

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81ST AVENUE N.E.
AGENDA
June 6, 2016
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2016
 - B. Request for Payment No. 3 – Lift Station No. 1 – Meyer Contracting
 - C. Contractor’s Licenses
 - D. Sign Permit
 - E. Correspondence
7. PRESENTATION
 - A. Ladder Truck Presentation – Fire Chief Smith
8. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
9. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Accept Joyce Swanson Resignation
 - B. Authorize Recruitment of Liquor Store Manager Position
 - C. Approve Job Descriptions for Liquor Store Manager, Liquor Store Assistant Manager and Liquor Store Clerk
11. ENGINEER’S REPORT
12. ATTORNEY’S REPORT
13. REPORTS
14. OTHER
 - A. Administrator Reports
15. ADJOURN

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

RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

**Limited to 5 minutes per person to state their concern.

**Action: Council direction to staff for resolution or take this matter under advisement for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Advise audience that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive citizen input on the proposal to (name of 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 an 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, except in cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced. The spokesperson should identify the audience group her/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 state any new facts they may have within the 3 minutes allotted. Please be specific and to the point.

** Everyone will be given the opportunity to express their agreement or disagreement even if they have no new points to make. (This is not a time to debate the issue.)

** People wishing to speak twice will be given 2 minutes to comment on any new facts brought forward since the last time they spoke.

Following public input, the Council will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.

The public hearing will then be adjourned with the Council taking the matter under advisement until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. At the next regular meeting, the Council will debate the issue, if necessary, state their positions and make a decision. 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 May 16, 2016 at the Spring Lake Park Community Center, 1301 81st Avenue N.E., at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmembers Mason, Nash, Nelson, Wendling and Mayor Hansen

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief Ebeltoft; Building Official Brainard; Public Works Director Randall; Attorney Thames; Engineer Gravel; Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall; Administrator Buchholtz and Executive Assistant Gooden

Visitors: Dave Singh, 8443 University Avenue NE

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

Administrator Buchholtz asked that Item I, Contractor's Request for Payment No. 1, and New Business Item, a Special Event Permit be added to the agenda.

5. Discussion From The Floor - None

6. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Hansen reviewed the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2016
- B. Disbursements
 1. General Fund Disbursement Claim No. 16-07 -- \$523,135.58
 2. Liquor Fund Disbursement Claim No. 16-08 -- \$178,107.30
- C. Budget to Date/Statement of Fund Balance
- D. Exempt Gambling Permit – Mounds View Community Theater, June 12, 2016
- E. Master Subscribers Agreement for MN Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies
- F. Contractor's License
- G. Sign Permit
- H. Correspondence
- I. Contractor's Request for Payment No. 1 – Allied Blacktop Co.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NASH APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Presentation

A. Mayor's Proclamation – Public Works Week, May 15-21, 2016

Mayor Hansen read a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2015 as Public Works Week in the city of Spring Lake Park.

B. Mayor's Proclamation – National Police Week, May 15-21, 2016

Mayor Hansen read a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2016 as National Police Week in the city of Spring Lake Park.

8. Police Report

Police Chief Ebeltoft reviewed the April 2016 department statistics.

Chief Ebeltoft stated that the Police Department responded to four hundred two calls for service for the month of April 2016 compared to four hundred forty six calls for service in April 2015.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the Spring Lake Park Police Department deployed the "Speed Trailer" at sixteen different locations throughout the city to help remind the residents and those driving in the community of their speeds while operating a motor vehicle

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the Police Department participated in the "National Prescription Drug Take Back Program" on April 30, 2016. He reported that approximately one hundred fifty eight pounds of prescription drug were accepted and turned over to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for destroying. He stated that because of the successful drop off day, a permanent drop box will be located at City Hall for residents to utilize and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office is willing to occur the cost for the destruction of the drugs.

Chief Ebeltoft reported, in addition to addressing the day-to-day operations of the Department, he attended numerous meetings throughout the month representing Spring Lake Park Police Department and the City of Spring Lake Park.

9. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall reviewed the April 2016 department statistics. Ms. Rygwall reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met and reviewed softball dates and rule changes.

Ms. Rygwall stated that staff had a busy month preparing softball teams, hiring summer help and working on summer programs. She reported that Recreation Programmer Kay Okey hosted her first trip to Memphis and received great feedback from the travelers. She stated that staff has also been busy organizing Tower Days applications and ordering car magnets and banners for the parade. Ms. Rygwall reminded residents to purchase their Tower Days button at the various locations in the city.

10. New BusinessA. Special Event Permit

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the City has received a special event permit application from Infinity Automotive (8443 University Avenue NE) for a grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 10 AM – 2 PM. He stated that the events include a band, an 80-100 vehicle car show and a taco truck. He reported that Infinity Automotive has stated that they have received permission from Industrial Ladder and Supply to utilize their parking lot, however; the city has not received confirmation of this from Industrial Ladder.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that staff is supportive of efforts of our businesses to promote themselves however; there are a number of public safety concerns associated with the proposal. He reported that staff is recommending approval of the special use permit with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must present a signed letter from the owner of the property at 8437 University Avenue (Industrial Ladder and Supply), granting permission to the applicant to park vehicles during the event.
2. Applicant must provide parking attendants to guide traffic flow. Parking attendants must be readily identifiable- wearing safety vests and utilizing parking safety wands and must be present for the duration of the event.
3. Food truck shall be properly licensed and insured.
4. The on-site music must comply with the City's noise ordinance (Section 153.100, Spring Lake Park City Code). The speakers must be pointed away from any abutting residential properties.
5. No event parking shall occur on University Avenue Service Drive.
6. Applicant shall provide a site layout showing the location of the car show, stage and food truck to the Chief of Police no less than seven days prior to the event. The size of the event shall be limited to what can be accommodated by off-street parking at 8443 University Avenue NE. Site layout shall accommodate an emergency vehicle to access the building.
7. Applicant shall provide adequate restroom facilities (portable toilets or access to restrooms in building) for event.
8. Applicant shall provide a plan addressing adverse weather or a catastrophic event to the Chief of Police no less than seven days prior to the event.

Councilmember Nelson asked the applicant if he was in agreement with the conditions and had any questions. Mr. Singh stated that he is comfortable with the conditions and the car show will only have 30 entries. He stated that he has received permission to park vehicles in the restaurant parking lot down the street and the jazz band, Blue Dog, has been confirmed for the event.

Mr. Singh reported that he will talk with the surrounding neighbors to make them aware of the event and what the plans will be for the event. He asked if an alternate rain date could be added to the permit. Administrator Buchholtz stated that if the Councilmembers are comfortable with the conditions then an amendment could be added to include an alternative date. Councilmember Nelson stated he is comfortable with that amendment as long as the alternate event date does not interfere with Tower Days.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MASON TO APPROVE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR INFINITY AUTOMOTIVE FOR EVENT ON JUNE 4, 2016 WITH AN ALTERNATIVE DATE, IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, NOT TO INTERFERE WITH TOWER DAYS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Engineer's Report

Engineer Gravel reported that the Lift Station No.1 project will be completed by the end of the month. Councilmember Wendling inquired if a fence will be around the station. Mr. Gravel stated there will not be one.

12. Attorney's Report - None13. Reports

Councilmember Nelson reported that he attended Stan Kowalski's 90th birthday celebration and there was a great turnout. He reported that the Mayor read a proclamation honoring Mr. Kowalski and his accomplishments.

14. OtherA. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz reported that the Comprehensive Plan amendments have been submitted to the Metropolitan Council. He reminded the Council of important upcoming dates and events that he attended this past month.

15. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Cindy Hansen, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer



May 17, 2016

City of Spring Lake Park
Attn: Mr. Dan Buchholtz
1301 Eighty-First Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432-2188

Reference: Sanitary Lift Station No. 1 Reconstruction
City of Spring Lake Park
Stantec File No.: 193803115
Contractor's Request for Payment No. 3

Dear Mr. Buchholtz:

Transmitted herewith are four (4) copies of Contractor's Request for Payment No. 3 for the above referenced project in the amount of \$531,394.56. This request is for work performed over the last month. Work included in this pay request are for continued mobilization and traffic control work, subgrade prep and class 5 install on roadway and access, and generator and control panel installations. The new station was run with the new generator for power on Tuesday, May 10th.

The work on this project has been satisfactorily completed and we recommend payment at this time. Should you have any questions regarding this request for payment, please feel free to call me at 651-604-4881.

Sincerely,

Stantec

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy L. Grinstead".

Timothy L. Grinstead, P.E.

Enclosure: Contractor's Request for Payment No. 3

Cc: Jerry Monger - Meyer Contracting, Inc.
file



Owner: City of Spring Lake Park, 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake, MN 55432-2116	Date: May 16, 2016
For Period: 04/14/2016 to 05/13/2016	Request No: 3
Contractor: Meyer Contracting, Inc. 11000 93rd Avenue No, Maple Grove, MN 55369	

CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
 SANITARY LIFT STATION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT
 STANTEC PROJECT NO. 193803115

SUMMARY

1	Original Contract Amount		\$	<u>650,060.85</u>
2	Change Order - Addition	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
3	Change Order - Deduction	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
4	Revised Contract Amount		\$	<u>650,060.85</u>
5	Value Completed to Date		\$	<u>588,691.85</u>
6	Material on Hand		\$	<u>0.00</u>
7	Amount Earned		\$	<u>588,691.85</u>
8	Less Retainage 5%		\$	<u>29,434.59</u>
9	Subtotal		\$	<u>559,257.26</u>
10	Less Amount Paid Previously		\$	<u>505,862.70</u>
11	Liquidated damages -		\$	<u>0.00</u>
12	AMOUNT DUE THIS REQUEST FOR PAYMENT NO.	<u>3</u>	\$	<u>53,394.56</u>

Recommended for Approval by:
STANTEC



Approved by Contractor:
MEYER CONTRACTING, INC.



Approved by Owner:
CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Specified Contract Completion Date:

Date:

