

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81ST AVENUE N.E.
AGENDA
JUNE 1, 2015 @7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2015
 - B. Opt-Out of Ramsey County CDBG Program
 - C. Contractor’s Licenses
 - D. Correspondence
6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR
7. PRESENTATIONS:
 - A. Mayor’s Proclamation Commending Conor Allen on the Attainment of the Rank of Eagle Scout
8. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
9. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT
10. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. 2015 Budget Adjustment
 - B. 2015 MS4 Permit Activities Proposal
 - C. Request for Work Session
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 18, 2015 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, Nelson, Nash and Mayor Hansen

Members Absent: Councilmember Wendling

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

Visitors: Olivia Koester, ABC Newspaper

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions or Corrections to Agenda - None

5. Discussion From The Floor - None

6. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Hansen reviewed the following Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2015
- B. Approval of Minutes – Special Council Meeting May 11, 2015
- C. Disbursements
 - 1. General Fund Disbursement Claim No. 15-07 -- \$312,705.50
 - 2. Liquor Fund Disbursement Claim No. 15-08 -- \$216,416.70
- D. Budget to Date/Statement of Fund Balance – April 30, 2015
- E. Application for Exempt Permit – Mounds View Community Theatre – June 7, 2015 Lions Lakeside Park
- F. Resolution No. 15-11 Abatement/Additions to Special Assessments
- G. Contractor's Licenses
- H. Sign Permit
- I. Business Licenses
- J. Correspondence

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

7. Police Report

Police Chief Ebeltoft reviewed the April 2015 department statistics.

Chief Ebeltoft stated that the Police Department responded to four hundred calls for service in 2015 compared to three hundred and sixty-two calls for service in April 2014. He stated that the Police Department issued one hundred and eight citations in April compared to two hundred and ten citations in April 2014.

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the Police Department continues to promote community education and speed compliance by deploying the speed trailer at different locations in the city. He reported that for the month of April 2015 the speed trailer has been deployed ten different times at different locations in the City. He reported that the Police Department will remain vigilant and continue to look for ways to assist with educating the public and promoting compliance with all laws. He stated that the public is encouraged to contact the Police Department with locations that they consider are problem speed areas within the city so that the Department can obtain maximum utilization of the speed trailer and promote compliance to speed laws.

Chief Ebeltoft reported in addition to addressing the day to day operations of the Department he attended numerous meetings; including a meeting of the Location Committee to continue working on the MOU between Anoka County and the JLEC for the PSDS; a training held at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office regarding "Police and the Press"; a meeting with Scott Adkisson of "Diversion Solutions" to continue working on the Traffic Education Program; a Department meeting to address current issues and concerns for the Department; a meeting at Central Park Liquor Warehouse regarding video surveillance systems; the monthly meeting of the Anoka County Chiefs Association; a meeting of the Chief Law Enforcement Officers; attendance at the Executive Training Institute; a meeting with Hill Crest Animal Hospital negotiating a contract for statutory animal control services and attended the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council meeting.

8. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Rygwall reviewed the April 2015 department statistics.

Ms. Rygwall stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission met and reviewed the usage of the sand volleyball courts. She stated that they are happy with the early installation of the courts for the season and have already been well used. She reported the commission also reviewed the Tower Days games and suggested that the game hours be extended on Sunday.

Ms. Rygwall reported that staff has been busy preparing the softball leagues, coaches meetings, preparing coach materials, arranging for team photos and working on practice schedules. She reported that staff has been processing Tower Days parade and vendor applications. She reported that the planning of the 2016 extended trips has started and a preview of the trips will be presented in October.

9. New Business

A. Authorization to Purchase Tire Changer and Wheel Balancer

Public Works Director Randall stated that he is seeking approval to purchase a Tire Changer and Wheel Balancer. He stated that the pieces of equipment would be used to change tires on the Public Works and Police Department vehicles.

Mr. Randall stated that he received a quote from Tool Warehouse for \$3,898.00 including the delivery and installation and is the price from the state contract. He stated that the average cost to repair a tire is \$10.00 per tire and the average is 50 tires per year. He feels that over a short amount of time, the equipment will pay for itself.

Councilmember Nelson inquired if the tire changer is capable of being used on all the city vehicles including the dump truck. Mr. Randall stated the dump truck is too large to use the equipment however; all other vehicles will be capable of utilizing the equipment.

