street sweepers will be heading out this fall to clean the roads. Due to the unpredictable tendencies of Midwest weather, we are not able to provide an exact date for street sweeping. Typically, our Public Works team cleans the streets in October, before the first snowfall.

Street sweeping is essential to remove debris buildup before the winter season arrives to avoid washing leaves and other materials into the City's stormwater system. We do this to reduce stormwater pollution and maintain the water quality of our lakes, creeks, and rivers. You can help keep pollutants out of the storm drain year-round by cleaning up your local storm drain through the Adopt-A-Drain program. Join over 4,000 other metro-area volunteers by signing up at [adopt-a-drain.org](http://adopt-a-drain.org)!

### Hydrant flushing

After we finish street sweeping, we move on to hydrant flushing in late October. Hydrant flushing occurs in the spring and fall, when the City flushes its water mains through the fire hydrants. This clears the water of small amounts of sediment like iron or manganese that settle over time, and it verifies that the hydrants are in good working order.

During the hydrant flushing, deposits from water lines may create yellowish-brownish water in homes near the flushing area. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. Run your water regularly to clear discoloration. If this persists for longer than two days, or for updated information, call our Public Works mainline at 763-572-3566.



## Reminders for Your Fall Yard Clean-up

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing colors and soon, they will be dropping from the trees. Leaves that decompose in compost bins can turn into useful fertilizer, but leaves that enter our storm drains can cause flooding and pollution.

Please keep these tips in mind as you start your fall clean-up:

- Fridley residents can coordinate yard waste collection with their garbage hauler, drop off yard waste at Bunker Hills Compost Site or practice backyard composting.
- Yard waste can only be stored in bags or bundles outside through your next pick-up day.
- Leaves should be raked away from the street and sidewalk to keep them out of storm drains.
- Plan ahead for tree care – late winter (just before spring arrives) is the best time to prune trees for quick healing and to reduce disease.

### Bunker Hills Compost and Yard Waste Drop-off Site

13285 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids  
(763) 767-7964

Hours of Operation:

April - November, weather permitting

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.\*

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

\*or sunset, if earlier than 7 p.m.

December - March, weather permitting

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. only

### Reminder: 2019 School District Election is November 5

Three out of four school districts in Fridley will have an election this fall. There are no city, state or federal elections in Fridley in November.

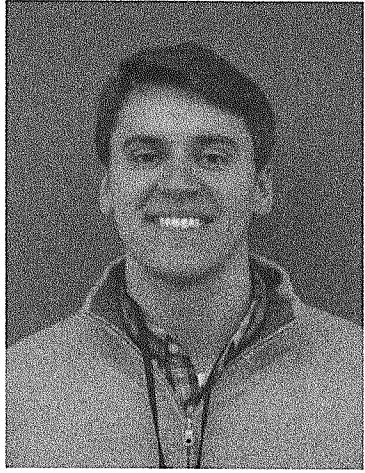
Anoka County will be in charge of the election process and because school districts can consolidate their polling places, not all locations will be open.

To find more information and where to vote in the 2019 election, visit [FridleyMN.gov/1414](http://FridleyMN.gov/1414).

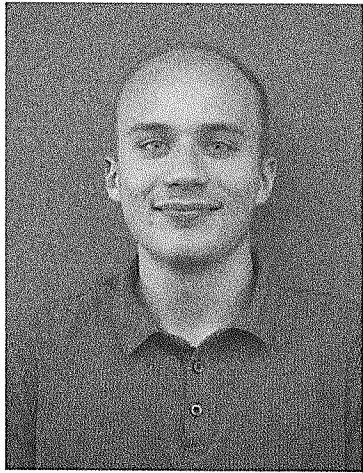




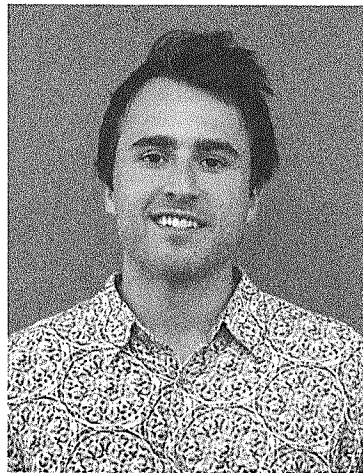
# Added Talent through Summer Interns at the City



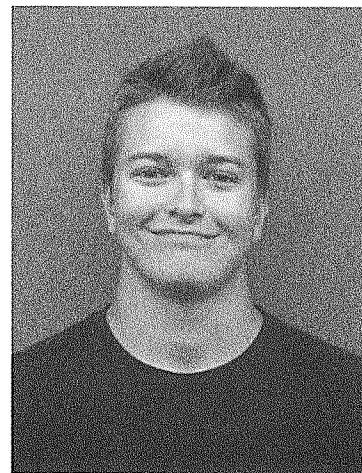
**Michael Van Gorp**



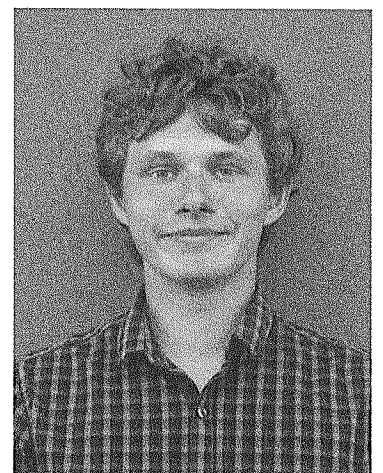
**Zach Kramka**



**Matthew Mraz**



**Carl Lind**



**Brice Richter**

We have great seasonal staff that join us in summer to help with recreation activities, code enforcement, development projects and more. Interested in working or interning with the City? Find current openings and sign up for job opening alerts at [FridleyMN.gov/Jobs](http://FridleyMN.gov/Jobs). Here are our great summer interns from this year and their takeaways from their internships:

**Michael Van Gorp, Code Enforcement Intern**  
 School: Third year at University of Michigan  
 Area of Study: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

**Responsibilities:** Michael researched and inspected all the commercial properties with special use permits for uses not typically allowed by City Code, such as outdoor storage. He determined compliance of stipulations included in the special use permits and what was needed to reach full compliance. He also aided our Neighborhood Preservation Specialist in residential inspections.

**What he liked about his internship:** The internship exposed Michael to many areas of local government. He now has experience with code enforcement, planning and the various legal matters that come with the area of work. He liked that every day was different and he was met with new challenges. Going forward, Michael will be able to use these skills for his future studies and work.

**Zach Kramka, Economic Development Intern**  
 School: Final semester of graduate school at Cleveland State University  
 Area of Study: Master of Public Administration

**Responsibilities:** This summer, Zach coordinated the City's business retention program, while also working on the University Avenue corridor fence project, among other tasks. Another highlight of the summer for Zach was his work on the City's successful Minnesota Investment Fund application. This program is administered through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and it helps provide incentives for a new business to relocate into our community.

**What he liked about his internship:** Zach was able to experience so many dimensions of local government and believes that will help him be even more prepared as he begins his career upon graduation. He also really enjoyed the employees he was able to work with and learned from.

**Matthew Mraz, Recreation Intern**  
 School: Graduated in May 2019 from University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
 Area of Study: Business and Marketing Education

**Responsibilities:** Matt's responsibilities included weekly recreation operations such as supervising, programming and organizing summer events for all

age groups. He also managed the adult athletic leagues and supervised the recreation staff. Matt prepared a variety of written reports and promotional materials such as flyers, brochures and press releases. He also served as the main point of contact for scheduling recreation facilities.

**What he liked about his internship:** Matt enjoyed the balance of working with kids and adult programming, the program participants and the trust they put in him. His internship also gave him a variety of experiences that better prepared him for his future career.

**Carl Lind, Engineering Intern**  
 School: Third year at University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
 Area of Study: Civil Engineering

**Responsibilities:** Carl assisted the engineering division with street and utility projects, daily operations and other tasks related to municipal public works. He also worked with Community Development on energy efficiency studies and raingarden implementation. This was his second summer with the city.

**What he liked about his internship:** Carl's internship with Fridley gave him ample opportunities to explore his major and public sector work. Even though this is his second summer as an Engineering Intern with the City, he still found himself learning new things every day. He also strengthened his communication skills by working with various departments and gained a new perspective on engineering.

**Brice Richter, Recreation Intern**  
 School: Graduated in December 2018 from University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
 Area of Study: Recreation Administration and Leadership

**Responsibilities:** Brice assisted in supervising seasonal staff and children within the Fridley Summer ROCKS program. He also helped coordinate special events like '49er Days, Wet n' Wild, Nickel Jamboree and weekly field trips. Additionally, Brice coordinated with Fridley Public Schools on programming and created the foundation for a Fridley Adopt-a-Park program.

**What he liked about his internship:** Brice really enjoyed working alongside fellow professionals and in a positive work environment. It made his summer with the City fun and gave him plenty of opportunities to learn and grow. He also liked the responsibility of coordinating his own events such as Bantu Healing and Adopt-a-Park. Brice was given the chance to challenge himself and grow within his internship.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### September

- 2 City Offices Closed for Labor Day
- 3 Charter Commission Meeting
- 3 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 5 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 30 City Council Meeting

### October

- 3 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 7 Charter Commission Meeting
- 7 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 8 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 City Council Meeting

**NOTE:** City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 at least one week in advance.

## Winter Parking in Effect November 1 – April 1

As we prepare for winter, remember that Fridley does not declare snow emergencies. From November 1 – April 1, it is a violation to park any vehicle on City streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

*It is a violation to stop, park, or leave a standing vehicle in such a manner as to impede the plowing or removal of snow, ice or waste from public streets or highways regardless of date or time.*

*Violators will be tagged and towed, and subject to storage charges.* City Ordinance 506

Note: Vehicles should stay off the street until the street is plowed curb to curb.

## Book Your Next Event Space

The City of Fridley has a variety of event space options for you to choose from – both indoors and out! Book a classroom, space for a business conference, family get together, birthday party and more.