No.	Item	Unit	Contract Quantity	Unit Price	Current Quantity	Quantity to Date	Amount to Date
BASE BID:							
PART 1 - SITE IMPROVEMENTS:							
1	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$32,500.00	0,4	0,90	\$29,250.00
2	TRAFFIC CONTROL	LS	1	\$2,400.00	0,4	0,90	\$2,160.00
3	ABANDON SANITARY FORCEMAIN SEWER PIPE	LF	70	\$26.00		70	\$1,820.00
4	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING LIFT STATION	LS	1	\$12,038.00			\$0.00
5	TEMPORARY CONVEYANCE OF SANITARY SEWAGE	LS	1	\$3,386.00	1	1	\$3,386.00
6	REMOVE BITUMINOUS DRIVEWAY	SY	65	\$8.90		65,0	\$578.50
7	REMOVE CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER	LF	100	\$4.60		100	\$460.00
8	REMOVE BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	SY	155	\$8.90		155	\$1,379.50
9	REMOVE SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PIPE	LF	60	\$88.25		60	\$5,295.00
10	GRUB TREE TRUNK	EA	2	\$560.00		1	\$560.00
11	SALVAGE AND REINSTALL SIGN	EA	1	\$300.00			\$0.00
12	ADJUST FRAME AND RING CASTING	EA	1	\$502.50			\$0.00
13	SAWING BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT	LF	105	\$2.50		105	\$262.50
14	SUBGRADE EXCAVATION (EV)	CY	50	\$30.00	50	50	\$1,500.00
15	PREMIUM TOPSOIL BORROW (LV)	CY	100	\$23.00			\$0.00
16	STREET SWEEPER WITH PICK UP BROOM WITH OPERATOR	HR	10	\$112.00			\$0.00
17	WATER FOR DUST CONTROL	1000 GA	5	\$15.00			\$0.00
18	AGGREGATE BASE, CLASS 5	TN	150	\$37.25	150	150	\$5,587.50
19	TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE (2,B)	TN	20	\$150.00			\$0.00
20	TYPE SP 12.5 NON-WEARING COURSE (2,B)	TN	27	\$150.00			\$0.00
21	BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR TACK COAT	GAL	10	\$5.00			\$0.00
22	B618 CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER	LF	76	\$44.00			\$0.00
23	SURMOUNTABLE CURB AND GUTTER	LF	24	\$44.00			\$0.00
24	4" CONCRETE SIDEWALK	SY	50	\$5.00			\$0.00
25	7" COMMERCIAL CONCRETE DRIVEWAY AND APRONS	SY	130	\$91.75			\$0.00
26	SILT FENCE, MACHINE SLICED	LF	300	\$3.00		300	\$900.00
27	SODDING, MINERAL TYPE	SY	175	\$15.00			\$0.00
28	SEEDING, INCL SEED, FERTILIZER AND HYDROMULCH	SY	1000	\$2.50			\$0.00
29	HYDRAULIC SOIL STABILIZER (TEMPORARY HYDROMULCH)	LB	1000	\$1.00			\$0.00
							\$0.00
TOTAL PART 1 - SITE IMPROVEMENTS							\$53,139.00
PART 2 - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:							
30	DEWATERING	LS	1	\$111,912.00		1.0	\$111,912.00
31	TEMPORARY PRE-ENGINEERED EARTH RETENTION SYSTEM	LS	1	\$272,173.85		1.0	\$272,173.85
32	CUSTOM UNDERGROUND PUMP STATION INSTALLATION	LS	1	\$14,096.00	0.2	1.0	\$14,096.00
33	8' DIA. WET WELL, BASE SLAB, TOP SLAB, AND HATCH	LS	1	\$37,729.00		1	\$37,729.00
34	12' x 23' x 1' CONCRETE SLAB FOR LIFT STATION	LS	1	\$13,125.00		1	\$13,125.00
35	PERMANENT ONSITE GENERATOR WITH CONCRETE BASE SLAB INSTALLATION	LS	1	\$5,796.00		1	\$5,796.00
36	LIFT STATION ELECTRICAL AND CONTROL PANEL WITH BASE SLAB INSTALLATION	LS	1	\$10,823.00	1	1	\$10,823.00
37	BYPASS PUMPING	LS	1	\$21,588.00	0.5	0.5	\$10,794.00
38	6" DIP FORCEMAIN	LF	50	\$125.50		50	\$6,275.00
39	6" GATE VALVES	EA	2	\$2,082.00		2	\$4,164.00
40	DUCTILE IRON FITTINGS	LB	350	\$7.50		350	\$2,625.00
41	4' DIAMETER SANITARY MANHOLE, INCLUDING R-1642-B CASTING AND ADJ. RINGS	EA	1	\$10,712.00		1	\$10,712.00
42	6" PVC, SDR 35 SANITARY SEWER SERVICE	LF	27	\$60.00	27	27	\$1,620.00
43	10" DIP SANITARY SEWER PIPE, CL. 53, RESTRICTED TRENCH	LF	58	\$120.00		58	\$6,960.00
44	CONNECT TO EXISTING SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE	EA	1	\$5,840.00		1	\$5,840.00
45	CONNECT TO EXISTING CIP FORCEMAIN	EA	1	\$3,808.00		1	\$3,808.00
46	CONNECT TO EXISTING 6" SANITARY SEWER SERVICE	EA	1	\$1,709.00		1	\$1,709.00
47	4' DIAMETER BY-PASS MANHOLE WITH VALVES	EA	1	\$15,391.00	0,1	1	\$15,391.00
48	IMPROVED PIPE FOUNDATION, PER 6" INCREMENT	LF	90	\$4.30			\$0.00

No.	Item	Contract Unit	Quantity	Unit Price	Current Quantity	Quantity to Date	Amount to Date
	TOTAL PART 2 - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS						\$535,552.85
BASE BID SUMMARY:							
	TOTAL PART 1 - SITE IMPROVEMENTS						\$53,139.00
	TOTAL PART 2 - SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS						\$535,552.85
	TOTAL WORK COMPLETED TO DATE						\$588,691.85

PROJECT PAYMENT STATUS

OWNER CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
 STANTEC PROJECT NO. 193803115
 CONTRACTOR MEYER CONTRACTING, INC.

CHANGE ORDERS

No.	Date	Description	Amount
Total Change Orders			

PAYMENT SUMMARY

No.	From	To	Payment	Retainage	Completed
1	10/26/2015	03/14/2016	238,335.53	12,543.98	250,879.51
2	03/14/2016	04/14/2016	267,527.17	26,624.35	532,487.05
3	04/14/2016	05/13/2016	53,394.56	29,434.59	588,691.85

Material on Hand

Total Payment to Date		\$559,257.26	Original Contract	\$650,060.85
Retainage Pay No	3	29,434.59	Change Orders	
Total Amount Earned		\$588,691.85	Revised Contract	\$650,060.85

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

Contractor's Licenses

June 6, 2016

Blacktopping Contractor

Richfield Blacktop and Concrete

General Contractor

Floors & More

Northland Fence

Mechanical Contractor

Dean's Professional

Ditter, Inc.

Mobile Maintenance

Kramer Mechanical Plumbing and Heating

Total Comfort

Plumbing Contractor

Accurate Plumbing, Inc.

Den-Mark Plumbing, Inc.

Metro Heating & Cooling

Plumbing Czars, LLC.

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

Sign Permit

June 6, 2016

Memories Renewed

933 Manor Drive NE

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81ST AVENUE N E
SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432

SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

DATE: 05/13/2016
NAME OF APPLICANT: David C Sawin
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 400 E Little Canada Rd, Little Canada, MN 55117
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 651-621-2727

NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected Memories Renewed, 933 Manor Drive NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

New Construction: _____ Remodel: _____ Word Change Only: X

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.

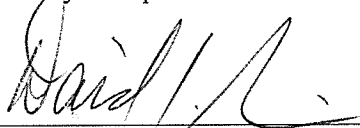
Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: _____

Address: _____

Is an Electrical Permit required? _____

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.


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: *****
FEE: \$60 x 2 = \$120. RECEIPT NUMBER: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL: _____ DATE OF ISSUE: _____

REASON FOR DENIAL: _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMIT:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FRONT OF BUILDING: 350

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL EXISTING SIGNS: 0

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED SIGN OR SIGNS: 12' x 2' = 24'

INCLUDE A DRAWING SHOWING LOCATION AND MESSAGE ON SIGN.

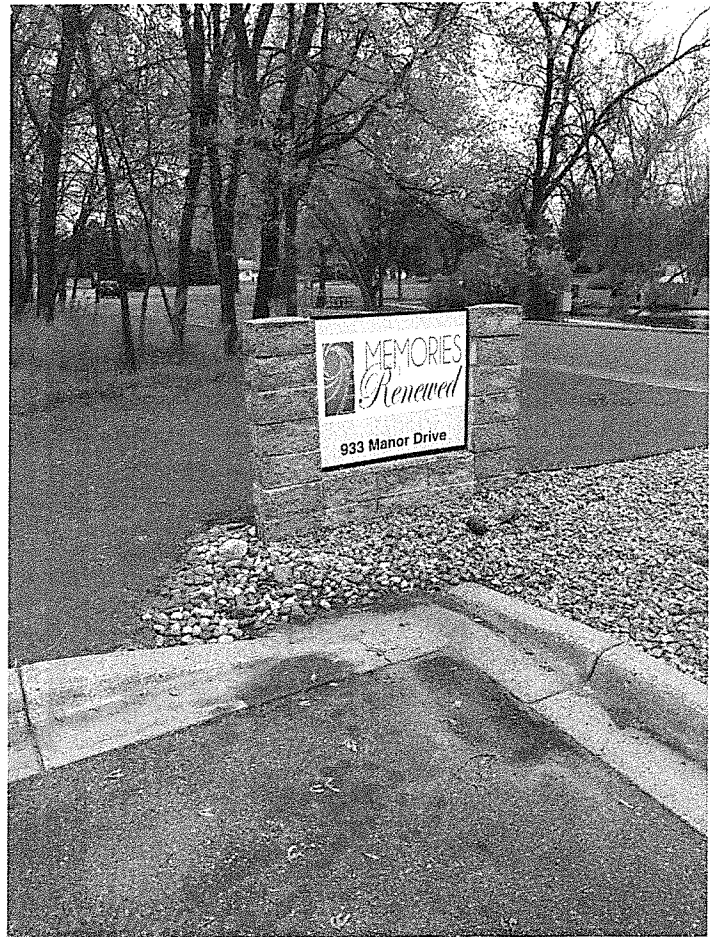
IF YOU ARE NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, INCLUDE A SIGNED LETTER FROM THE OWNER GIVING PERMISSION TO ERECT THE SIGN.

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY NOON ON THE THURSDAY PRECEEDING THE COUNCIL MEETING.

DRAWING:



4' x 3' = 12 x 2 = 24'



90' - 30'
24' proposed

Existing

66' Remaining

proposed
~~20~~ 12' \$60
12' \$60
\$120.00

New



May 16, 2016

Kay Pearson
City of Spring Lake Park

Ms. Pearson:

On May 13, 2016 I David Sawin CEO of Minnesota Catholic Credit Union leased our building located at 933 Manor Drive, to Chris Fure, President of Memories Renewed. As a part of our lease agreement, I have given him permission to change our monument sign that is by the entrance on Manor Drive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 651-621-2727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C Sawin", written in a cursive style.

David C Sawin
CEO
MN Catholic Credit Union



City of Spring lake Park
Code Enforcement Division
1301 Eighty First Avenue Northeast
Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 55432
(763) 783-6491 Fax: (763) 792-7257

REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Barry L. Brainard, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for May 2016
DATE: May 27, 2016

The Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement department is delegate the duties of enforcement for all building, mechanical, plumbing, fire, rental, property, nuisance, and zoning codes within Spring Lake Park.

A total of 57 permits consisting of 26 building, 5 fire, 2 sign, 6 zoning, 9 mechanical, and 9 plumbing permits were issued in May 2016 compared to a total of 49 in 2015. I conducted a total of 192 inspections in the month of May including 80 building, 10 mechanical, 6 plumbing, 32 nuisance, 5 c.o., 45 rental, 3 fire, and 11 zoning inspections.

On May 27th, El Bamba Mexican Restaurant (Formerly Global Grounds), located at 8188 Central Avenue will be issued a certificate of occupancy and will open its door for business starting Monday, May 30th. On Monday, May 23rd a stop work order was issued to Nothing but Floors conducting work without permits at the former Dosa King Restaurant located at 8492 Central Avenue. The new restaurant, Maharaja Indian Cuisine, has been notified and corrective action is being taken to demand full compliance. I have been working closely in May with the Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services Department regarding both restaurants.

Also attached with this report, please find the May 2016 Spring Lake Park vacancies listings. The listings include both residential and commercial properties indicating vacant and foreclosure properties as well as upcoming Sheriff Sales. May 2016 vacancy listing summarizes the following:

- 19 vacant/foreclosed residential properties currently posted by the Code enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Up one from last month.
- 0 vacant/foreclosed commercial properties currently posted by the Code Enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Down one from last month.
- 19 residential properties currently occupied and ready for Sheriff Sale's redemption. Down three from last month.

In May of 2016, I posted two abandoned properties, as well as conducted three certificate of occupancy inspection. Also in the month of May, I did not issue any administrative offense tickets, however I did issue 30 violation notices mostly pertaining to tall grass and weeds.

My time allotted for Code Enforcement in May is as follows:

Building Inspections:	42%
Mechanical Inspections:	5%
Plumbing Inspections:	3%
Rental Inspections:	22%
Vacant/Foreclosure & Certificate of Occupancy Inspections:	3%
Fire Inspections:	2%
Nuisance Inspections:	17%
Zoning Inspections:	6%

In May of 2016, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meetings on May 2nd and 16th.
- Department Head meeting on May 3rd.
- Fire Sprinkler & Plan Review Conference by the State Fire Marshal Division in Shakopee on May 31st.

Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of summer, and with summer brings many outdoor responsibilities. A few years back, I created the Summer Residential Standards information sheet to help homeowners become aware of the minimum codes and standards for Spring Lake Park. I have included this handout in my May Code Enforcement Report for your review and comments, if any. The Summer Residential Standards information sheet will also be included in the Spring Lake Park Summer Newsletter coming out soon.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for May 2016. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.

City of Spring Lake Park
Permits Issued & Fees Report - Detail by Address

Issued Date From: 5/1/2016 To: 5/25/2016
 Permit Type: All Property Type: All Construction Type: All
 Include YTD: Yes Status: Not Voided

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surchage	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	WAC Fees	Total Fees
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Permit Type: BUILDING

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL ALTERATION

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL FUEL TANK

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN PERMANENT

Permit Kind: MOBILE HOME MOBILE HOME

2016-00136	05/16/2016	1547 82ND AVE NE	0					1.00					176.00
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Permit Kind: MOBILE HOME SIDING

2016-00124	05/19/2016	8156 CLEVELAND ST NE	0		9,999.00	210.13		5.00					215.13
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Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY ROOFING

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ADDITION

2016-00144	05/17/2016	8320 5TH ST NE	0		400.00	31.00	20.15	0.20					51.35
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Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ALTERATION

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DECK

2016-00156	05/24/2016	8430 TERRACE RD NE	0		12,000.00	485.64	157.83	6.00					649.47
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Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DEMOLITION

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY EGRESS WINDOW

2016-00121	05/09/2016	566 80TH AVE NE	0		5,300.00	138.35	91.68	2.65					227.68
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Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY GARAGE

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY POOL

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY REMODEL

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ROOFING

2016-00105	05/04/2016	8025 5TH ST NE	0		5,000.00	128.44		2.50					130.94
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2016-00114	05/06/2016	8350 5TH ST NE	0		8,000.00	177.46		4.00					181.46
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2016-00132	05/12/2016	717 81ST AVE NE	0		7,426.27	168.10		3.71					171.81
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2016-00107	05/04/2016	475 82ND AVE NE	0		10,895.00	224.77		5.45					230.22
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Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Fees	WAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: BUILDING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ROOFING												
2016-00139	05/16/2016	691 83RD AVE NE	0	0	2,800.00	97.50	5.00	1.40				98.90
2016-00146	05/18/2016	673 BALLANTYNE LN NE	0	0	9,000.00	193.80		4.50				198.30
2016-00104	05/03/2016	801 BALLANTYNE LN NE	0	0	9,000.00	193.80		4.50				198.30
2016-00147	05/19/2016	8449 COTTAGEWOOD TERR NE	0	0	6,000.00	149.78	5.00	3.00				152.78
2016-00126	05/11/2016	762 IONE AVE NE	0	0	6,746.00	156.97		3.37				160.34
2016-00115	05/06/2016	8042 MADISON ST NE	0	0	7,556.00	175.21	5.00	3.78				178.99
2016-00125	05/11/2016	725 OSBORNE RD NE	0	0	8,795.00	190.45		4.40				194.85
2016-00129	05/12/2016	7934 SPRING LAKE PARK RD	0	0	6,500.00	152.95		3.25				156.20
2016-00130	05/17/2016	8280 TAYLOR ST NE	0	0	6,550.00	153.77		3.28				157.05
2016-00158	05/24/2016	7711 TYLER ST NE	0	0	10,000.00	210.14		5.00				215.14
2016-00143	05/20/2016	7892 TYLER ST NE	0	0	11,500.00	234.65		5.75				240.40
2016-00103	05/02/2016	7720 VAN BUREN ST NE	0	0	4,500.00	120.27		2.25				122.52
2016-00152	05/20/2016	8307 WESTWOOD RD NE	0	0	9,300.00	198.71		4.65				203.36
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY SIDING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY WINDOW REPLACEMENT												
2016-00160	05/25/2016	502 78TH AVE NE	0	0	950.00	48.96		0.48				49.44
2016-00155	05/23/2016	8001 GARFIELD ST NE	0	0	46,444.00	706.56		23.22				729.78
2016-00106	05/04/2016	8349 LADDIE RD NE	0	0	3,375.00	106.89	5.00	1.69				108.58
2016-00120	05/06/2016	7981 SPRING LAKE PARK RD	0	0	2,550.00	93.41	5.00	1.27				94.68
Permit Type: BUILDING - Totals												
			26	0	210,586.27	4,747.71	294.66	106.30				5,293.67
			71	0	738,662.59	14,865.14	2,902.13	370.36				18,267.63
Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL FIRE SUPPRESSION												
2016-00137	05/16/2016	8101 HIGHWAY 65 NE	0	0		100.00						100.00
2016-00140	05/20/2016	8188 HIGHWAY 65 NE	0	0		45.00	2.93	1.50				49.43
2016-00098	05/02/2016	8338 HIGHWAY 65 NE STE	0	0		36.25	14.85	0.50				51.60
Permit Kind: PUBLIC FIRE - SPECIAL EVENT												
2016-00109	05/05/2016	1696 79TH AVE NE	0	0								
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY FUEL TANK												

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Fees	WAC Fees	Total Fees
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Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY FUEL TANK												
2016-00134	05/13/2016	8316 WESTWOOD RD NE		0	1,200.00	58.96		0.60				59.56

Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION - Totals

Period	5	0	1,200.00	240.21	17.78	2.60						260.59
YTD	7	0	1,200.00	422.59	114.34	6.83						543.76

Permit Type: MECHANICAL

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HEATING, VENT & AC

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HVAC - COMMERCIAL MINIMUM

Permit Kind: MOBILE HOME HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE

2016-00151	05/19/2016	1547 82ND AVE NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC

2016-00123	05/09/2016	708 IONE AVE NE		0		50.00		1.00				51.00
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Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE

2016-00153	05/20/2016	713 83RD AVE NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00110	05/05/2016	8484 COTTAGEWOOD TERR NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00116	05/06/2016	1856 HIGHWAY 10 NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00149	05/19/2016	7780 VAN BUREN ST NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00112	05/05/2016	7812 VAN BUREN ST NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00154	05/20/2016	7921 VAN BUREN ST NE		0		40.00		1.00				41.00
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2016-00159	05/24/2016	8316 WESTWOOD RD NE		0		80.00		1.00				81.00
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Permit Type: MECHANICAL - Totals

Period	9	0	410.00	9.00								419.00
YTD	31	0	1,697.75	32.99								1,730.74

Permit Type: PLUMBING

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL PLUMBING

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Fees	WAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SEWER												
Permit Kind: INDUSTRIAL PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY PLUMBING												
2016-00150	05/19/2016	8240 5TH ST NE	0	0		49.00		1.00				50.00
2016-00122	05/09/2016	857 84TH AVE NE	0	0		45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00141	05/16/2016	524 LUND AVE NE	0	0		45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00111	05/05/2016	309 MANOR DR NE	0	0		45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00145	05/17/2016	408 MAPLE ST NE	0	0		45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00131	05/12/2016	600 MAPLE ST NE	0	0		63.00		1.00				64.00
2016-00128	05/11/2016	8058 WASHINGTON ST NE	0	0		45.00		1.00				46.00
2016-00133	05/13/2016	8316 WESTWOOD RD NE	0	0		54.00		1.00				55.00
2016-00127	05/11/2016	8359 WESTWOOD RD NE	0	0		68.00	5.00	1.00				69.00
Permit Type: PLUMBING - Totals												
			Period	9	0	459.00	5.00	9.00				468.00
			YTD	24	0	1,370.00	5.00	23.00				1,393.00
Permit Type: SIGN												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN PERMANENT												
2016-00102	05/02/2016	8188 HIGHWAY 65 NE	0	0		200.00						200.00
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN TEMPORARY												
2016-00142	05/17/2016	8101 HIGHWAY 65 NE	0	0		70.00						70.00
Permit Kind: INDUSTRIAL SIGN PERMANENT												
Permit Type: SIGN - Totals												
			Period	2	0	270.00						270.00
			YTD	7	0	1,313.00						1,313.00
Permit Type: ZONING												

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Fees	WAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: ZONING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DRIVEWAY												
2016-00117	05/06/2016	1376 78TH CIR NE		0		45.00						45.00
2016-00119	05/06/2016	828 MAPLE ST NE		0		45.00						45.00
2016-00135	05/13/2016	8337 WESTWOOD RD NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY FENCE												
2016-00083	05/06/2016	732 IONE AVE NE		0		50.00				5.00		50.00
2016-00101	05/02/2016	728 MAPLE ST NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY SHED												
2016-00096	05/02/2016	7980 HARTIG CIR NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Type: ZONING - Totals												
	Period			6		275.00				5.00		275.00
	YTD			15		685.00				10.00		685.00
Report Total	Period			57		6,401.92				322.44		6,986.26
	YTD			155		20,353.48				3,031.47		23,933.13

8285 NE POLK ST \$ Certified	COLLEEN THOMPSON	12/5/14						6/5/15		ON
7763 NE QUINCY ST	MATTHEW AND MARY MEYERS	4/20/15						10/20/15		ON
308 NE SANBURNOL	DARLA NORGAARD	2/26/16						2/27/17		ON
7718 NE TAYLOR ST (HOA gets bill)	PAUL & DOLORES CRAWFORD	4/13/15						10/13/15		ON
331 NE WYLDWOOD LN	EDWARD ORIOKI, WINNIFRED MARUNGA	PP 7/7/15						1/7/16		ON
10809 NE ABLE ST., BLAINE	GUSTAVO & ADALILIAM FIGUEROA	4/29/16						10/26/16		
See notes under misc. info										
<u>APRIL CLOSINGS</u>										
700 NE LUND AVE	Prop clsd 4-8, buyer Peter (Junior) Salas II	10/30/15	02/27/16				A/D 10/30/16	10/30/15	Paid 2/19/16	ON
8100 NE TERRACE	Clsd 4-14, buyers Dan/Amber Wendt	8/20/15	12/18/15				A/D 8/20/16	8/20/15	Paid 3-28-16	ON
8330 NE WESTWOOD RD	Prop clsd 4-7, buyer Velocette Enterprise	1/29/14	05/29/14				Paid 5-13-15	1/29/14	Paid 4-2-15	ON
<u>JANUARY CLOSINGS</u>										
931 NE RALEIGH	Buyers Nathan & Jennifer Martin	10/1/14	01/29/15				Paid 1-26-15	10/1/14	Paid 2-1-16	ON
<u>DECEMBER CLOSINGS</u>										
576 NE 78TH AVE	Prop closed 12-23-15, Buyer Prad Das	8/5/13	12/03/13				Paid 1-26-15	8/5/13	Paid 9-30-15	ON
7839 JACKSON Mowing paid	Prop closed 12-30, Wtg to hear from buyer	09/12/11	01/10/12				Paid 9-17-15 for 2012,13,14 & 201	9/12/11	Paid 10-21-15	ON
7907 NE MCKINLEY	Buyer Jessica Ripka. Prop closed 12-18-15	5/15/15	09/12/15				A/D 5/15/16	5/15/15	Paid 12-18-15	ON
8355 NE UNIVERSITY AVE	Buyer Curtis Pestello Closed 12-10-2015	05/20/15						5/20/15	\$200. DUE	ON
8443-8445 NE University Ave	SOLD - Closing 12-23 Buyer Rafik Moore	05/29/15	9/26/2015						5/29/15	ON
Co name RTO Investments LLC										



**City of Spring Lake Park
Code Enforcement Department**

1301 81st Avenue N.E.

Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Phone: 763-784-6491 Web: www.slpmn.org



Be a good neighbor and help the Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement Department maintain a higher quality of life, safety and property values within our community. Often residents are not aware of city codes that may affect your property. The following is a summary of items that arise most often in Spring Lake Park. For more information on maintaining your property and home, visit our website at www.slpmn.org and download our Homeowners Frequently Asked Question brochure or contact the Code Enforcement Department by email at bbrainard@slpmn.org.

Lawns: Grass and weeds cannot be taller than 9 inches in height. To keep your grass and weeds less than 9 inches, mowing must be conducted weekly during the months of May through October. Sprinkling your lawn is allowed on an ODD/EVEN basis. Properties with addresses that end in an odd number may sprinkle on an odd numbered day. Properties that end in an even number may sprinkle on an even numbered day. The only exception to the odd/even sprinkling is with the placement of new sod and/or seed.

Exterior Storage: Furniture, appliances, car toppers, car parts, building materials, brush, junk, debris and miscellaneous items not meant for outdoor storage and daily use cannot be stored outside or in your yard.

Vehicles: Vehicles must be parked on paved surfaces in front and side yards. Each household is limited to having one vehicle per licensed driver in the household plus two additional vehicles. All vehicles on the property must be operable, with current tabs and registration, and parked on a paved surface in the front or side yard.

Trailers and boats may be parked or stored on a residential lot provided they are not used for living, sleeping, housekeeping or business purposes. One *recreational vehicle* may be parked at your home provided it is not closer than five feet to the side yard property line and is on an approved surface. Recreational vehicles such as a boat may be parked provided it is no longer than thirty feet in length.

You may park one *commercial vehicle* on residential property with up to one-ton carrying capacity or a tractor used for pulling trailers. Parking of any other type of commercial vehicle is prohibited.

House Maintenance: Houses must be kept in sound condition and free from deterioration. All house numbers must be at least 4 inches in height and visible from the street. If emergency personnel cannot find your home in a timely manner, it could be the difference between life and death.

Garbage Service: All properties must have garbage service. Garbage, recycling, and yard waste containers must be placed at the curb no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before collection and must be moved and stored behind the front yard setback (in your garage, on the side of your garage or house) no later than 10 p.m. the day of collection. Garbage containers are not allowed in the front yard at any time except for the day of collection in Spring Lake Park.

Joyce Swanson
1040 117th Ave NE
Blaine, MN 55434

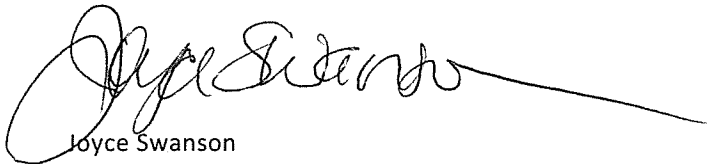
May 31, 2016

Daniel Buchholtz
City Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Mr. Daniel Buchholtz:

Please accept this letter as notification of my resignation from my position as Liquor Store Manager with the City of Spring Lake Park. My last day at City of Spring Lake Park will be Friday June 17, 2016. I wish Central Park Liquor and all its employees much success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Swanson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joyce Swanson
Manager | Central Park Liquor

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: LIQUOR STORE MANAGER VACANCY AND RECRUITMENT
DATE: JUNE 2, 2016

On June 1, 2016, Liquor Store Manager Joyce Swanson submitted her letter of resignation, effective Friday, June 17. On behalf of the City, I would like to express our appreciation to Ms. Swanson for her years of service to the City and give her our best wishes to her as she enters into retirement.

I am seeking authority from the City Council to begin the process of recruiting a new liquor store manager. I have updated the job descriptions for the Liquor Store Manager, Liquor Store Assistant Manager and Liquor Store Clerk/Cashier positions. These job descriptions are currently being reviewed by our liquor store consultant and will be provided to the City Council under separate cover.

During the transition, I would recommend appointing Laura Saastamoinen as the Interim Liquor Store Manager and recommend increasing her salary to Step 3 of the Liquor Store Manager range (\$30.01/hour). This will compensate Ms. Saastamoinen for the increased responsibilities she will have during the transition. Her salary will return to Step 6 of the Assistant Liquor Store manager salary (\$25.23) once the new liquor store manager begins his/her duties with the City.

Staff is recommending the following actions:

1. Accept Joyce Swanson's letter of resignation.
2. Approve job descriptions for the Liquor Store Manager, Liquor Store Assistant Manager and Liquor Store Clerk/Cashier positions.
- 3.
4. Authorize staff to begin recruitment for the Liquor Store Manager position.
5. Appoint Laura Saastamoinen as Interim Liquor Store Manager and increase her salary to Step 3 of the Liquor Store Manager classification for the duration of this assignment.

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

To: Council Members and Staff
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 6.6.16 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2015 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193803135).

The Contractor, Visu-Sewer, has completed the required work. Final inspection and final payment Release of 5% retainage) will occur this spring/summer. *The Public Works Director will coordinate warranty televising.*

2014-2015 Street Improvement Project (193801577).

The contractor, Valley Paving Inc., started working on punch-list items (including seeding items and structure adjustments) on May 23rd. Final work will be completed in 2016.

CSAH 35 Turn Lanes and Sidewalk (193802914).

Construction is substantially complete. Punch-list inspection will be completed in June. *Field survey will be completed to document post-construction wetland edge.*

MS4 Permit (193802936).

Ongoing implementation items. Working on closing out existing site permits and identifying private stormwater ponds that need maintenance. *Need to prepare annual report schedule annual public meeting.*

Lift Station No. 1 Equipment (pumps, generator, and control panel) (193802805).

Equipment suppliers have essentially completed work on their items. Generator has been installed. Lift station pumps have been installed. Control panel has been installed.

Lift Station No. 1 Reconstruction (193803115).

The Contractor is Meyer Contracting. *The new lift station start-up has been completed. The system is now operating off of the new lift station and equipment. Street restoration work will occur next.*

2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193803421).

This project includes lining and wye grouting on Old Central south of 81st. Contractor is *Hydro-Klean. Contractor is completing the initial televising.*

2016 Street Seal Coat Project (193803424).

Contractor is *Allied Blacktop. Crack repair work has been completed. Seal Coat work will begin in the middle of June.*

Other issues/projects.

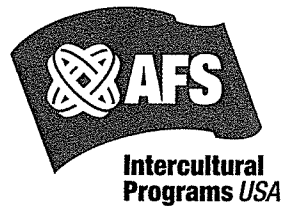
Working with Terry on options for bituminous trail repairs at various locations.

Feel free to contact Harlan Olson, Phil Carlson, Jim Engfer, Mark Rolfs, Tim Grinstead, Peter Allen, or me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

CORRESPONDENCE



A World of Thanks



Dear City of Spring Lake Park,
We thank you for your generous
support to the local AFS Chapter.
You have assisted in their efforts of
creating a more just and peaceful
world by facilitating youth exchanges
which increases intercultural
understanding.

Thank you,
East Metro Area AFS Team

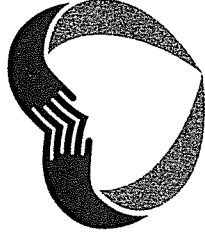
To Everyone at Spring Lake Park Police Department,

In light of the recent tragedy in the City of Ramsey, we want to express our sincere gratitude for all that you do. You don't get thanked enough for the tough decisions you have to make or for the hard calls that you respond to.

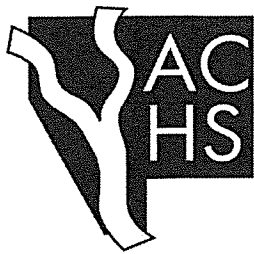
Our communities are fortunate to have so many champions for victims of violence. Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

In Partnership,

Loraine Moore
Executive Director



Alexandra House
Working to end domestic
and sexual violence.



SERVING:

- Andover
- Anoka
- Bethel
- Blaine
- Centerville
- Circle Pines
- Columbia Heights
- Columbus
- Coon Rapids
- East Bethel
- Fridley
- Ham Lake
- Hilltop
- Lexington
- Lino Lakes
- Linwood
- Nowthen
- Oak Grove
- Ramsey
- St. Francis
- Spring Lake Park



New appliances. Polio. Sprawl. Vacations. Baby Boom. Clocks with brass rays. Rotary phones. And best of all? Tractor tire sandboxes next to a picnic table covered in Tupperware on a lawn dotted with bright pink flamingos.

But did the suburbanization of Anoka County really begin in the aftermath of World War II? Not quite. In fact, Thomas Lowry filed his first plat to develop Columbia Heights in 1893 for the land he owned south of 45th Avenue. Lowry wanted to build homes to accommodate workers coming to the steel roller mill that opened at 39th and Jackson. He and others felt industry growth would continue, so within two years newspaper articles appear urging people to settle in the developing area.

Lowry offered the best locations in his new community to a grocery store, a dry goods store, a shoe store, and a meat market. They had to be “first class” businesses built of brick, iron, or stone, two stories or more, and no smaller than 22x60 feet. Lowry’s plans included six blocks for manufacturing sites, two blocks of mixed usage, four residential, and three set aside for “right of way” purposes. His investment company laid gas and water lines in the area and promised to expand the street car service and trackage as soon as the population warranted it.

He promoted his new community with free street car rides to an amusement park known as Forest Park in Columbia Heights and, bought the rail car, that carried slain President Abraham Lincoln’s body from Washington to Illinois for burial, as a tourist attraction.

Lowry had dreams of a carefully planned community where families could live in the healthy and wholesome environment of the country, away from the grit and corruption of the city while Father took Mr. Lowry’s street car to work. The idea of commuting

played heavily into Lowry’s plans as he laid out the housing developments along streetcar lines—lines of the Minneapolis Street Car Company which coincidentally Lowry also owned.

Though Lowry died in 1909, he saw the seeds of his plan take root and the village of Columbia Heights become well established.

The idea for a cooperative community, which took the planned community to a new level, came from Valdemar S. Peterson, more commonly known as Pete.

Originally a banker, Pete lost everything in the stock market crash of 1929. He worked hard through the Great Depression to pay back his debts, becoming more obsessed with the idea that a system in which people had so little power over their economic fate was flawed. This led him to investigate cooperative ventures and credit unions where people shared in both profits and risks.

Peterson decided to act on this notion, developing what would become Circle Pines. He thought people could save money through a cooperative venture to mass produce houses and create a sustainable community, sharing in redistributed profits. He partnered with Thomas Ellerby and Paul Steenberg, who both had suffered losses in the depression.

In May of 1946, the trio formed the Golden Lake Development Association and announced plans to build a village on 1,203 acres “to unite the habitation benefits of a functional and contemporary community with the economic advantages of a consumer’s cooperative.”

Their plans meant each house would front a park or walkway and the community would provide adult education, nurseries, educational and recreational activities for all ages. Residents would share ownership of the commercial facilities required for a city, as would the municipal utilities. Any profits made by these entities would be returned to the community.

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From the President...

By Orville Lindquist

The month of March marks an end and a beginning. In addition to the gateway to spring, March is the month of our Annual Meeting of Members . . . a great time in the life of ACHS. The Annual Meeting causes us to look backward at the year we just completed and also causes us to look forward to the year ahead.



2015 was, indeed, a great year. A busy, exciting year with some significant accomplishments:

- “Belles and Beaus” exhibit of wedding dresses and other items opened
- More than doubled museum attendance
- Implemented several new procedures to better manage artifacts
- Began outreach to youth and teens in new and exciting ways
- Reinvigorated our internship program
- Expand outreach to new audiences, throughout Anoka County

All of this (and more) is outlined in the Annual Report. Check it out on our website – www.anokacountyhistory.org. It is a great read!

What about the year ahead? It is filled with possibilities.