Mayor Hansen inquired on the life expectancy of the equipment. Mr. Randall stated that with the proper servicing and maintenance the equipment should last 20 years.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MASON TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TIRE CHANGER AND WHEEL BALANCER FROM TOOL WAREHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,898.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Authorize Conditional Job Offer for Public Works Maintenance Worker

Public Works Director Randall reported that the City Council gave prior approval at its April 6, 2015 meeting to advertise and interview candidates for the Public Works Maintenance Worker that was vacated by Steve Coyle's retirement. He reported that the City received 39 applications, which were scored. He stated that the top seven ranking candidates were invited for an interview on May 12, 2015.

Mr. Randall reported that although all interviewees were well qualified for the position, the panel felt one candidate rose to the top. He stated that the candidate that best fits the position is Ben Turbitt. He stated that Mr. Turbitt has eight years experience working as a seasonal maintenance worker for the City.

Mr. Randall stated that staff recommends that the City Council authorize staff to make a conditional job offer to Mr. Turbitt contingent upon successful background and driver license checks and the passing of a drug test. He reported that the starting salary for the position is at 90% of the maintenance worker salary rate, per the union contract.

MOTION MADE MAYOR HANSEN TO AUTHORIZE CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER FOR PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER TO BEN TURBITT. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Authorize Conditional Job Offer to Part Time Police Receptionist

Chief Ebeltoft reported that the Part Time Police Receptionist position testing process has been completed, with fifteen applicants submitting applications and four of these applicants qualifying for an interview and typing test. He reported that scores from the interview, typing test, veteran's preference and experience points were combined to achieve the final ranking.

Chief Ebeltoft recommended that the top scoring applicant be appointed to the position of Part Time Police Receptionist. He stated that the highest scoring applicant is Karla Keys. He stated that he is seeking authorization to confirm his recommendation, effective June 1, 2015, at Step 4 of the current pay scale for the Police Receptionist (Part-Time) position, pending completion of a criminal background check.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NELSON TO AUTHORIZE CONDITIONAL JOB OFFER FOR PART TIME POLICE RECEPTIONIST TO KARLA KEYS. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Approve Purchase of New Signage for Central Park Liquor Store

Executive Assistant Gooden reported that at the April 27, 2015 Liquor Commission meeting, the Commission heard a proposal from Liquor Store Manager Swanson to rebrand the store and purchase new signage to correspond with the painting of the building the City Council approved last fall. She reported that the existing signage is fourteen years old and the logo is dated. She reported that the existing reader board is no longer supported by Daktronics. She stated that the new signage is expected to draw in new customers to the store, boosting sales and profits for the store.

Ms. Gooden stated that the new signage included three new channel letter signs to be installed on the building, an LED boarder tube along the roofline of the building, and a new cabinet sign and dynamic LED display.

Ms. Gooden reported that the Liquor Commission reviewed two quotes for new signage at Central Park Liquors. The quotes reviewed were:

Designer Sign Systems, Blaine	\$96,132.78
Scenic Sign Corp, St. Cloud	\$84,775.00

The low bid was received from Scenic Sign Corp. with a bid of \$84,775.00. The Liquor Commission recommended approval of the quote from Scenic Sign Corp.

Ms. Gooden stated that the City Council reviewed the proposed rebranding/signage recommendation at its workshop session on May 11, 2015. She reported that the consensus of the City Council was to request staff bring forward the quote to the City Council meeting on May 18, 2015 for formal approval.

Councilmember Nelson expressed his concern with the angle of the sign from the road. He inquired if an additional amount of funds could be added to cover the cost of realigning the sign to make it more perpendicular to the road. Mr. Nelson stated he was unsure what that cost would be.

Attorney Carson stated that an amount that the City Council agrees on that amount would be added to the motion to allow for the adjustment of the cabinet and sign. Building Official Brainard commented that he thought the cost of the adjustment would not exceed \$5,000.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NASH TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW SIGNAGE FOR CENTRAL PARK LIQUOR FROM SCENIC SIGN CORP FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$84,775.00 WITH THE ADDENDUM OF AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR SIGN MOUNTING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Approve Tax-Exempt Capital Lease for Liquor Store Signage

Executive Assistant Gooden reported that the May 11, 2015 workshop session, the City Council came to the consensus to move forward with the purchase of new signage for Central Park Liquor as part of its rebranding effort. She reported that staff recommends spreading out the cost of the new signage over a period of years through the use of a tax-exempt capital lease. She stated that this financing option allows the City to take advantage of the anticipated increase in sales generated by the store's rebranding effort and thereby reduce the

impact of the purchase on the store's cash reserves.