- Fridley Civic Campus – Fireside Room
- Springbrook Nature Center – Classrooms/Meeting Rooms
- City of Fridley – Park Shelters

See the Recreation insert for more details or go online to [bit.ly/2YEMDFQ](http://bit.ly/2YEMDFQ).





## 5 Halloween Safety Tips

### 1. Look Both Ways

Use traffic signals and crosswalks and always cross streets at corners. Look both ways. Never dart out into the street, especially between parked cars.

### 2. Safety in Numbers

Children under 12 should not be out at night without adult supervision. Those older should stay in groups, and stick to familiar, well-lit areas. Never enter the home of someone you do not know. Carry a cell phone and call 9-1-1 immediately if you feel unsafe.

### 3. Candy Double Check

Even the obvious tips are important reminders: check all treats. Look for tampering and faded or torn wrappers. Also, only eat treats in original, unopened packaging. Throw away anything that is unwrapped.

### 4. Snuff-Out Your Candles

Never leave a burning candle unattended or placed near anything that might catch fire. Be sure to keep candles out of reach from children and pets. Use a candle snuffer to extinguish a candle. It is the safest way to prevent hot wax from splattering.

### 5. Light-Up the Night

If you are handing out candy, make sure you have a well-lit walking path for trick-or-treaters. If you are going out in search of candy, bring a flashlight or glow stick. This will light-up your path and make you more visible to drivers. Adding reflective tape to costumes is a great way to make you more visible and has a cool effect on your costume!

**Pumpkin Night  
in the Park**

Saturday, October 19  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Springbrook Nature Center,  
100 85th Avenue NW

See Recreation insert for details.

## Change Your Clocks and Change Your Batteries

It is almost time to “fall back” and change your clocks as daylight savings time ends. Fridley Public Safety also recommends that when you change your clocks, it is a great time to change the batteries on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well. The National Fire Protection Association reports that everyone should switch out their smoke alarm batteries twice per year. Make it an easy-to-remember task by pairing it with updating your clocks.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas. Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting and disorientation. Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or malfunction can be a source of CO in the home.

### What Your Need to Know

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.
- Test alarm monthly.
- Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- If the battery is low, replace it.

### If the Alarm Sounds

- Make sure you and your family know the sound the CO alarm makes.

- The CO alarm will sound if CO is detected. It makes a different type of sound to indicate a low battery.
- If a CO alarm sounds and you feel ill, make sure everyone in the house gets to fresh air and call 9-1-1 immediately.

### Prevent CO Poisoning

- When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Opening the garage door is not enough.
- Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not blocked by snow or anything else.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.
- A gas-powered generator should only be used outdoors and in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO – only use them outside.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional now, before the cold weather hits. Get yearly inspections.

For questions about fire safety and preventing CO poisoning, contact Fridley Fire division at 763-572-3613 or email [FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov).

**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
Sunday,  
November 3**

Change Your Clocks,  
Change Your Batteries



## "I Count"-2020 Census

The 2020 Census is coming! The U.S. Constitution mandates everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. Every household will have the option of responding to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. The majority of addresses will receive their census invitation in the mail sometime between March 12-20, 2020. As a reminder, **completing the census is mandatory.**

Getting a complete count of Fridley's population is very important for a variety of reasons, including making sure Fridley receives appropriate levels of federal funding and has accurate government representation at the federal, state, and local levels. Roughly \$1,500 per person is allocated by the federal government to Minnesota – which is \$15,000 per person over the next decade. These federal funds are used for numerous projects and programs in our communities including emergency and disaster response, transportation and infrastructure planning,

nutrition and medical assistance, creation of jobs, and building of schools and hospitals. The data collected from the Census helps us all to make smart decisions for our communities. An inaccurate count in Fridley hinders services provided to our residents and businesses for decades to come. Please be sure to complete the census survey.

### Interested in helping promote the Census?

We need everyone's help getting a complete count in Fridley to ensure equal representation and federal funding for vital community programs. The City of Fridley has established a Complete Count Committee and is currently looking for residents and community leaders to join the committee. The group will meet over the next few months to develop and implement an outreach and engagement plan in order to increase awareness and participation in the 2020 Census.

If you have questions about the Census or are interested in joining the Complete Count Committee



in Fridley, reach out to Alyssa Kruzel, Community Engagement Specialist at 763-572-3579 or email her at [Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Kruzel@FridleyMN.gov).

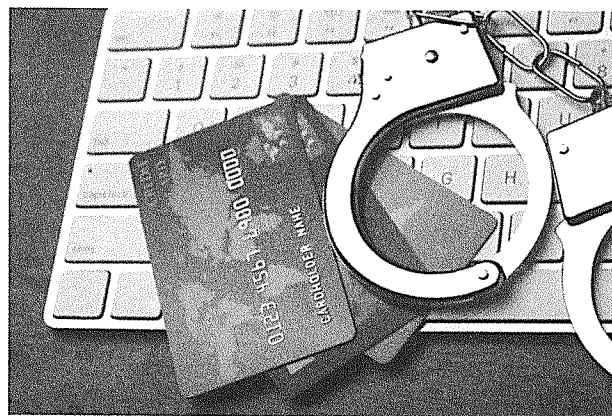
### Get paid to help ensure a complete count in Fridley and the State of Minnesota!

The Census Bureau is also looking to fill jobs in the Twin Cities including office and field positions. These positions are great for college students, retirees, or anyone looking for temporary employment and flexible hours. Find more information at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

## October is Crime Prevention Month: Back to Basics to Prevent Credit Card Fraud

Credit card fraud continues to be an issue around the country and Fridley is no exception. We have seen in the news the issues with online scams, phone call con artists and gas pump skimmers. However, while we should remain aware of the tricks criminals use to gain access to our accounts, we cannot forget the basics of guarding our physical money. Avoid these common mistakes our detectives are seeing in reported crimes:

1. Do not store your wallet in the center console of your vehicle (or any identifying items—driver's license, passport, social security card, etc.—or valuables).
2. When shopping, keep your purse zipped/clasped shut and if you are using a cart, lock the purse strap in the seat belt. It only takes a moment of distraction for someone to grab your wallet or even your whole purse.
3. Theft in the workplace is a sad reality. Keep your purse/wallet secured when you are away from your desk (in a locked drawer, office, locker, etc.). Thieves can be members of the public coming in to your business or even coworkers.



4. Hiding your purse under the seat of your car is not fooling anyone. Thieves know that it is common practice, particularly in areas you would find it inconvenient to carry your purse around (ie. parks, sporting events, the gym, etc.). At the very least, lock them in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination. Otherwise, leave it at home and carry your money in your front pants pocket.
5. It may seem crazy to think, but thieves capitalize on the simple things we do to let our guard down like leaving the door unlocked. If you place your purse or wallet near the front door, on the kitchen counter or anywhere in plain site from an entry point to your home, you better keep your doors locked. We have had "burglary" reports that consisted of someone finding an unlocked patio door, reaching in and stealing a purse that was left on the kitchen table. The victim did not even know a crime had occurred until they started getting notifications of fraudulent purchases (which happened within minutes).

## Southern Anoka Cities Master Recycler Course

Do you have a knack for telling people that they are putting their recycling in the wrong bin? Or maybe people are always telling you that you are putting your recycling in the wrong bin? Settle the debate once and for all.

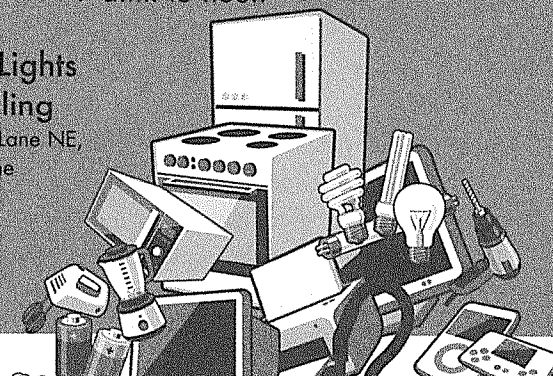
Join us for the 2nd Annual Southern Anoka Cities Master Recycler Course. Participants will get to attend a three-part class taught by recycling experts and attend free tours of area recycling and solid waste facilities. Go behind the scenes to find out how this recycling thing even works. Classes will be held September 12, 19, and 26 through Columbia Heights Adult Enrichment.

Sign up on the Columbia Heights Public Schools website under Community Education or by calling 763-572-3594.

## Fall Recycling Drop-off

Saturday, September 14 and November 9  
9 a.m. to noon

Green Lights Recycling  
1525 99th Lane NE,  
Blaine



Reclaim your garage and that random drawer in the kitchen that is full of mystery cords! Residents can receive \$15 off, and recycle one appliance and one mattress for free at the drop-off events. Just provide proof of residency at the drop-off entrance.

Recycle fluorescent lights, scrap metal, bicycles, TVs, printers and more! Visit [FridleyMN.gov/dropoff](http://FridleyMN.gov/dropoff) to learn about accepted items and fees.

## City Receives Grant for DWI Officer

The National Safety Council estimates the cost of alcohol-related crashes in Minnesota was nearly \$290 million in 2017. In the same year, 21 percent of serious injuries sustained in crashes and 31 percent of traffic crash fatalities were alcohol-related. The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has a mandate to promote the safety of those who use public roadways. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides federal funding to the OTS to design and implement public education and traffic law enforcement programs to fulfill this mandate. To address the ongoing issue of drunk driving, the OTS offers a program supporting full-time officers dedicated to DWI enforcement.

Fridley was awarded a federally financed grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to employ a full-time DWI officer. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) accepted proposals from law enforcement agencies from the top twenty counties with the most impaired-related deaths and serious injuries in Minnesota. Anoka County had the third highest rate of such incidents, falling under only Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. Fridley has seen a 17.1 percent increase in DWI incidents from 2017 to 2018.

The DWI officer will be used to increase driver and pedestrian safety on our roads by taking drunk/impaired drivers off the streets. This is part of a bigger picture initiative known as Toward Zero Deaths (TZD), which works to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota by supporting a goal of zero road fatalities.