- We are blessed with a strong staff – smart, passionate people who care about our members and the stories of Anoka County
- Committed Board members work to expand our reach and find new opportunities to fulfill our mission

March also marks the beginning of my term as Board President. I joined the Board in 2011 and am honored and excited to serve in this new role. Blaine has been my home for 24 years. I am a member of the Blaine Central Lions and have worked for the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities since 1990. My degree is in political science . . . I am a history and government nerd and also serve as the President of the Blaine Historical Society.

Forward!

From the Director...

By Rebecca Ebnet Mavencamp

By now you have received either a paper copy or a digital copy of our 2015 annual report. While sending them out created an extra cost to ACHS, we believe the value of our members seeing a full synopsis of the year far outweighed that of printing and organizing the mailing.

What I have come to appreciate more each day that I walk into the office are the gifts and talents of the ACHS staff. Rarely does a group of people-- both the day and weekend crew--possess individual talents unique to themselves, unduplicated anywhere else in the group. Be it an eye for graphics, sorting and filing, construction, information retention and assimilation, writing, photography, education, patron and volunteer relations, or technology, this team has it all. And even better, they all respect and honor each other.

While several changes have occurred during the last year, the mission and tradition of ACHS has, and will continue, to stand intact. Since 1934 this organization has served as a place to hold the stories and ideas of the community, making them accessible to the curious. The identity of each city in the County, as broad and diverse as they are, as well as the residents who live there, create the foundation of the historical society. It's what sets Anoka County apart from the other areas of Minnesota and it's what we as staff intend to use as a guide for future endeavors.

Again, thank you for your membership, your support, and your seemingly endless ability to bring artifacts and information to us at the exact right moment. So often, we bring up an exhibit or programming idea and within a week or two, the perfect story comes together to illustrate the point. This has happened several times with the "Farms to Flamingos" planning and I look forward to it continuing!



The homes planned could not cost less than \$4,000, \$6,000 or \$8,000, but no house could exceed \$20,000 in building costs. Each member of the community had to buy at least one share in the cooperative at \$100 a share. The Golden Lake Development Association anticipated building 500 homes the first year.

The planners expected community members to fill all necessary roles such as postmaster--a position held by V.S. Peterson himself. Members stayed informed courtesy of a two page newsletter delivered starting in 1947 entitled, "Circle Pines—the Cooperative Way."

After Peterson's death, the Circle Pines village clerk, Andrew Gibas sent meeting agendas and other news on a post card. In short order this grew to a community newspaper run by Rosalie Wahl, a woman who would go on to become the first woman to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

A shopping center was built at the northeast corner of Lake Drive and Lexington in 1947 and shortly after, an apartment complex of 22 efficiency apartments. Many of the new families moving into Circle Pines lived in these apartments until their houses were finished. Those apartments eventually became the Pink Pony Motel and later, the Circle Court Motel.

After only three years, the cooperative lifestyle was abandoned, in part because of problems in securing financing and rifts among leaders. While there is no clear record of dissolution for the Circle Pines Development Association, it appears memberships were no longer sold after about 1951. The cooperative store was still in operation in 1954 and volunteers served as police until the first fulltime officer was hired in 1960.

As the Circle Pines cooperative faded, so grew the concept of what we understand today as "Suburbanization." in November of 1954, Orrin Thompson Construction Company announced it would build 600 homes in Coon Rapids.

Thompson already had a reputation for building large numbers of "tract" homes in Bloomington and Brooklyn Park, a term that referred to the plan of a single builder laying out the streets and building homes throughout a particular area. To keep prices affordable, prospective buyers had a limited choice of floor plans to pick from. While homeowners could add a few options, for the most part, the houses looked very much alike. The first Orrin Thompson homes in Coon Rapids were built in the plat called "North Dale," which later became Thompson Park.

Again, the idea of providing all the amenities a community could need became central. A water system, parks, country club with a swimming pool, townhouses, and recreation areas joined small neighborhood stores and schools to serve homeowners.

In 1958, Thompson received recognition as one of the nation's outstanding builders. His firm sold more than 1,100 homes in the first eight months of 1958, an all-time record for this part of the country at the time. The "Orrin Thompson era" in Coon Rapids lasted over 15 years and saw the completion of over 4,000 homes in the community.

Blaine experienced their development boom under the planning of Vern Donnay, who announced in August of 1959 that "The largest private building project ever undertaken in the Twin Cities area—a \$28,000,000 community of 2,000 homes in Blaine Village—has been launched." Beginning on a 240 acre section called Oak Park, Donnay platted 800 lots, furnished it with streets, city gas, storm sewers, and a complete community water system. By April of 1964, Blaine was rated one of the fastest growing communities in the metropolitan area.

Businesses flocked to Blaine, ready to capitalize on potential customers. The first "shopping center", Oak Park Plaza at 109th and University, started a trend. In 1971 developers selected another site, the triangle of land between Jefferson Street, Highway #10, and University Avenue for another project--you may know it as Northtown, which opened its doors to shoppers in fall of 1972.

Thanks to donations received during our fall annual appeal, the exhibit hall is under construction. The school house reminds us that girls letter jackets used to have a sailor style flap on the back, of film strip machines whose cassette player beeped between slides, and sweaty band uniforms. The case holds computer relics of fringed printer paper, homecoming buttons, and even a red hot-lunch ticket.

At the other end of the hall lays a roll of orange sculptured shag carpet we located, ready to recreate a typical living room in the 1960s and 1970s. No living room would feel complete without a large, wooden TV cabinet and quirky lamp, not to mention a very large ash tray on the coffee table for visitors to use. We called for construction help using our teal rotary phone since every suburban home needs a dog house for Rover, while checking on little Jimmy hanging upside down on the metal swing set.

Slated to open in time for Riverfest July 9, the suburban house and school displays are the tip of this multi-year project. It's not just about teal phones and pink bathroom fixtures, though. "Farms to Flamingos" will investigate many facets of Anoka County lifestyles during the 1950s through 1970s, including safety and health concerns, the civil rights and feminism movements, and the changing face of agriculture.

In planning this exhibit, we happened upon an interesting idea--in 2016 we are as far away from 1950 as the people of 1950 were to 1884. There are 66 years between each date. It was during the building boom of the 1950s and 1960s that Americans became aware of the risk to their previous architectural heritage and created the National Register of Historic Places. The buildings we preserve today throughout the nation as historic treasures only survive because citizens made the intentional decision to set them aside for future generations.

Today, some of the Thompson and Donnay structures have their original owners living in them. Some have begun a second life with a new young family or two calling them home. Either way, these neighborhoods now qualify as historic districts and the



homes as National Register properties since they're over 50 years old. The question we need to ask ourselves is, in another 66 years, will Americans find value in this modern equivalent of an 1884 house?

"Farms to Flamingos: Building a Mid-Century Modern County" may help you discover some answers to that very question.

Meet the ACHS New Board Members

Mary Ann Hoffman

On my coffee table sits "Picturing Anoka County: 150 Years of Anoka County History," a book published by the Anoka County Historical Society in 2006 in honor of the county's sesquicentennial. The photos within remind me of the settlers, workers, and families that established Anoka County. The rich history of this area makes me feel privileged to be a newly elected board member of the ACHS. As a board member, I hope in some small way to help guide it as it continues to devote its personnel and resources to preserving our past and sharing it with the public.

History is in my blood, you might say, as it was my major in college, which led me to teach history for over 30 years. Since retirement, I have served on the board of the Fridley Historical Society, which has given me a taste for working with history on a local basis. I am looking forward to working with the other board members during my term of service.



Shelly Peterson

I've spent my entire life living in Anoka County. Currently, my husband and I reside in Nowthen while our two sons attend college. I work as the Finance Director for the City of Fridley, where I recently moved after having served the City of Anoka as Assistant Finance Director.

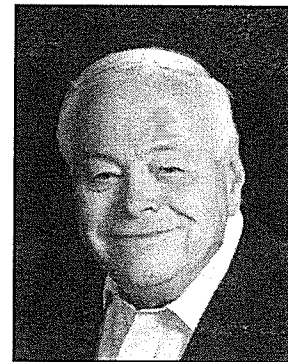
Over the years, I've heard many stories from my grandparents and great grandparents of life in the country. As a child, I watched a strip of highway develop around my dad's little pizza place, Clyde's Pizza in East Bethel. I've seen the country fields of Anoka County transform and develop into suburbia. I've come to appreciate that Anoka County is full of history and tradition. While the artifacts and architecture are part of the historical value, I find the stories behind them have become equally important to me. I'm fascinated with those stories and their preservation, which is what I look forward to as I serve on the ACHS Board. I am new to the historical society, and will look to current members for guidance. There are many exciting things ahead and I'm excited to make contributions where I can.

Harold "Buzz" Netkow

I've been interested in history nearly all my life, starting in grade school and continuing to the present day. I believe we ought to remember the past not only to honor those who have gone on before us, but to ensure that their lives, their deeds and their stories will not be forgotten.

Although I have held a membership at the ACHS for some years now, I know that as a new member of the Board of Directors I'll experience a learning curve regarding the operations, programs, and goals of the organization. My aim is to use whatever talents I may have to help further all of those.

I'm proud to say that years ago I got to know Charlie Sell – the undisputed guru of the history of Anoka and beyond – during the last three years or so of his life. His untimely passing left a void that I doubt will ever be filled. His knowledge, so willingly and freely given to members of the community, makes me think of him as a role model as to how history should be shared.



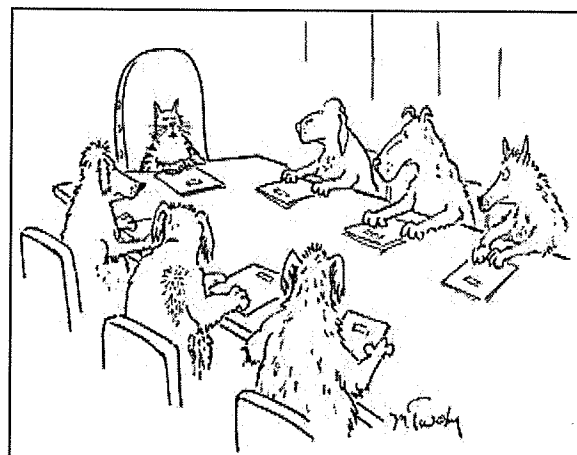
Join the ACHS Board of Directors!

At-Large Board position Open

Help guide and oversee the future direction of the ACHS as a member of the ACHS Board of Directors. Board Meetings are held at the History Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per month.

If you would like to know more, or are interested in joining the board, submit a letter of your interest with a short bio and your resume to the ACHS Executive Director Rebecca at Rebecca@AnokaCountyHistory.org. Position open until filled.



Halloween Stamp Unveiling

The City of Anoka recently received the honor of being selected by the U.S. Postal Service as the official host city for the First Day of Issue (FDOI) and unveiling event of four 2016 Postal Service Jack-O'-Lanterns Forever stamps.

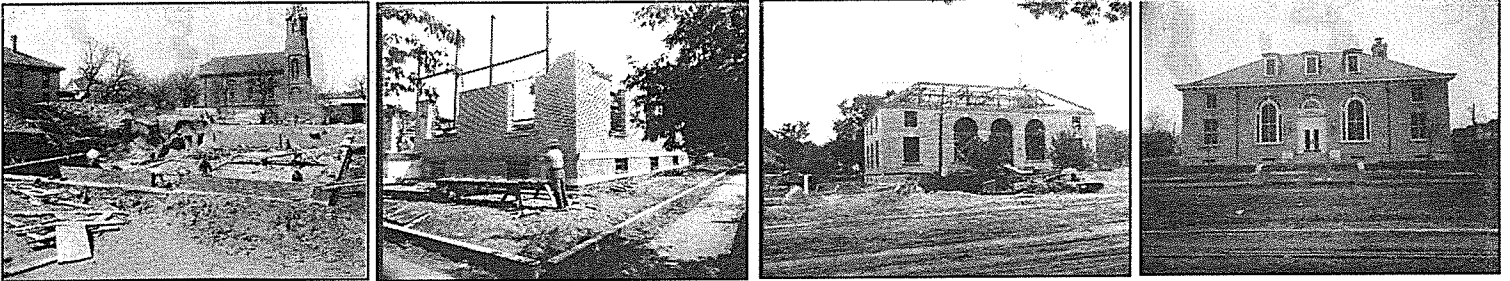
The celebration will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Anoka City Hall Plaza. The event will include a program of notable speakers followed by an afternoon of music and activities. Stamp collectors and event attendees will have the opportunity to purchase the stamps and limited edition FDOI cancellation envelopes, as well as other merchandise showcasing the four stamps. The hashtag #HalloweenStamps will be used to share the news on social media.