## Connecting with Our Community: 2019 Night to Unite

Fridley's 2019 Night to Unite event was Tuesday, August 6. Block party visits began around 6 p.m. with Public Safety employees, Council members, and other City staff visiting almost 100 registered block parties. Night to Unite is Minnesota's statewide celebration that strengthens neighborhood and community partnerships, particularly between residents and their local law enforcement. It is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association, AAA of Minnesota/Iowa and local law enforcement communities.

This year, we wanted to party with a purpose. Food insecurity affects a large amount of people in our community, which is why this year, block captains were encouraged to use their block parties as a food drive. Party hosts were given reusable grocery bags to collect food donations. In the days following

Night to Unite, party hosts brought the food they collected to the Fridley Civic Campus. In total, our community collected **2,370 pounds of food!** They were donated to the nonprofit Southern Anoka Communities Assistance (SACA). For more information about SACA, visit their website at [www.sacafoodshelf.org](http://www.sacafoodshelf.org).

We would like to thank some of our sponsors who helped make this event a great success. Fridley Lions Club made a financial contribution to the City's event, allowing us to provide supplies to block parties to enhance the fun of the night. As has become an annual tradition of giving, Bob's Produce generously donated a case of peaches to each block party. Thank you to all of our block party hosts who created such an amazing night for our community. We cannot wait for next year!



## Play (Pickle) ball!

The tennis courts at lower Commons Park have been resurfaced and now include pickleball court lines! As part of the Public Works maintenance schedule, a few of the tennis courts around the City are resurfaced each year. When the resurfacing occurs, the contractor adds in the pickleball lines while they restripe the tennis court singles and doubles lines.

Pickleball lines will be included during all future court resurfacings. This is a very cost-effective method by adding pickle ball courts to the existing tennis courts during the maintenance schedule.

Pickleball is becoming a popular sport among all ages, as it combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes, and can be played as doubles or singles.

## FRIDLEY HISTORY CENTER NEWS AND EVENTS

The Fridley Historical Society will be very busy in September and October as they finish up the new military exhibit that will be debuting later this year. They will also be setting up another decade exhibit this year that will be themed "I'll Be Home" for a 1940s Christmas.

They will also have open houses on September 14 and 28, and October 12 and 26 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Update: City Street Projects

### 2018 Street Rehabilitation Project (69th Avenue and Anoka Street):

This project received final approvals and was in the process of being awarded in August. Completion of this project will be mid-summer 2020.

### 2019 Street Rehabilitation Project (69th Avenue, University Avenue Service Road and 71st Avenue):

In order to provide the best outcomes for the project, the City will be pushing this project to 2020. Due to the Pulte and Lennar Developments and the Locke Park Water Treatment Plant being worked on this construction season, the City wanted to reduce the impact on neighboring residents by postponing the construction project. This will allow additional time to provide final details in construction plans that include additional sidewalks to the City's sidewalk network around City Hall. Construction will take place starting in April/May of 2020.

### 2020 Street Rehabilitation Project

The 2020 Street Rehabilitation Project will include roads in the Springbrook neighborhood that were originally constructed between the mid-1960s and 1970s. The project area is bounded by Ashton Avenue to the east, East River Road to the west, Ironton Street to the north and 79th Way to the south. The length of all segments included is approximately 1.9 miles. The work will include pavement resurfacing, concrete curb repairs, watermain replacement in select segments, aging fire hydrant replacement and miscellaneous utility maintenance.



Costs for this project will be paid using Minnesota State Aid System funding, utility enterprise funds and special assessments. The proposed improvements will be presented at an open house scheduled for September 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Following the presentation, the project team will be available to answer questions and obtain resident input.

Please feel free to visit the project webpage at [FridleyMN.gov/Projects](http://FridleyMN.gov/Projects) or contact the City of Fridley Engineering Division at 763-572-3554 if you would like additional information.





# HISTORY 21

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"Weather forecast for tonight: dark." George Carlin

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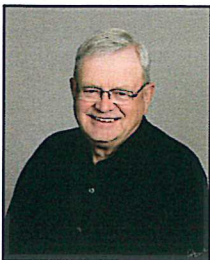
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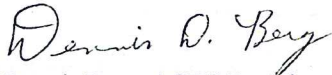
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## From the President

Veerac, a light delivery truck built in Anoka from 1911 – 1914, powered by a 20 horse power two-cylinder engine, was manufactured at the Anoka plant. Three different body styles were offered, including open express, stake, and express at prices ranging from \$850 to \$1,000. The total number built is unclear, however, by 1914, 103 Veerac trucks were registered in Minnesota. We know of only one functional truck to exist today. It was purchased new by the Big Timber, Montana fire department and was displayed at the Nowthen Threshing Show in August. Your Historical Society board has empowered a special committee of board members to research and gather Veerac history in addition to the blueprints and small engine we have in the collection. If anyone knows of parts or memorabilia we would love to hear from you. The name Veerac is an acronym derived from the engine “Valveless Explosion Every Revolution Air Cooled”.



  
Dennis Berg, ACHS President



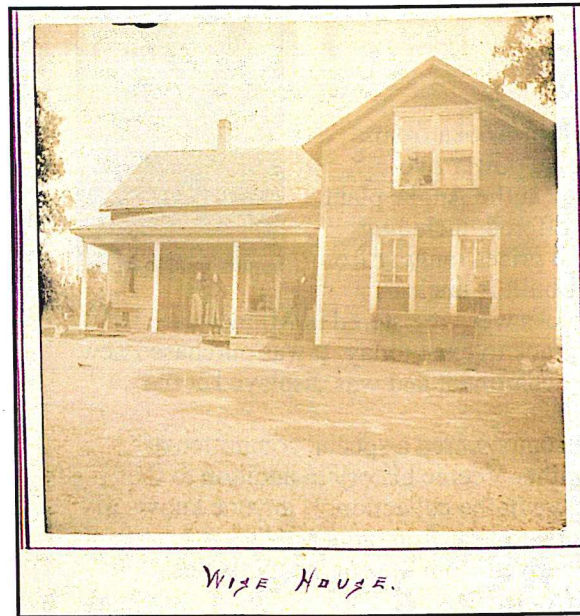
## From the Director

We recently announced our participation in an initiative called “Facing Change”, spearheaded by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). According to the press release, the “unprecedented national initiative to diversify museum boards and leadership” will “provide the framework, training, and resources for museum leaders to build inclusive cultures within their institutions that more accurately reflect the communities they serve.” What that means for ACHS on a local level is carving out time from our Board agendas to look more closely at the demographics of Anoka County, the composition of our leadership at the museum, and how we can hang the welcome sign on the door in big, bold print. We will look at what “diversity” means in terms of age range, gender, economic status, geography, religion, ethnicity, race, and physical abilities. The Board will meet with other institutions selected for this project, a consultant assigned to us, and work through how best to add representation from all walks of life at our history center. It’s exciting to join a national conversation on a relevant topic. We’ll keep you updated!



Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, Executive Director

Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Fridley, Ham Lake, Hilltop, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, Spring Lake Park, St. Francis



## *The Wise Murder Case*

Newspaper reports of crime in 1900 were very limited; though it is not known if this was because crime was down or because the papers simply did not report it. Without official records, the real answer may never be known.

The lack of reporting changed dramatically on May 27, 1900. That night, many rounds from different weapons were fired through the window of the William Wise home, reported in Mrs. Grace Irvine's 1962 history of Grow Township to be about a mile from Andover on the corner of the Andover and Constance Road, now known as County Road 18 and 16 in Grow. [*Editors note: anyone able to identify the location in modern terms, please contact ACHS*] That night, Martha (aged 17) and Eliza (aged 15) were waiting for a visit from James Hardy and Elmer Miller, boys whom they had met frequently and exchanged letters. The sisters had excused themselves from a family game of cards to go to the front room to write letters while they waited, leaving their parents and two brothers in the kitchen, situated between two windows, one on the north side and another on the south. Suddenly, gunshots came through the south window and hit their mother, Eliza Ann, four times. As she fell to the floor, brother Joseph was shot twice. Father William, sitting on the east side of the table, was also shot from the direction of the south window. After his mother was shot, the youngest child, Willie (aged 8), began screaming and running around the kitchen. Momentarily, he stopped screaming, approached the north window, and looked out. He then commenced screaming again and ran away from the window. The shot that killed Willie was the last shot fired and came from the north window. At this point, Martha and Eliza ran to the neighbor's house for help and consequently summoned the authorities.

Sheriff George Merrill questioned the daughters that night and began collecting

*Above: The Wise House circa  
1900. Object id: P2090.298*



evidence as he tried to piece together what happened. The first individuals on the suspect list were cleared thanks to solid alibis. Nearly three weeks passed before any authorities made an arrest—a local man, Ben Johnson of Constance, was taken into custody. His hearing the following week proved his innocence and the Anoka County Board of Commissioners offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction of the murderers.

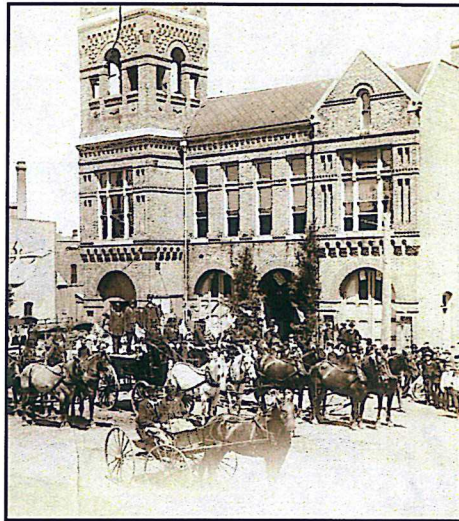
Merrill and his detectives questioned the Wise sisters again, but no arrests were made until July. At this time, Elmer, James, and another boy, William Mattison, were taken into custody and questioned about the murders. The hearing was long and testimony from the Wise daughters implicated the boys. Martha claimed that the four discussed the girls' inheritance money and that Elmer said he could aim a rifle through one kitchen window to the other. Eliza claimed she saw Elmer pointing a gun through the window and that they discussed who would get the inheritance money.

William Wise, paralyzed from the incident but having survived, also testified. He thought he heard a woman's voice shouting, "Run, boys, run!" when the shooting stopped. He also said he heard Willie laugh as though he recognized someone outside. Willie himself, only eight years old at the time, died immediately and never had a chance to confirm this statement.

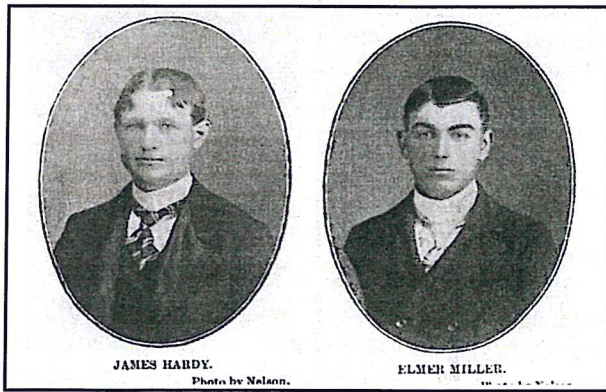
After the conclusion of the testimonies, the judge did not believe the evidence strong enough to hold Elmer and James over for trial with a grand jury

in the fall. They were let go, but William Mattison remained, weighted down by a weak alibi.

Further investigation turned up what was believed to be one of the murder weapons in the mud of Round Lake. Threads from a blanket in the possession of the boys matched the material used as wadding in the shotgun blasts found at the murder scene. Investigators found shell casings and read

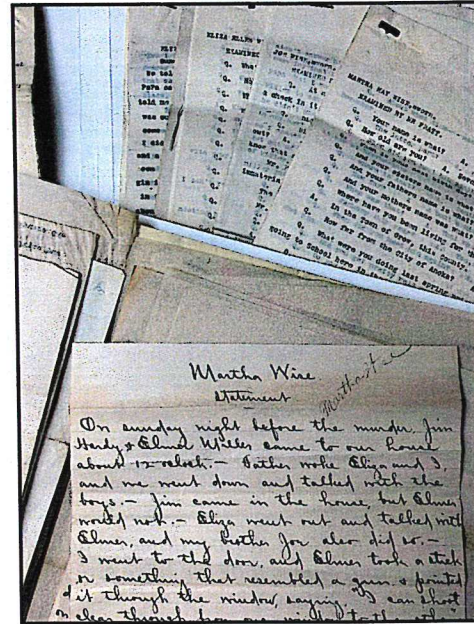


*Anoka City Hall, the location of a dance  
Elmer and James took the Wise sisters.  
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*James Hardy and Elmer Miller seen here in newspaper photos from 1900. Photos by Nelson.*





letters between the daughters and suspects. Elmer and James once more came under suspicion and authorities moved them to the Hennepin County jail for safekeeping.

This story, told with vivid detail that grew each week, filled the pages of both the *Anoka Union* and the *Anoka Herald*, Anoka's competing newspapers. Both papers said the murders were the talk on everyone's lips and offered many editorials and opinions about the case, including condemnations of how the investigations had been handled. Each paper cited public sentiment and praised their favorite side, while berating the opposing side in addition to accusations of the "other" paper dragging politics into the case. Sheriff Merrill was caught in the middle, and in October, he wrote a letter the newspapers published.

When Elmer and James came before the grand jury, the story of what happened that night began to

## TEN YEARS LATER

Eliza Ann Wise's father, Patrick Noonan, bequeathed to her money stored in a Prince Edward Island's bank. In 1910, 10 years after her death, a banker contacted Anoka County attorney Albert Pratt regarding the inheritance, which would then belong to Eliza Ann's surviving children. Although the whereabouts of Martha and Joseph were unknown to most at the time, Pratt knew Eliza was living in Minneapolis under the pseudonym of Violet Wise. He reached out to her about the money, but she wished to remain undercover "on account of a little matter in which the police are interested." She did not respond to Pratt because she feared that getting involved will result in her identity being discovered, thus forcing her to flee the city.

*"...Eliza is still alive, is in a sporting house in Minneapolis, under an assumed name, and is pretty much sub rosa at present, on account of a little matter in which the police are interested, or at least she thinks they are, and I have an idea she is right. So any attempt to communicate with her directly would result in her leaving the City and getting under cover entirely." (A letter dated February 18, 1910 to Mr. H. Capewell in Toronto.*



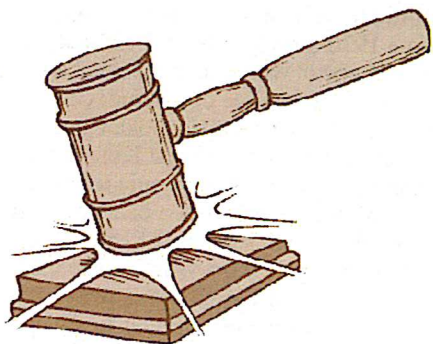
unravel. The newspapers printed court testimony almost word-for-word and told how the boys were courting the Wise daughters—much to the chagrin of the Wise parents. The girls boarded in town so they could go to school and William had left instructions that they were not to call on the girls at the boarding house. That pushed the girls to meet them at dances and other places. Martha, the older daughter, told the boys she and her sister would inherit money from their mother and land from their father when their parents were gone.

A scheme apparently developed to remove the elder Wise family members from the picture, but Martha said the agreement was that her brothers were not to be hurt. Testimony was tangled and conflicting. Sheriff Merrill was put on the stand to talk about the evidence he'd gathered and what he had done to solve the case. When Merrill became part of the case, he was not allowed to act as the sheriff in the courtroom. The county coroner filled that role during the hearings and trial.

The grand jury indicted Miller and Hardy. They entered their pleas of not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Wise. Their bail was set at \$5,000 each.

More pages of testimony flooded the newspapers when the trial began, and after hearing a parade of character witnesses, experts on the fiber comparisons and the marks made by the hammer on the shell casings, surveyors on the distances between the known whereabouts of the accused and the scene of the murders, and experts on the road conditions, the jury brought back a verdict of not guilty.

The newspapers had a heyday with editorials about how lax Anoka County justice was and how lawless the county appeared—especially if the suspected were not made to atone for their crimes. Who did the shooting and how involved the Wise sisters really were in the scheme remains a mystery.

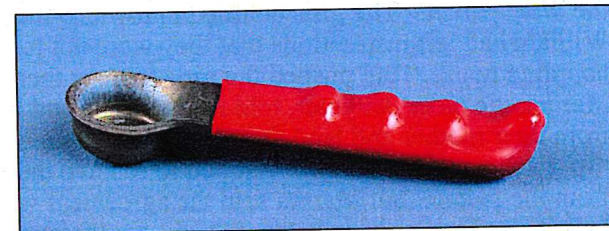


Does this story intrigue you?  
Would you love to see it come  
alive before your eyes in a Mock  
Trial (yes, that includes dinner!)  
So would we!

At this time, we're polishing some  
research, writing the script, and  
recruiting volunteers who love the  
stage. If that sounds like something you would love to do—costumes,  
props, the dramatic pointed fingers and fake tears—please drop us a note  
via email, [Rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org](mailto:Rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org), or phone.



There is a whole life-cycle of beer, from brewing to bottling, sale, and consumption, and (sometimes) beyond. With our new partnership with Hammerheart Brewing and the brew fest coming up, we decided to take a look at the beer-related artifacts that we have in the collection here at ACHS.

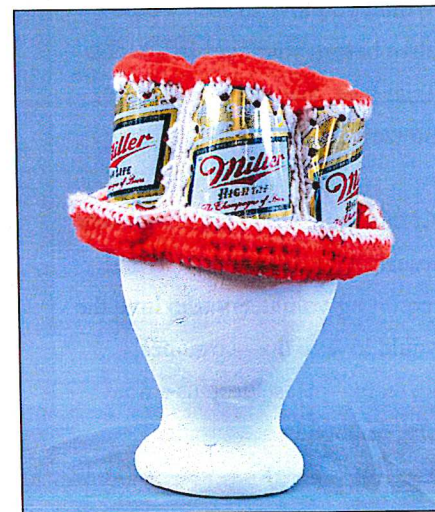


On the production side, we have a bottle capper that belonged to St. Francis resident Ray Steinke, who made his own beer and wine at home for two decades, from the 1970's through the 1990's. After setting the unused cap on top of the beer bottle, he would place this capper over top of it and tap it down with a hammer or mallet. The pressure of the capper then caused the cap to crimp down around the rim of the bottle, and the beer was ready to go.

When someone was ready to drink the beer, though, they would need a bottle-opener to get it open. These come in many shapes and sizes, and have been a common item used for advertising over the years. One such bottle opener that we have in the collection is attached to a key ring with an additional tab advertising the St. Francis Auto Parts store, dated ca. 1990's.

Of course, not all beer is bottled, as the keg tapping equipment that we have from Grosslein Beverage Company reminds us. Although Grosslein got started during Anoka County's dry years, they distributed beer once Prohibition officially ended in 1933. We have a large collection of Grosslein artifacts here, including a couple of different types of tapping equipment; some are altogether as one piece that went into a keg, pumped out any excess air, and then provided a spout from which to pour the beer. Other versions come in two pieces, with the pump and tap fitting together in order to work.

Canned beer is common as well, and sometimes the cans themselves become methods of advertising or commemoration. Those familiar with the Anoka Halloween celebrations are probably aware of the Halloween beer cans that were produced in the late 1970's-early 1980's. Less well-known is the beer can which features Anoka County's first trained police dog, King. Created in 1981 as a fundraiser for the Anoka County Humane Society, it was hoped that King's image on the can would encourage people to buy it.



What happens after a beer can is empty, though? Some, such as the Halloween and Humane Society ones, are washed and kept as souvenirs. Most are thrown away or recycled. But some find a new life, as in the case of this beer can hat created by Shirley Ziegler of Blaine in the early 1970's. Shirley took advantage of a brief, widespread interest in such hats by making and selling many over a couple of years. This one did not get sold, and eventually made its way to the museum.