In the spirit of Halloween, the U.S. Postal Service will issue stamps featuring creatively carved pumpkins that have stood as symbols of Halloween in the United States since the late 19th century, not long after celebrations of the holiday began here. These are the first Halloween-themed stamps issued by the Postal Service. Paul Montanari designed and carved the pumpkins under the art direction of Derry Noyes of Washington, DC. Sally Andersen-Bruce photographed the lit jack-o'-lanterns used on the stamps.

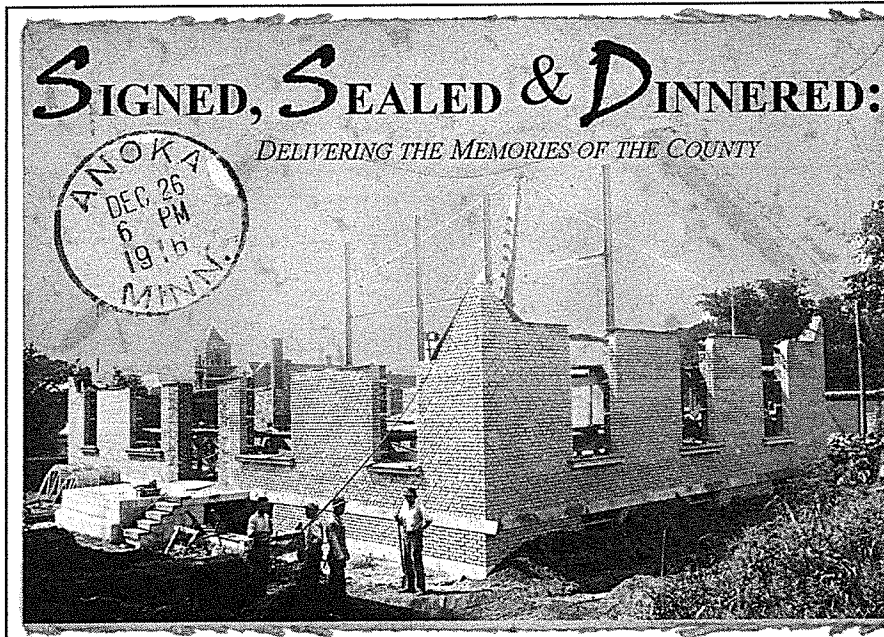
The ACHS has a seat on the planning committee for this event, in addition to an opportunity to speak during the program. Coincidentally, this year is the 100th anniversary of the historic "Old Post Office" located at 300 E. Main St., Anoka and we had already begun planning ways to celebrate this. A QCTV episode of *It's Your History* is now available on YouTube, featuring a series of construction photos and diary selections. The design for a booklet, exhibit display, and memory box will be completed this summer.

As a capstone event for this research and the stamp unveiling, the ACHS will host an evening dinner and fundraiser on Sept 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Entitled, "Signed, Sealed and Dinnereed: Delivering the Memories of the County," the program will celebrate the heritage of the Postal System in Anoka County, the old post office, stamp collecting, and the staff who consistently brave the elements to deliver the mail. Also available that evening will be original art of the old post office, sculptured replicas of the jack-o-lanterns, and other memorabilia. No event by the historical society would be complete without the inclusion of some special artifacts, photos, and answers to the persistent question, "How did we become what we are now?"

We look forward to seeing you at the stamp unveiling as well as the dinner event in the evening!



Stages of construction, 1915-1916.



Join the celebration of Anoka County postal service and the Halloween Stamp at our fundraising dinner.

Save your seat and purchase your tickets now—

AnokaCountyHistory.org

\$45 members (\$50 public)

When: September 29

Time: 5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Program

Where: Greenhaven Country Club

2800 Greenhaven Rd, Anoka

St. Francis Glass Plate Negatives



We love photographs in any format, since pictures are an especially rich way to look at our county's history. Some formats are less common, though, and glass plate negatives certainly fall into that category. A recent donation to us of a photograph collection from St. Francis, circa 1900-1920, is almost entirely composed of this type, totaling more than 200 glass plates.

John Lindbloom, a blacksmith in St. Francis at the turn of the century, took this set of photographs. Setting up his camera indoors and out, he captured the people and places around him, taking photographs of his family, his home, his friends and his community. Together, these images of the past give us a glimpse of life in one of Anoka County's oldest communities.

Glass plate negatives date back to the 1850s. Early on, photographers coated each glass plate with a photo-reactive solution ("wet plate") on which to expose the image, but by the 1880s it was possible to purchase "dry plate" negatives that could be placed ready-to-go into the camera. This collection is composed of this type of dry plate glass negatives. While your subject needed to stay still in order to avoid a blurred image, each negative contains amazing detail and a range of tones despite their lack of color. Not surprisingly they are also extremely fragile; the glass plates themselves can break, or the silver emulsion (the chemical solution on one side that reacts with light to create the image) can flake or be easily scratched off of the glass. To avoid harming the images, we make sure to wear gloves and handle the physical plates as little as possible.

Because of the potential fragility of glass plate negatives, we must take care when we process them into the collection, and they require some specific equipment and supplies. Since we do not have all of the things that we need, this collection of negatives is now a part of our Adopt-an-Artifact program! If you would like to adopt all or part of this collection, here is a breakdown of the things that we need to appropriately process and house the negatives:

- Scanner (\$800): We do not currently have a scanner that will scan negatives of this size.
- Acid-free paper photograph sleeves (\$28.50): Each photograph needs to be placed in its own sleeve for protection after it has been scanned. The paper sleeve can then be labeled with appropriate information, and the negatives will not rub against each other. We need 100 sleeves in the 5" x 7" size.
- Acid-free archival boxes (\$35.00): Sleeved negatives will go into archival boxes in order to be stored safely in our Collections area. We need boxes of both the 4" x 6" and 5" x 7" sizes.
- Time to process: Each negative will take approximately 5 minutes to scan and process into sleeves and boxes. There are approximately 233 negatives x 5 minutes each = 20 hours of processing work by ACHS Staff.

Preserving history is neither quick nor cheap. But when it is done properly, our lives and our communities grow much richer for it. With your support, ACHS can continue to provide this service for Anoka County well into the future – whatever that might bring!

Collections Callout:

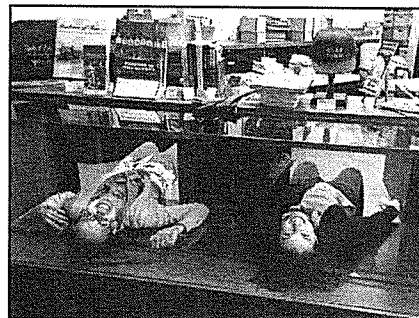
HELP! We need white sheets!

Light is one of the most damaging things for our artifacts. In order to protect our larger pieces from fading, we drape them with cotton sheets...and we are almost out!

Send or drop off your old, or new, clean white sheets at the History Center to help protect our collections.

New Collections Corner Display

We didn't want to wait until we processed this entire photographic collection to share it with our members or ACHS visitors, and so it inspired a new exhibit space in our front desk case. We created "Collections Corner: New Arrivals" to highlight the newest items donated to the ACHS collections while they wait to be processed. Make sure to check out the newest donations here when you drop by the History Center—we never know what will show up next!



Sara and Audra clean the case and pose for a "before" shot



The finished display

Where is Slabtown?

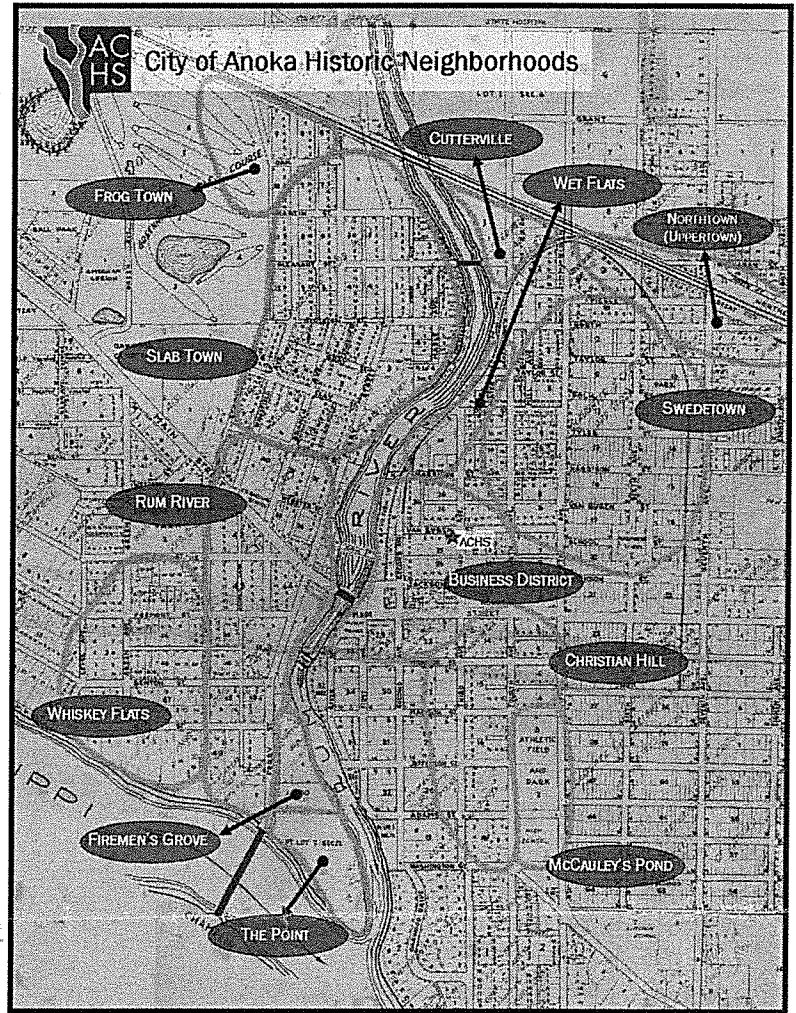
From Swedetown to Slabtown, the city of Anoka's neighborhoods have hidden pasts. Why did these separate neighborhoods exist and have such odd names? Who called those neighborhoods home?

Slabtown, located on the north side of the Rum River roughly between the rail road tracks and Main Street, became home to many of the city's lumber workers in the late 1800s. With a number of lumber mills, including the Washburn or the Reed and Sherwood Sawmills, running multiple saws on numerous shifts the workers needed homes for their families. In 1947, Grace Troy wrote her recollections of life in Anoka and this neighborhood for the ACHS. She came to Anoka with her family as a child in 1877 and moved into 2527 North Ferry Street. From her young memory it seemed as if "horses were always dragging dump carts filled with [wooden] slabs away for fuel, and still acres and acres of them remained making the name [Slabtown] very appropriate...."

Grace saw the massive fire of 1884 decimate many areas of Anoka, witnessed the construction of a new bridge across the Mississippi River and couldn't forget the parties and neighbors in Slabtown including Mrs. Goedick Sr. "who told [their] fortunes for fun."

Slabtown was her childhood home, yet she noted, "...the odious name may yet get changed...although names have a way of clinging after their significance is gone."