For more info check out the latest QCTV episode featured at [AnokaCountyHistory.org](http://AnokaCountyHistory.org)

# Traditional Ale and Lager Festival



**September 14th, 2019**

Presented by the **ANOCA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
@ Nowthen Threshing Grounds  
7415 Old Viking Blvd NW, Anoka, MN 55303

## **PARTICIPATING BREWERS**

Hammerheart Brewing, Hayes' Public House, Junkyard Brewing,  
Bauhaus Brew Labs, Klockow Brewing, Fair State Brewing,  
Dangerous Man Brewing, Northbound Smokehouse & Brewpub, Bent  
Brewstillery, and a few more to be announced...

## **MUSIC, FOOD, AND ENTERTAINMENT**

- Lucky Brisket Food Truck
- 2 hours of Old-tyme and Bluegrass music by Steam Machine
- Presentation by Ale Jail Beer & Cider Buyer Joey Crane
- Anoka County Historical Society "Rum Runners" presentation
- Presentation on "How to make an old brew recipe new"
- Antique farm tool hands-on and demonstrations
- Threshing equipment on display courtesy of the  
Nowthen Historical Power Association volunteers

## **TICKETS**

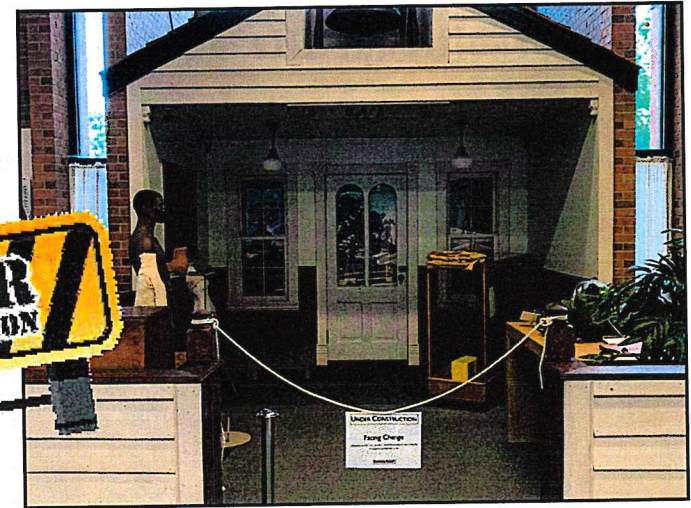
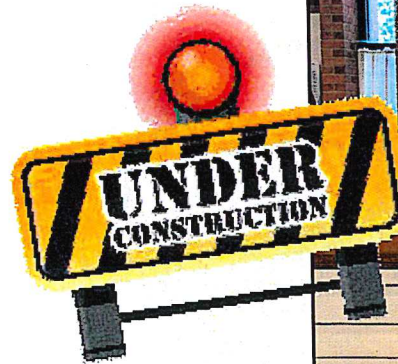
\$30 and the event is 21+

Ticket includes printed sample glass, screen printed festival  
print, and access to beer, music, and entertainment.

\*\*\*Does not include food from Lucky Brisket\*\*\*

Available at the door, by calling the history center, or online:  
[www.anokacountyhistory.org](http://www.anokacountyhistory.org)





If you've stopped in at the History Center recently, you'll notice a few "Construction" signs have popped up. One of the most interesting and fun things we can do is change up the information and stories you can visit in the gallery.

First off, we're swapping the National Register Property exhibit from the Kline Sanitarium to Colonial Hall. Not only do we have a booklet ready to go with much more in-depth information on this property, but you can see a "2-Minute History" video about the building on our website. This information coupled with some artifacts from the Doctors Aldrich will certainly tell a story close to home in Anoka.

Just down the road in Ramsey, many will remember the BBQ of now-legendary Dan Laws. While we've had the mural wall up for some time now and produced a QCTV episode on the restaurant, we thought it time to add in some new photos that were donated to the collection and freshen up the text panels a bit. Small changes, but one that will make your experience just that much fuller.

As the Board of Directors embarks on the Facing Change diversity initiative, we can take advantage of the opportunity to create space for discussion. What better place to do that than in a school house? We're packing away the student desks and cheerleading uniform to make space for an evolving exhibit on what it looks like to not be...you. Whatever that may be—dyslexic, handicapped, blind, deaf, or one of a variety of genders, races, or ethnicities. We would like to know how you define "diversity" and how ACHS can embody all geography, economic classes, ages, and education levels.



## *We're In This Together*

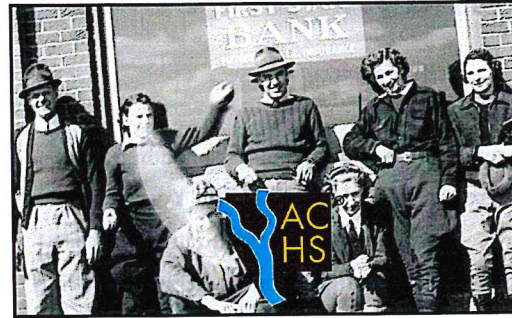
Well, it happened! The documentary premiered to national and state audiences on August 18. Right there on your television screens! Wait, you missed it? You mean you were watching the Vikings instead? Never fear! Visit our website under the Veterans Voice section or [TPT.org/AnokaCounty](http://TPT.org/AnokaCounty) to find the digital version on-demand anytime you would like to watch. If you still like the idea of TV, you can tune in September 11 at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. when it will be re-run.

We would like to extend a “thank you” to the Red Bulls and Minnesota State Fair folks, along with other organizers of Military Appreciation Day who invited us to not only have a booth to discover more stories, but also a program time on the Dan Patch stage. TPT also took the time to record family stories in preparation for Veterans Day and showed our documentary again in the evening for those visiting their booth.

We would love to share this production with other groups to enrich the conversation between military personnel and civilians. Think of it like a book club meeting, but with a video! This would fit well with social groups, clubs, churches, YMCA, or as a community forum. Add in some refreshments and great questions (we can provide some to get you going) and let the chatting commence. If you're up for it, record the sessions or take some notes and submit them to ACHS. We would love to know how everyone is talking about deployments, family, and their impact on community.







This has been a busy summer and we tackled it with gusto thanks to the many volunteers who helped. You showed up to lend a hand at Anoka's Riverfest, the Fridley Home & Garden Tour, the Anoka County Fair, the Nowthen Threshing Show as well as heading out on your own to lead oral history interviews, and digging into projects at the History Center.

The short answer is: we couldn't have made the impact in the community we did without your help. Because of you, people who never knew that ACHS existed have come for their first visit. Because of you, the items in the collection are accessible to more people. Because of you we are a better organization.

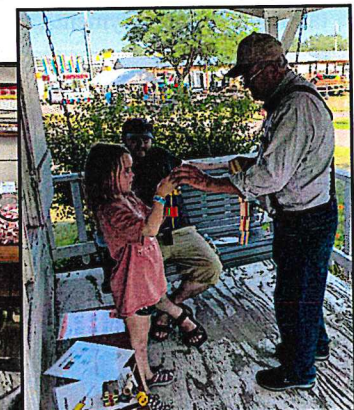
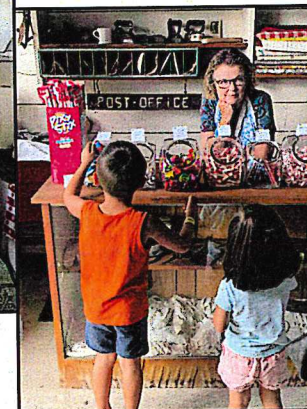
With nearly **1,000 HOURS** of volunteer muscle, time, sweat, laughter and fun accumulated over the **THREE MONTHS** of summer there is no **THANK YOU** big enough. You are appreciated!

Check out some of the fun I captured of you hard at work.

Sara Given  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Sara@AnokaCountyHistory.org



Left & Middle: Aurora, Elise, and Linda selling candy at the Nowthen Threshing Show.



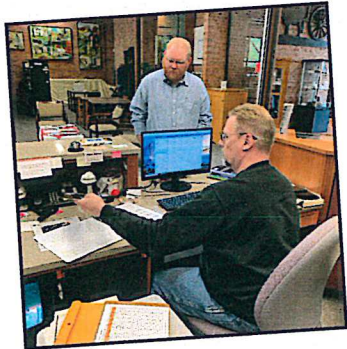
Right: Dennis Berg, ACHS President, playing games at the County Fair.



The blue crew! We promise people wear other colors too.



Left: Ryan transcribing oral history interviews. He's currently working on one from Charles L. Horn Jr. Middle: Jane helping patrons with a research question. Right: Intern Joshua working with Audra to accession new items to the collection.



Left: Johannes checking out his first book to history center regular Bryce.



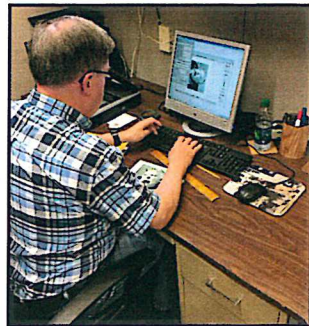
Right: Rich setting up the new Philo Room screen and showing off its mirroring capabilities.

Below: Alison clipping Anoka County news for our newspaper files.



Above: Rosanne taking a break from entering records into our database to arrange beautiful flowers.

Below: Photo sleuth Dave solving mysteries and scanning photographs into our database.



**General Donations**

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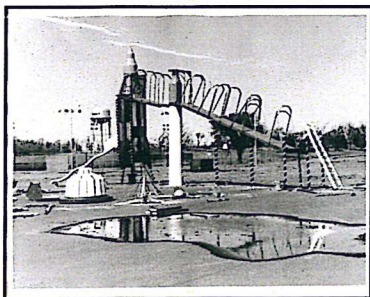
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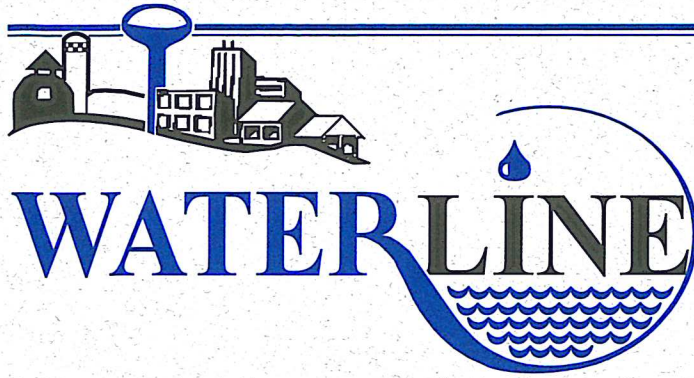
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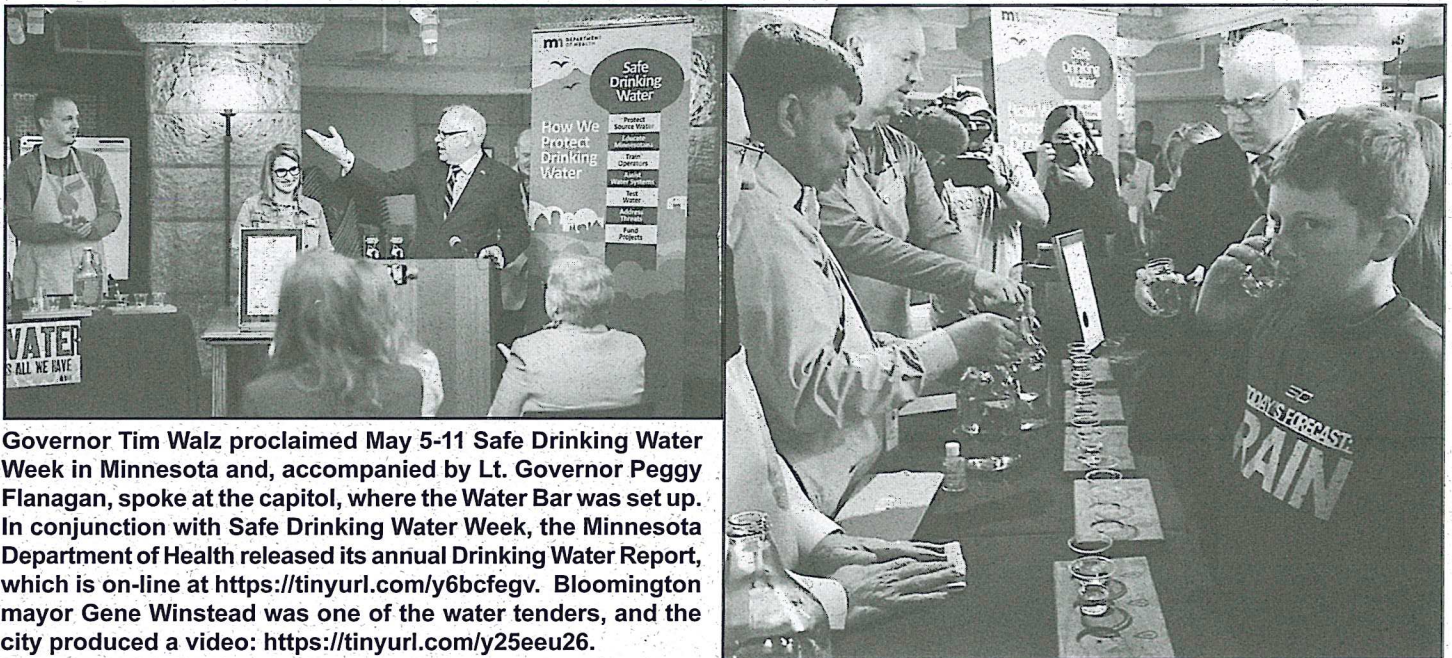




NEWS AND INFORMATION

FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS IN MINNESOTA

## Governor Walz Proclaims Safe Drinking Water Week in Minnesota



Governor Tim Walz proclaimed May 5-11 Safe Drinking Water Week in Minnesota and, accompanied by Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, spoke at the capitol, where the Water Bar was set up. In conjunction with Safe Drinking Water Week, the Minnesota Department of Health released its annual Drinking Water Report, which is on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/y6bcfegv>. Bloomington mayor Gene Winstead was one of the water tenders, and the city produced a video: <https://tinyurl.com/y25eeu26>.

## Service Connection Fee to Increase January 1, 2020

The Minnesota Legislature has voted to increase the safe drinking water fee (also known as the service connection fee) to \$9.72 cents per year per service connection.

The fee was established in 1992; it directed each municipal water system to collect and forward the funds to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to cover the cost of testing public water systems as well as for inspections, source water protection plans, and technical assistance to the 7,000 public water systems in the state.

Originally \$5.21, the fee was increased to \$6.36 in 2005. Since that time, inflation alone has raised costs 28 percent while additional challenges have arisen, such as addressing new threats to drinking water, like pharmaceuticals and harmful algal blooms. MDH temporarily made up the difference by using money from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water Revolving Fund, leaving less money for communities to make infrastructure improvements.

“With the fee increase, we will be able to continue our proactive approach to drinking water protection,” said Sandeep Burman, manager of the MDH Drinking Water Protection Section. “This approach, including sampling and technical assistance, results in 99 percent compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act year after year.”

Burman noted that MDH services are especially helpful to small, rural water systems, which have more difficulty meeting water standards. Because of smaller customer bases, these systems have fewer resources for testing, investigations, and physical improvements.

“The safe drinking water fee increase,” Burman added, “along with our strong relationships with drinking water operators and partnerships with other organizations, will continue to help us ensure that everyone, everywhere in Minnesota has access to safe and sufficient drinking water.”

The fee increase will go into effect January 1, 2020.

More information: <https://tinyurl.com/yxk37e3a>.

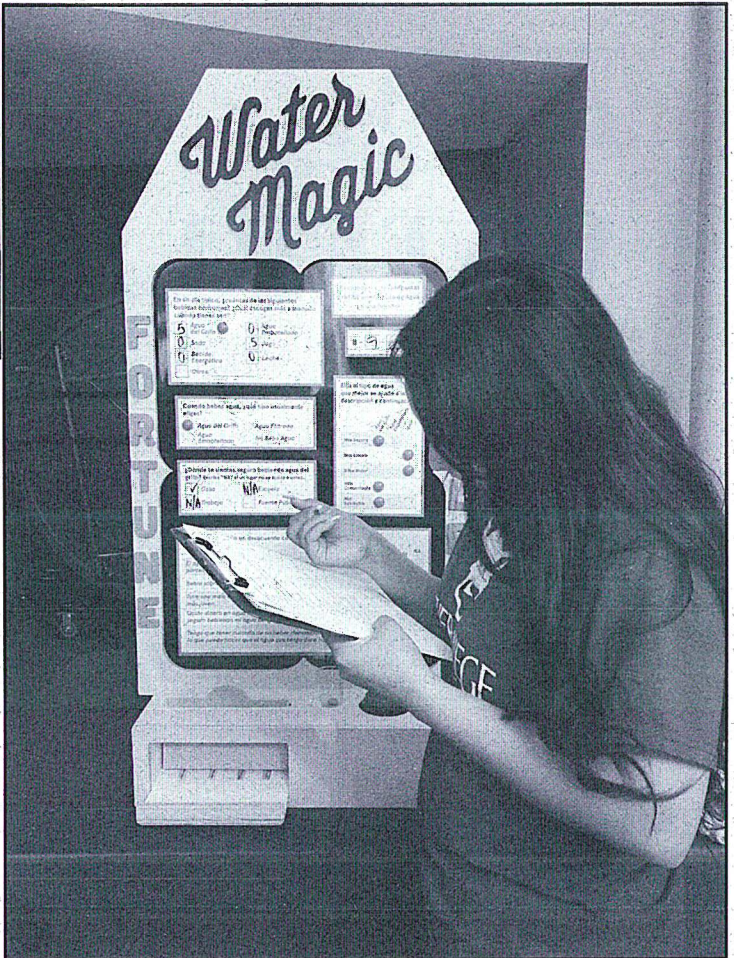


## Minneapolis Launches ReThink Your Drink

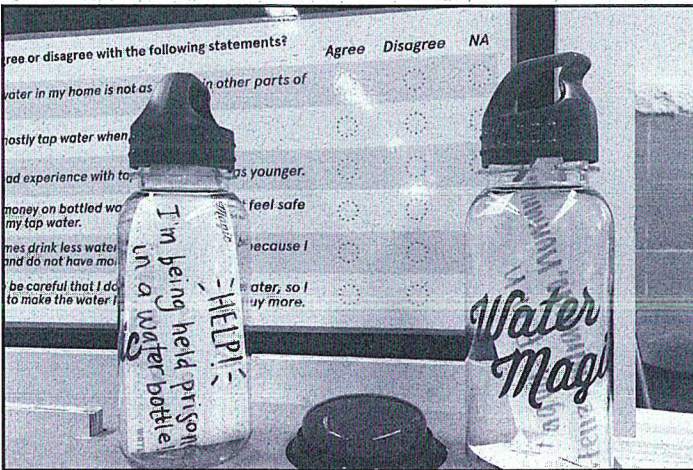


The Minneapolis Health Department has been suggesting tap water as a healthy alternative to drinks with sugar for its kids. However, it was encountering concerns about the safety of Minneapolis's water. "It was evident within certain cultural communities," said Moriah Maternoski of the health department, who noted that it was especially the case with people who had come from places where the water wasn't safe to drink.

The health department began working with Minneapolis Water Works and other partners, including the University of Minnesota and Water Bar, to emphasize the safety of



Minneapolis water. *ReThink Your Drink, Every Sip Counts!* is the name of the campaign, which includes a "Water Magic Fortune Teller" that the health department designed with Water Bar. Young people answer questions and receive a reusable water bottle to fill and refill with tap water. *ReThink Your Drink* has a Facebook page as well as a web site with more information: <https://rethinkyourdrink.minneapolismn.gov>.