This year's 13th Annual Heritage Home and Garden Tour on July 10 will feature these historic neighborhoods. The tour will give all who attend a chance to explore beautiful homes and gardens throughout Anoka, learn about the historic neighborhood of which they are a part, and see the streets and houses around Anoka in a different light.



A 1953 map of Anoka showing the approximate boundaries of Anoka's historic neighborhoods.

13th Annual Home & Garden Tour Reserve your ticket!

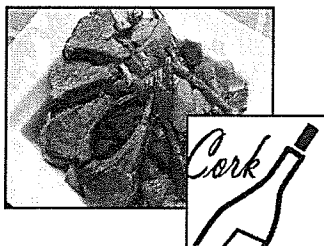
Don't miss out on exploring Anoka for the 2016 Home and Garden Tour. This year's tour will include:

- ⇒ "The House that Moved" on Monroe St.
- ⇒ Yard games at the Mad Hatter Restaurant
- ⇒ A vision of gardening with sculptured art

Purchase tickets at ACHS or online at AnokaCountyHistory.org

Win a Cork Gift Card!

Purchase your tickets before **May 31** and enter to win one of two \$75 Gift Cards from Cork Restaurant in downtown Anoka.



ACHS 2ND ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION SEEKS DONATIONS

Donations deadline extended until May 30
Auction date TBD

Think spring cleaning and check your attic - the Anoka County Historical Society is seeking donations of collectable objects for an online auction fundraiser. Please consider donating antiques, memorabilia, and more. Bring your donation to the Anoka County History Center in Anoka.

- Vintage accessories
- China or porcelain
- Antique sporting goods
- Signed artwork

Volunteer World

SPRING is here! The winter months can seemingly drag on forever and spring feels like it will never arrive. Once it does, however, the work begins: spring planting, spring cleaning and springs in our steps. The calendar can fill up quickly. To all the ACHS volunteers, and those who would like to join the volunteer ranks, I wanted to begin the call for volunteers at the various ACHS events over the summer. Check out the opportunities below, get them marked in that calendar and let me know if you are interested in being an ambassador for Anoka County History.

RIVERFEST

When: July 9

Time: 2 hour shifts, 10a.m.-4 p.m.

What: Volunteers to sit and sell tickets at the ACHS booth on Jackson St. OR serve refreshments and greet people for the *Farms to Flamingos* exhibit opening that day. Further event details still TBD.

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

When: July 10

Time: 12:45 p.m.—5 p.m.

What: Volunteers are stationed at each tour stop to check tickets, greet patrons, and help homeowners showcase their home or garden throughout the day

GHOST TOUR GUIDE

When: Various dates through October

Time: Evening hours

What: Lead groups of people on walking tours of Anoka. Must be comfortable with managing larger groups and presenting from the Ghost Tour Script.

Training date: Must attend mandatory training (given in May and June)

ANOKA COUNTY FAIR

When: July 26-31

Time: 2.5 or 5 hour shifts throughout the day, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

What: Join ACHS for a shift at the Old Farm House. Talk to fair goers about history, ACHS and share your own craft skills, or a provided activity with the public.

WANT TO HELP?

Contact Sara to volunteer or with any questions at -
Phone: 763-421-0600 or
Email:
Sara@AnokaCountyHistory.org



Volunteers Called BINGO!

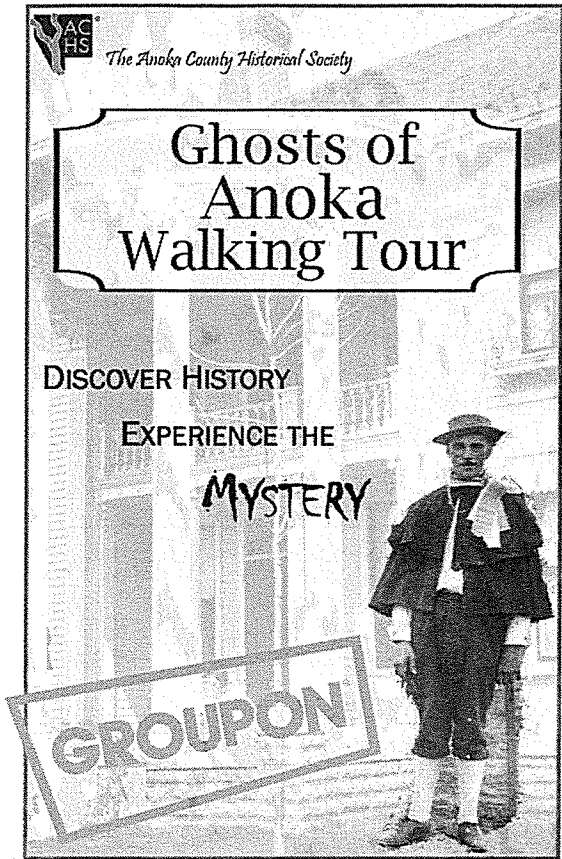
The Anoka County Historical Society Volunteers added to the history of Bingo on April 16 at our annual Volunteer Celebration. We met in the lower level of Anoka's City Hall on a beautiful spring day and enjoyed lunch while overlooking the rushing Rum River falling over the dam. After fueling up and meeting new people, the volunteers prepared their daubers (crayons) ready to play.

A staple of church fundraisers and adapted for long car rides, the game of BINGO has a surprisingly long history. The earliest versions can be traced back to 16th century Italy's "Lo Giuoco del Lotto D'Italia." Immigrants brought their versions over the Atlantic Ocean and in 1929 Edwin S. Lowe, a salesman with a keen eye, witnessed the game at a carnival in Georgia. He thought it would catch on and marketed it as "BEANO" because players marked their cards with beans.

ACHS BINGO followed the rules of the National Bingo Game Association, with one difference: the free space was not free. In order to claim a BINGO using this space the winner shared a story from the era of suburbanization about their life or family.

With their talents, experience and passion for history, the ACHS Volunteers bring so much to our organization. We wouldn't be able to grow, or accomplish what we do without their hands. While our BINGO game had a number of winners throughout multiple rounds, the laughter, and stories that sunny Saturday afternoon were the real goal. Thank you for being the best volunteers we could ask for!

Ghosts return to Anoka



When the ACHS moved to its current location at the old City Library in 2001 the new visibility around the city of Anoka garnered a surge of people visiting to research their home's history. As the curious combed through our archives, the stories came out of odd occurrences, and ghostly apparitions; visitors wanted to know who had lived in under their roof in years past.

The stories came with such regularity, staff members began writing them down and in 2004 program manager Vickie Wendel decided to create something new. The Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour debuted the evening of Riverfest 2004 the day before the first Anoka Heritage Home and Garden Tour. With only two tours offered, they sold out quickly so only 50 people experienced the mystery and history of Anoka on that beautiful July evening. Despite this small beginning, it was the beginning of a tradition.

The Ghost Tours continued that October and every year since. Costumed guides lead groups of people through neighborhood sidewalks and down Main Street revealing stories of history and mystery in our town. Those who go on the tour come from all across Anoka County but also from across the Metro area, northern Minnesota, France and Australia.

To celebrate the auspicious 13th anniversary of the walking tour, the ACHS and Ghost Tour Guides updated information and are introducing new stories in 2016. We are also partnering with Groupon throughout the summer on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Take advantage of the warm summer evenings and experience an evening hearing ghost stories and Anoka's history. If you join the tour on Thursday evenings you will be a part of our new Premium Ghost Tour, which offers refreshments and conversation after the tour at various locations in Downtown Anoka.

Purchase your tickets for our summer tours at www.groupon.com/deals/anoka-county-historical-society

Anoka Union.

Grants:

We are excited to announce that this spring the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant program awarded two grants to our Historical Society: Minnesota Bookshelf History and a Microfilm Reader Grant.

The Bookshelf History allows us to purchase new and updated local history books for our research library. These books cover a range of topics in Minnesota history and will be available for researchers or those browsing our reading room collections.

While we are always excited about books, nothing can compare to our joy at purchasing a new microfilm reader through the awarded grant. The new digital reader will allow researchers to read, print and download digital copies of pages to a thumb drive. The new reader should be in place and ready for use this summer. When it is ready, come on in and explore the 19th century newspapers and the local news they captured in their pages.

Combined, the \$10,732 grant money will improve and enhance the research at the ACHS. A heartfelt thank you to the grant program and advocates of historical research.

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Scanning Event Success:

This spring the ACHS piloted community Digital Preservation Events with the partnership of the Anoka County Library, Minitex, and Minnesota Digital Library. At four separate scanning days, professional grade scanning equipment was available to scan the images people brought.

People brought in photographs of their parents' courtship, letters written in that now foreign language called "cursive," snapshots of life in Columbia Heights in the 1950s and a glimpse inside the Anoka State Hospital.

In total the digitization specialists scanned over 100 photographs and documents brought in for preservation. The physical documents returned home with participants, along with digital copies that can be shared, copied and protected from damage a physical copy may endure.

While preserving the physical copy is important, each photograph or document has a story and a background that can be so easily lost: who are the people, where was the photograph taken, and why is this important is also saved.

The above letterhead is a portion of a scanned document a patron brought to the March event for digital preservation.

Contributions & New Members – Thank You!

All lists are current to April 20, 2016

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As a Business Member you receive membership benefits, a listing in our newsletter and website, an ACHS window cling to display, and free exhibit admission to all employees.

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If you want more information or your business would like to become a member or sponsor with ACHS call, 763.421.0600, email Audra@AnokaCountyHistory.org or visit our website AnokaCountyHistory.org

A View of the Past:



We have photographic proof in the collection at ACHS that Jim W. rode the cars, the boats and the rockets at the Coon Rapids Fire Department Carnival in 1955. From each of the photos, it looks like he had the most fun shooting at an imaginary attack on his rocket ship. The carnival was held at Sand Creek Park, located east of the railroad on Northdale Blvd. Object ID: 684.1.05



Follow the Anoka County Historical Society on Facebook for more historic photos shared from our collection of more than 15,000 photographs.

Programs, Events & Reminders

Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tours—Groupon Deals

Thursday evenings during the summer will feature the Premium Ghost Tour, upping the ante with refreshments and exclusive access to an extra tour site.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Anoka County History Center

Cost: two tickets for \$20, available on the Groupon website

Saturday evenings from May through August will feature the traditional Ghost Tour, a one hour walk around Anoka filled with wild yarns and bone-chilling tales from a costumed guide.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Anoka County History Center

Cost: two tickets for \$10, available on the Groupon website

Exhibit Hall Tours—Groupon Deals

Tuesdays, from May through August, history buffs looking for a behind-the-scenes peek at the exhibits and collections can spend time on a guided exploration of ACHS.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Anoka County History Center

Cost: two tickets for \$10, available on the Groupon website

Rum River Rovers Base Ball

Base ball played by 1860s rules

Games held May– October. The full schedule can be found at AnokaCountyHistory.org

Location: Various cities around MN and WI

Cost: Free

Exhibit Opening

Farms to Flamingos: Building a Mid-Century Modern County

July 9

Location: Anoka County History Center

Cost: FREE

Anoka Heritage Home and Garden Tour

July 10

Location: City of Anoka Neighborhoods

Cost: \$12/members, \$15/non-members

Anoka County Fair

July 26-31

Location: Anoka County Fair Grounds

Cost: Fair Admission \$9. Age 13 and older

Nowthen Threshing Show

August 19-21

Location: Threshing Show Grounds, 7415 Old Viking Blvd. Nowthen

Cost: Day pass \$10 (age 12 and under free)

Unveiling of the First Day Issue Halloween stamp

September 29

Time: 11 a.m. program followed by activities in the afternoon

Location: Anoka City Hall Plaza

Cost: FREE

Signed, Sealed & Dinnared: Delivering the Memories of the County

September 29

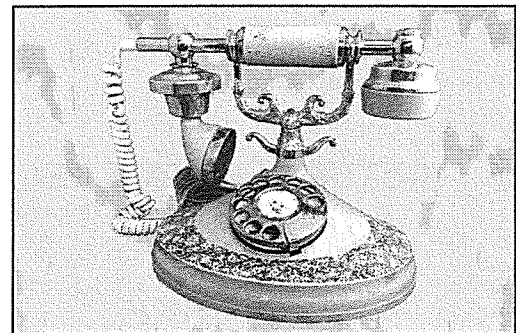
Time: 5:30 social hour

6:30 dinner

7:00 program

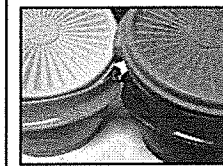
Location: Greenhaven Country Club

Cost: \$45/members, \$50/non-members



CALLING ALL 1950-60-70s things!