## New Addresses for Minnesota Department of Health Water Websites

The Minnesota Department of Health has moved its web files to a new server. Be sure to update your bookmarks. The main MDH drinking water page is at:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/dwp.html>

## MDH Issues Fact Sheet on Operator Exposure of Radon at Water Treatment Plants

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that has no color, odor, or taste and comes from the breakdown of radium-226. Radon may be released from areas with radium accumulation, soil gases, sludge, or water. It can travel easily through cracks in concrete or poorly sealed doors and disperses quickly into the atmosphere. Radon is commonly found in the basements of many homes in Minnesota.

Radon may also be found in water treatment plants that remove radium, and, as a result, water operators may be exposed to elevated concentrations of airborne radon within the treatment plant. The long-term health risk of breathing radon is lung cancer.

The Minnesota Department of Health has develop a fact sheet on the topic to help treatment plant employees protect themselves:

Radon and Operator Safety in Drinking Water Treatment Plants

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/radonsafety.html>



## STEM Committee Receives AWWA Section Education Award



The Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association (AWWA) has been selected as the 2019 AWWA Section Education Award recipient for the newly created STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Initiative.

Carol Kaszynski, chair of the Minnesota AWWA STEM Committee, accepted the award at the AWWA convention in Denver in June.

The award recognizes efforts that educate water industry personnel, the public, students, and other groups about water and that disseminate guidelines that will enable other AWWA sections to conduct comparable education activities.

The Minnesota STEM Committee has provided easy-to-use material for cities, state and metropolitan agencies, engineering firms, and vendors/contractors throughout Minnesota. The STEM Committee created and is testing a "presentation in a box" to promote career opportunities within the water/wastewater industries.

The intent of the material is to provide professional documents as well as exercises for staff members, consultants, and vendors when participating in events, such as open houses and career fairs.



Another partnership that was formed was with the MN Brewery Running Series. The goal was to share information regarding safe drinking water with the community. Students from the WETT (Water Environment Technology) program from St. Cloud Technical College volunteered their time to engage with the community and hand out water to the runners.

In addition to Kaszynski, the STEM Committee consists of Martha Burckhardt, Emma Larson, Andrew Ohrt, Kirk Peterson, Bill Spain, Eric Volk, Stew Thornley, and Rick Wahlen.

In 2001, the Minnesota Section of AWWA received this award for the development of *WaterWorks! A Drinking Water Institute for Educators*.

## Mankato Receives AWWA Source Water Protection Award

The city of Mankato received one of only three Exemplary Source Water Protection Awards at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) 2019 Annual Conference & Exposition in Denver in June. The award "demonstrates the highest level of vision, goals, action plans, implementation, and evaluation in the categories of small, medium, and large water systems," according to AWWA.

Kyle Hinrichs, Mankato's water treatment plant superintendent (shown holding the certificate in the photo, along with colleague Stuart Arends), said, "Without AWWA's recognition, there would be little notice of efforts to protect one of our most valuable resources. We need to celebrate what we are doing to protect the source and not just react and treat."

Mankato has two deep wells and two Ranney wells that are under the water table of the Minnesota and Blue Earth rivers. The Ranney wells are the ones that cause concern about nitrate from upstream runoff.



Hinrichs says their plans include monitoring of the incoming water from the river and sharing the information with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, giving that organization more data points for its studies.

Hinrichs recommends involving state and local officials in source water protection planning. "They have resources and knowledge that your municipality may not and are eager to share," he said, noting that Mankato benefited from outside expertise in grant writing and well sealing.

In addition to developing a comprehensive nitrate trend monitoring program, Mankato's source water protection implementation strategies include creating a program for abandoned well sealing, performing public education, and initiating a water conservation and reuse program.

Mankato had previously received an award for source water protection at the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference in 2018.

### Words to Live By

*Ego is just an overdressed insecurity.*

—Quincy Jones



## Cloquet Moves Forward with Manganese Removal

Twenty miles southwest of Duluth, Cloquet serves as the gateway to the Mesabi Iron Range. Its water utility serves approximately 11,000 in Cloquet and neighboring Scanlon, with another 2,000 people in the vicinity using private wells.

The city once drew water from the St. Louis River, although in the early part of the 20th century it converted to wells. Cloquet now has five wells—ranging from 68 to 120 feet deep—which have chlorine and fluoride added along with phosphate for corrosion control and Clearitas, which is added to enhance the chlorine, help prevent disinfection byproducts, and reduce rusty water.

Recently, the city shut down one of its five wells because of manganese levels around 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/L). Manganese, which is naturally occurring, has a secondary (non-health based) maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 0.05 mg/L for issues related to taste and discoloring of the water.

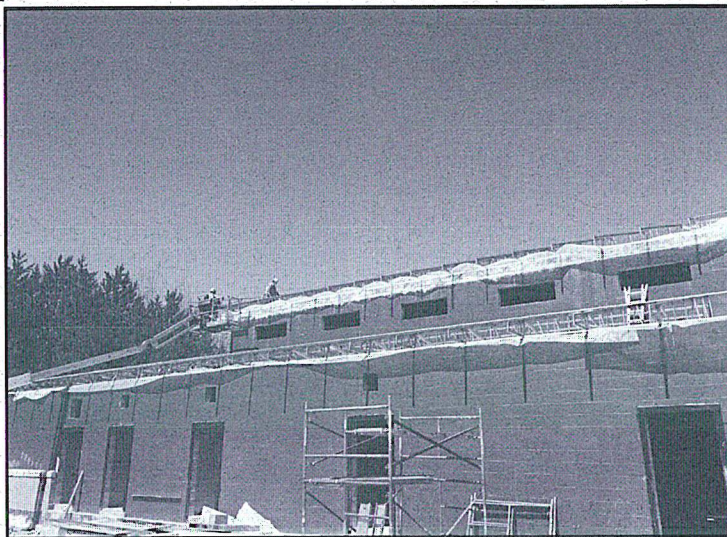
Manganese does not have a primary (enforceable) MCL, but the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has issued a health-based value of 0.1 mg/L. “Infants less than 1 year old are more sensitive to manganese and should only drink water, or water mixed with formula, that is 0.1 mg/L or less to avoid negative health effects,” said Sarah Johnson, supervisor for the Health Risk Assessment Unit at MDH. “Adults and older children should drink water with less than 0.3 mg/L to prevent negative health effects.” The 0.3 mg/L limit is a health advisory set by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Health-based values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment and may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for a water system to meet.

As a result of the advisories, Cloquet not only took Well 8 out of service, it began making plans to construct a new water treatment plant. Caleb Peterson, director of Cloquet Public Works, said even though it was not required to take action, it decided to move forward to make sure its customers were protected and to be ready in case future regulations caused them to treat for manganese.

“It [manganese] has always been a source of aesthetic complaints,” Peterson said. “The health advisory spurred us to take action.”

Even while it was shut down, Well 8 was still available for emergency purposes as well as fire protection, if needed. “That’s our big producer,” said Peterson of the well, which draws 650 gallons of water per minute (gpm). Located approximately 500 yards from the plant site, just west of Minn. Hwy. 33, Well 8 is the only one of the city’s sources feeding the new plant.



It is possible that Well 11, which has had lower detections of manganese, may later have its own water plant. Well 6, right next to the new plant, has not had any manganese detections, and that was also the case with the other two sources, Well 1 and the Spring Lake Reservoir, which is just to the south of the plant.

The Spring Lake Reservoir is bottomless in that it has a roof and concrete walls but no base. Spring water infiltrates from below. “The static level is above the bottom of the reservoir,” said John Thom of Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, the engineering firm that designed the new plant. “It is a confined system and not considered to be groundwater under the influence of surface water.”

The reservoir also receives water from Well 1, about a quarter-mile away. This water will not be treated at the new plant initially, but it’s possible that it could be connected in the future. Part of the new plant construction includes an adjacent 245,000 gallon clearwell. Kevin Young of SEH explained that the clearwell was constructed with baffles to promote plug flow and increase disinfection contact time for the water in case the Spring Lake Reservoir is ever considered to be groundwater under the influence of surface water, which would require treatment. Young said diffusion walls could also be added to increase the clearwell baffling factor, if necessary.

The treatment plant will be able to handle 1,000 gallons per minute, well more than the output from Well 8. “This is extra capacity built in for treating Spring Lake Reservoir or another future well,” said Young.

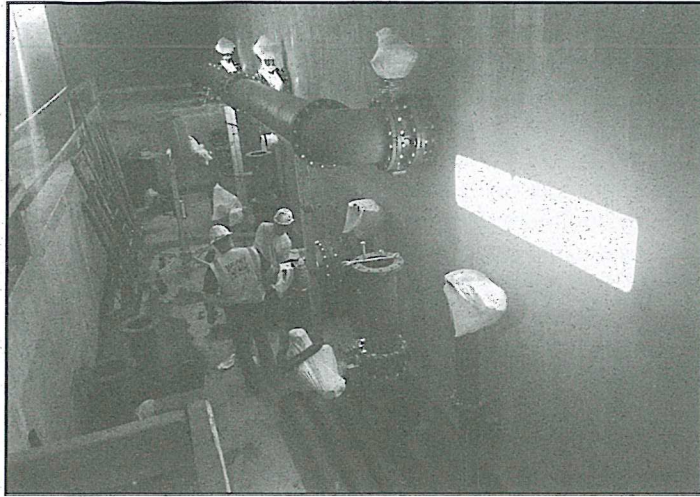
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**The new treatment plant has concrete gravity filters.**



## Waterworks Quiz



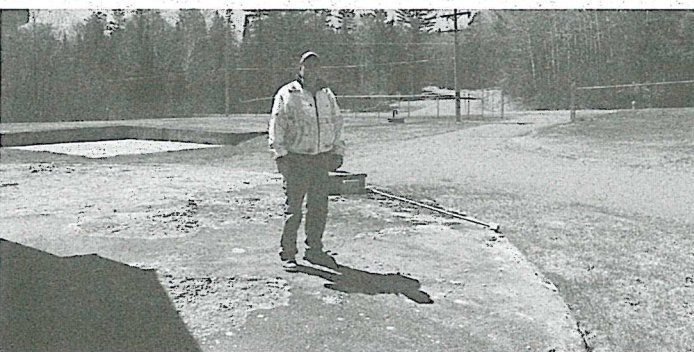
**Installation of the high-service pumps at the new plant.**

The plant will have three concrete gravity filters. Other components of the project include a concrete clearwell, backwash holding tank, and detention tank; process pumps, a well pump and motor, chemical feed system; process piping, fittings, and valves; instrumentation and controls; and a watermain and sanitary sewer.