We need a few more pieces in the exhibit hall to make our house a home. We've got the shag carpet, but we'd love to



get our hands on a pink flamingo (original used one, not a new version), some harvest colored Tupperware

(remember those salt and pepper shakers?), cocktail glasses, Melmac dishes, and toys.

Looking ahead, we will also need donations of clothing—especially 1960s and 1970s items

like bell bottomed jeans and peasant blouses, maxi dresses, mini skirts, or boots.



Got other ideas for items that seem especially evocative of the era? Is your attic bulging with memorabilia of items now



dubbed "vintage" and "mid-century modern?"

Send us some photos and we'll see if they work with the upcoming exhibit concepts. The house we're

building will continue to shift from kitchen and living room to bathroom, bedrooms, and utility as we work our way through a variety of stories in Anoka County.



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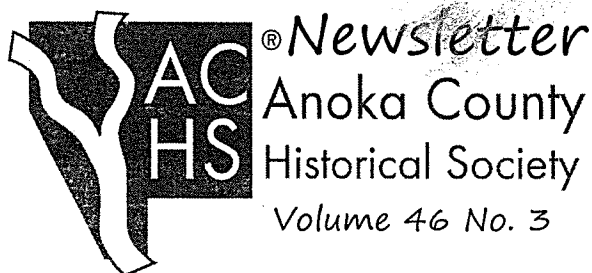
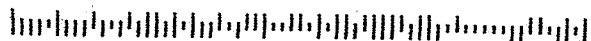
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Anoka County
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Community Social Services and Behavioral Health

May 18, 2016

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

Dear City Administrator:

In honor of Peace Officer's Day, Heading Home Anoka, a collaboration of housing providers, non-profits and County staff serving those who are at risk of homelessness or who are currently homeless, would like to recognize your city with a Certificate of our Appreciation for the dedication, commitment and service that your First Responders provide to those dealing with housing issues and homelessness in Anoka County. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,


Michele Reid
Anoka County Housing Program Coordinator

Certificate of Appreciation


IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THOSE
DEALING WITH HOUSING ISSUES AND HOMELESSNESS IN ANOKA COUNTY.

City of Spring Lake Park

Wednesday, May 11, 2016



Heading Home Anoka - Chair
Jenny Green



Anoka County Housing Program Coordinator
Michele Reid



Comcast Business Announces Regional Winners in Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs Competition

Comcast Business recently announced that 30 small business owners from across the U.S. have been named regional winners in the “Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs Contest” (I4E), a national competition that will award more than \$440,000 to up-and-coming companies that are leveraging technology to enhance their business. Each of the regional winners, which include 15 startups and 15 entrepreneurs, receives a \$10,000 cash award and the chance to compete for the opportunity to consult with more than a dozen business experts to fuel growth within their organization.

Winners were selected based on essays they submitted regarding how they would use technology to enhance their business. Entries were judged by John Jantsch, marketing consultant, speaker and best-selling author of *Duct Tape Marketing*, *The Commitment Engine* and *The Referral Engine*, and Anita Campbell, founder, CEO and publisher of *Small Business Trends*. The winners come from a wide range of geographies, backgrounds and types of businesses.

The Twin Cities Region is excited to announce two winners in the “Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs Contest:”

- **Sammy’s Avenue Eatery:** Sammy’s Avenue Eatery is a community based coffee and sandwich shop. They not only serve great food, but also offer a great atmosphere to come and work, meet, or just simply relax and hear from a wide spectrum of people whom share a common goal of growth and increased opportunity.
- **NewMedia Holdings:** AnewLuv is an online dating service with a potential global reach. Hosted web services and API’s all hosted locally on site via Comcast Business Internet. As a small operation with lower overhead they believe they can provide much more competitive paid and free services and really carve out a niche in the online dating space. ■



Comcast Employee Jeremy Skjegstad Honored as Site-Based Big Brother of the Year

Saint Paul resident Jeremy Skjegstad has been selected as the Minnesota Site-Based Big Brother of the year. He received the statewide honor after receiving the same recognition from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities. For seven years, Jeremy has devoted time each week to being an additional, caring adult in a child’s life as a Big Brother, most recently to his current Little Brother, Lor.

For the past three years, Jeremy has spent 90 minutes every other week, September through May, with Lor—a 6th grader at Hazel Park Prep Academy. Unlike the traditional BBBS community-based matches who meet more independently and often on weekends, their site-based match is supported by their respective school and workplace. Twice each month, along with 20 of his classmates, Lor boards a yellow bus that delivers him from his school to the Comcast campus in Saint Paul, where he is met by his Big Brother and mentor, Jeremy.

The program is part of an innovative “Beyond School Walls” initiative, funded by Comcast. ■



Northeast Youth and Family Services



Comcast was a proud sponsor of the Northeast Youth and Family Services Leadership Luncheon on May 4, 2016. This event helped NYFS kick off their celebration of 40 years of service to the northern suburbs. Each year NYFS improve the lives of over 4,000 youth, families and adults. We would like to thank Mayor Val Johnson, and Councilmember Paul Jacobsen for joining us at the luncheon. ■

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15th Annual Comcast Cares Day

On Saturday, April 30, more than 2,000 Twin Cities employees and their family, friends and community partners volunteered at 12 metro area project sites as part of the 15th annual Comcast Cares Day.

Comcast Cares Day is one way that Comcast and NBCUniversal demonstrate our year-round commitment to make change happen in the communities we serve. Since 2001, our employees have given over three-million hours of service at more than 5,000 project sites across the country. The Comcast Foundation has contributed grants totaling \$14 million to local community partner organizations on behalf of each employee and immediate family member who has volunteered on Comcast Cares Day. We would like to thank all of the volunteers, community partners and elected officials who joined us on April 30th. ■



Comcast's Leaders & Achievers Scholarship

The Twin Cities Region recently held its 12th Annual Comcast Scholarship Recognition Event honoring the 2016 Leaders & Achievers Scholarship recipients. Comcast has awarded more than \$24 million in scholarships to approximately 23,000 students through our Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program.

Scholarship recipients are high school students recognized on the basis of community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and academic achievement. The Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program underscores the Comcast philosophy that young people should have every opportunity to achieve their potential and be motivated as catalysts for positive change in their schools and communities. We would especially like to thank Mayor George Tourville, Representative Kelly Fenton, Representative Linda Runbeck, and Senator Foung Hawj for joining Comcast in congratulating the scholarship recipients. ■

A Simpler Bill Designed for You

We are committed to improving every aspect of the customer experience. Comcast has been working to improve your XFINITY experience all around – we've simplified things so you can get the information you need without having to search for it. We worked directly with customers to redesign the XFINITY bill. We hope that you like the new look and feel!

Customers are now seeing the updated XFINITY bill design with new features including:

- A simpler summary of changes and credits up front
- Easy ways to access payment options, including through the My Account app
- Tips on getting more from their service
- Streamlined design features, like easy-to-spot contact information

For more information, visit xfinity.com/billredesign ■



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From: Shaylyn French
Sent: Saturday, May 21, 2016 1:06 PM
To: debeltoft@slpmn.org
Subject: Just a little note

Dear Spring Lake Police Department,

2016 has without a doubt been a terrible year ever endured by Law Enforcement. Those like me who hold the force near and dear to their hearts are also feeling the pain of the incidents this year and still feel the aches of the pains of this year. Although I don't sport the uniform nor am I a LEO myself, I still bleed blue and have a passion for all Law Enforcement Officials no matter what uniform is worn.

Unfortunately, I live in one of the many communities affected by a fallen officer this year and let me tell you (without insulting your intelligence), that it really does turn a community inside out. At the same time however, it also brings the best out of communities as well. When these events happen, often times people are met with guilt because they didn't thank their police departments enough or other Law Enforcement Agencies. Today, I choose to not let this regret become a reality.

Today, I take just a few moments to write to you and your agency and thank each and everyone of you for what you do for your communities. The strength, courage and integrity that you carry with you throughout your days is one that can never be measured. What you do is worth it, what you do is appreciated, although it may seem like many are against you, please know that there are many such as I behind you.

Today I also take a few moments to make you aware that there are people out there like me, who pray over you every single day and care about the achievement of making it home safe and soundly each day.

I hope that this letter of encouragement finds your heart and allows itself to serve as an aid to heal some of the pain that all of you have endured at some point this year. Enough is enough hearing about all that are against you, today, you shall receive a reminder that there are indeed individuals such as myself, who have your six always and are combating your honor within humanity against those who choose to remain blind to the wonderful things you do each day .

I may not live in your jurisdiction of service, but I am still someone who appreciates Law Enforcement wherever you are. This is because each of you serve a bigger purpose than any person's mind could even wrap their brains around, not all may see it but there are plenty of others that do.

God bless each of you through all of your days, I appreciate you and again thank you for your service.

Sincerely Yours,

Shaylyn Connelly-French
Warrenton, OR

Anoka County Sheriff's Office

In Partnership with
Blaine PD, Centennial Lakes PD, Columbia Heights PD, Fridley PD,
Lino Lakes PD, Ramsey PD, Spring Lake Park PD, St. Francis PD

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

The *Prescription Drug Take Back* addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

To date, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, along with its law enforcement partners, collected nearly 12,500 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs and safely disposed of them.

The goal of the *Prescription Drug Take Back* is to provide a convenient drop off location for the public to dispose of unwanted or unused prescription drugs.

Due to the public response and the on-going issues surrounding prescription drug abuse, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, along with its law enforcement partners, provides an on-going *Prescription Drug Take Back Program*.

The *Prescription Drug Take Back* will accept unwanted prescription drugs from non-commercial, residential users only. No syringes, needles, or other hazardous materials will be accepted. Participation in the *Prescription Drug Take Back* is free and anonymous; all prescriptions will be disposed of with "no questions asked."

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Anoka County Sheriff's Office
13301 Hanson Blvd. NE
Andover, MN 55304
763-323-5000 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Blaine Police Department
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449
763-785-6168 Hours: 7:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Centennial Lakes Police Department
54 North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014
763-784-2501 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Columbia Heights Police Department
825 41st Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
763-706-8100 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

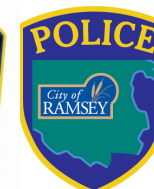
Fridley Police Department
6431 University Avenue NE
Fridley, MN 55432
763-572-3629 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Lino Lakes Police Department
640 Town Center Pkwy
Lino Lakes, MN 55014
651-982-2300 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Ramsey Police Department
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303
763-427-6812 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Spring Lake Park Police Department
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
763-792-7200 Hours: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Francis Police Department
4058 St. Francis Blvd. NW
St. Francis, MN 55070
763-753-1264 Hours: 6:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.





Notice of Annual Public Information Meeting
Rice Creek Watershed District

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program
MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Public Information Meeting on the District's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 during the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers, 4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota. The purpose of this meeting is to present the District's MS4 Annual Report and receive comments and respond to questions regarding the District's SWPPP. Interested parties will have an opportunity to provide oral or written input on the Best Management Practices (BMPs) being utilized by the District. The District's SWPPP can be reviewed on the District's website www.ricecreek.org or a copy is available for review at the District office.

For questions regarding the meeting, contact Samantha Berger, District Technician, at sberger@ricecreek.org or (763) 398-3084.