The project began in the summer of 2016 when Cloquet completed a pilot study for a filter plant and received a \$6,300 grant from the Minnesota Department of Health for a well exploration study, which was used to determine the feasibility of well replacement as an alternative to treatment in the future.

The following year the city applied for a loan through the state's Drinking Water Revolving Fund to construct a manganese removal plant for its existing groundwater sources and began the design work for a new treatment plant, which is being completed in the fall of 2019. The total project cost is \$7.58 million.

Not affected by the new plant is water drawn from Lake Superior and piped more than 20 miles and used as process water by Sappi Paper Mill. Approximately 50 years old, this pipeline at one time also served residents in communities along the route. However, new EPA rules in the 1990s required all drinking water from surface sources to be filtered, and the residents had to disconnect from the pipeline. Grants were made available to help these people drill private wells.



**Tim Johnson by the building with the high-service pumps at the Spring Lake Reservoir. Behind Johnson is the reservoir, which fills from the spring through infiltration from the bottom. It also takes water from Well No. 1, which is a quarter-mile up the road in the background.**

1. Which of the following must be checked when doing maintenance on pneumatic controllers?
  - a. air supply availability
  - b. limit switch setting
  - c. pulse sensor clearance
  - d. purge water
  
2. In establishing permanent "ties" or references to a buried valve, what is the poorest reference point from which to measure?
  - a. building foundation
  - b. manhole
  - c. property corner
  - d. tree
  
3. Which of the following well types is most protected from surface contamination?
  - a. artesian well
  - b. infiltration gallery
  - c. rock well
  - d. shallow well
  
4. A chlorinated water with the highest concentration of hypochlorous acid has a pH of
  - a. 5
  - b. 9.4
  - c. 6.9
  - d. 11

*Answers on page 6.*

## MDH Issues Press Release on Home Water Treatment Scams

Based on concerns expressed by several water utilities, the Minnesota Department of Health again issued a press release to alert citizens to water treatment scams.

Rick Wahlen, manager of utility operations for Eden Prairie, described some recent experiences of consumers in his community with home water treatment companies.

Sandeep Burman of MDH noted that many people and families may choose to install home water treatment for a variety of reasons. "We would just urge them to be cautious when purchasing a water treatment unit."

The information has been picked up and disseminated by a number of news organizations.

Read the press release: <https://health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2019/water070119.html>.

MDH also has a web page on the topic: <https://health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/beware.html>.



## Funds for Minnesota Water Research Begin to Flow

The Minnesota Water Research Fund (MWRF), established in 2015 by Bernie R. Bullert, is providing support for water research done by faculty and students in the University of Minnesota's Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geo-Engineering. The researchers work in areas related to water resources management and water treatment. The benefits of the Minnesota Water Research Fund are compounded: the funded research projects lead to solutions for water quality problems and future engineers are trained to serve the industries thoughtfully, with a long term view of water management and treatment.

Bullert is a respected regional and national leader in water and wastewater engineering. Early in his career, Bullert saw the benefits that come from scientific study and careful application of the results. So he initiated research programs in the water utility departments of both Minneapolis and St. Paul, and he influenced the Metropolitan Council to sponsor research.

Already over 25 individuals and organizations have joined Bullert in supporting the Minnesota Water Research Fund and awards are being distributed to support research. Recent projects include an innovative approach to nitrogen removal in wastewater treatment plants, study of conditions ("pre-cursors") that lead to an unintended byproduct (N-nitrosodimethylamine or NDMA) of water disinfection processes using chloramines, and a new wastewater treatment approach to treat high-strength wastewater that can generate clean water and clean energy.

Bullert envisions that advances from this research will help guide critical water infrastructure decisions and investments across the state of Minnesota, particularly in small communities where funds for water research, training, and education are scarce.

Read more about Bernie Bullert's background and his vision: [http://www.cege.umn.edu/news-events/in-the-news/Fall2016\\_CEGEmag\\_online/BernieBullert.html](http://www.cege.umn.edu/news-events/in-the-news/Fall2016_CEGEmag_online/BernieBullert.html).

## Minnesota AWWA to Host Water Plant Safety and Security Workshop

Minnesota AWWA will host a workshop on water plant safety and security Thursday, December 5 at the Bloomington Public Works building, 1700 West 98th Street (parking in the Civic Plaza Building lot, across the street to the south). The workshop will include speakers from the Department

of Homeland Security on active shooter, hometown security, and cybersecurity.

The training is \$60 (\$70 after November 21). Participants will receive six contact hours.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y6hyxqqd>.

## October 29 Training on Complying with America's Water Infrastructure Act

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be holding a training session Tuesday, October 29 to provide drinking water utilities with detailed information on America's Water Infrastructure Act, Sections 2013 and 2018. The training will cover the new risk assessment and emergency response plan requirements. Participants will learn how to use the updated Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool to conduct the risk assessment and the new Emergency Response Plan Guidance and Template to develop and/or update an emergency response plan. They will also be informed on the final certification process as well as new emergency spill notification requirements and chemical inventory data availability. All water system managers and key personnel representing water systems with populations greater than 3,300 are strongly encouraged to register for this important training event. Those wishing to attend the training in person or via webinar must register by October 22, 2019. When registering, select one of the following options:

- Attend the meeting in person at the EPA Region 5 office in Chicago. There are a limited number of spots available.
- Attend the meeting via webinar with your respective state. Instructions for accessing the webinar will be sent to registered attendees prior to the meeting.

Register using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-region-5-risk-assessment-emergency-response-plan-training-registration-62327669738>.

Community water systems serving more than 3,300 people must complete a risk and resilience assessment and emergency response plan. More information: <https://tinyurl.com/y65jo7yr>.

### More Words to Live By

*Believe those who are seeking the truth; doubt those who find it.*

—André Gide

*Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even when you wish they were.*

*You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.*

*To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*

## Answers to Waterworks Quiz

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## MDH to Reduce Printed Copies of *Waterline*

The Minnesota Department of Health will be reducing the number of printed copies of the *Waterline*. In addition to the printed copies, the *Waterline* is on-line at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/waterline/index.html>.

The archives on this site include links to newsletters from the previous three years.

Many subscribers have opted out of print versions and read it on-line after getting an email notification when a new one is issued along with a link to it.

If you would like to receive the *Waterline* in this manner, sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6a9rzwj>. (A link to subscribe is also on the link for the page in the first paragraph.)

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### *Past Newsletters Archived at wateroperator.org*

The Minnesota Department of Health is archiving past issues of the *Waterline* for only the previous three years at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/waterline/index.html>. However, [wateroperator.org](http://wateroperator.org) is hosting past issues back to 1997. To access these, go to <http://wateroperator.org/documents>. Select the following filter criteria: HOST – Minnesota Department of Health; TYPE – Newsletters/Magazines; STATE – Minnesota. Click the “Retrieve Documents” button.

## Water in Demand at Minnesota United Games

The good news is people want tap water.

The people include fans who are turning out in masses for Minnesota United games at the new soccer stadium in St. Paul. The bad news is the stadium isn't able to keep up with the demand.

Fans at a June 29 game found long lines to refill their

reusable water bottles, KSTP-TV reported (<https://tinyurl.com/yxr3y6g4>). The team brought in portable water tanks and may be planning further measures, although calls to the team to learn more about their plans have not been returned. Concerned fans may call Minnesota United at 763-476-2237 and encourage them to add hydration stations.

## Reminder to All Water Operators

When submitting water samples for analyses, remember to do the following:

- Take coliform samples on the distribution system, not at the wells or entry points.
- Write the Date Collected, Time Collected, and Collector's Name on the laboratory request form.
- Attach the label to each bottle (do not attach labels to the lab form).
- Include laboratory request forms with submitted samples.
- Use something other than a rollerball or gel pen (the ink may run).
- Consult your monitoring plan(s) prior to collecting required compliance samples.

Notify your Minnesota Department of Health district engineer of any changes to your systems.

If you have questions, call the Minnesota Department of Health contact on the back of all sample instruction forms.





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## CALENDAR

### Minnesota Section, American Water Works Association

\*September 4, Southwest Water Operators School, City of Mankato Intergovernmental Center. Contact Kyle Hinrichs, 507-387-8588.

September 18-21, Annual Conference, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. Contact Rob Isabel, 651-252-3716.

\*October 11, Southeast Water Operators School, Cabela's, Owatonna. Contact Doug Klamerus, 651-704-9970, ext. 2952.

October 16, Central Water Operators School, St. John's University, Collegeville. Contact Kim Larsen, 320-223-7330.

\*October 22-24, Northwest Water Operators School, Holiday Inn Lakefront, Detroit Lakes. Contact Dan Portlock, 218-329-3875.

#### Information for all district schools, including agendas:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/water/wateroperator/trng/schoolagendas.html>

### Suburban Utility Superintendents Association (SUSA)

\*October 23, Maple Grove. Contact Joe Hansen, 763-593-8038.

### Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA)

Contact Bob Klug, 800-367-6792.

\*September 30-October 2, Certification Exam Refresher, St. Cloud

\*October 9, Operation & Maintenance, Chatfield

\*November 6, Operation & Maintenance, Wells

**\*Includes a water operator certification exam.**

*For an up-to-date list of events, see the training calendar on the MDH web site:*

[http://health.state.mn.us/water/wateroperator/trng/wat\\_op\\_sched.html](http://health.state.mn.us/water/wateroperator/trng/wat_op_sched.html)