Ms. Gooden reported that the City is working with US Bancorp on the financing of the tax-exempt capital lease. She stated the interest rate on the tax-exempt capital lease is 2.25% with US Bancorp purchasing the signage on the liquor store's behalf. Ms. Gooden stated that the liquor store will make 24 quarterly payments of \$3,796.04. She explained that at the end of the lease, the liquor store will purchase the signage for \$1. The tax-exempt capital lease is an obligation of the City's municipal liquor fund and will be paid with revenues generated from the City's municipal liquor store operations and the least is not a general obligation of the City.

Ms. Gooden stated that the City's bond counsel, Andy Pratt of Eckberg Lammers, is in the process of reviewing the tax-exempt capital lease documents on behalf of the City. She explained that to expedite the acquisition of the signage and to take advantage of the low interest rate, staff recommends the City Council approve entering into a tax-exempt capital lease and escrow agreement with US Bancorp, contingent upon approval of the lease and escrow documents by the City's bond counsel.

Councilmember Nelson thanked Administrator Buchholtz for his research on this proposal and proposing this option for financing.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NASH TO APPROVE TAX EXEMPT CAPITAL LEASE FOR LIQUOR STORE SIGNAGE WITH THE ADDENDUM OF AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR SIGN MOUNTING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

F. Award Bids for 2015 Sewer Lining Project

Engineer Gravel reported that bids were opened for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project and the City received four bids. He stated that Visu-Sewer, Inc. was the low bidder with a total base bid of \$152,976.60, which was \$17,023.40 under the Engineer's Estimate.

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER NASH TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2015 SEWER LINING PROJECT TO VISU-SEWER INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,976.60. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

G. Consideration of Bids for Sanitary Lift Station No. 1 – Replacement Project

Engineer Gravel reported that bids were opened for the Sanitary Lift Station No. 1 Replacement Project and the City received one bid. He stated that Meyer Contracting, Inc. was the low bidder with a total base bid of \$730,365.51, which was more than \$130,000 over the January 2015 Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Costs of \$600,000. Mr. Gravel reported that although the equipment quotes received earlier this year for the generator and pump station were less than estimated, the net total project cost would still be above the budgeted total project amount with this bid.

Mr. Gravel stated that the City has two options. He stated that the first option is to award the bid to Meyer Contracting, Inc. based on the total base bid amount of \$730,365.51. The second option is to formally reject all bids. He stated that the option of rejecting all bids, the City could re-bid the project later.

Mr. Gravel stated that Stantec had contacted some contractors who did not submit a bid to see why they did not bid. He reported that the feedback they received indicated that many contractors currently have a full supply of work for 2015 and they are not taking on additional work. It was indicated that the bidding climate might be more favorable if the project were to be bid late this year for construction in 2016.

Mr. Gravel reported that given the facts that only one bid was received and the bid was more than expected, it is recommended that the City consider the option to formally reject all bids. He stated that the project can be rebid later this year and construction could occur in 2016.

Councilmember Nelson stated that he agreed with the logic to rebid the project in the Fall, giving contractors more time to plan their work for the Spring.

MOTION MADE BY MAYOR HANSEN TO FORMALLY REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE SANITARY LIFT STATION NO. 1 – REPLACEMENT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Engineer's Report

Engineer Gravel reported that the 2014-2015 Street Improvement Project has started. He reported that the contractor will start concrete and sidewalk work on 81st Avenue to East of Monroe Street this week. He stated that the layout of the striping on 81st Avenue will allow drive lanes to be 11 feet wide with an eight-foot wide parking along the side allowing for an even stripe down the center. He stated that this will help with traffic control.

11. Attorney's Report – None

12. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Report - None

13. Other

Mayor Hansen thanked Kraus-Hartig VFW for the donation of flags to City Hall.

14. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Cindy Hansen, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: OPT-OUT OF RAMSEY COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM
DATE: MAY 22, 2015

The City of Spring Lake Park has received a letter from Ramsey County notifying us of the opportunity to participate in Ramsey County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. As the City has opted out of the program in the past, they are inquiring if that continues to be our position.

The City of Spring Lake Park accesses the CDBG program through the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. As the entire City participates in Anoka County's program, funds are available to residents and organizations in the Ramsey County portion of the City.

Working with one program eases administration and burdens associated with accessing the funds. City staff is very comfortable working with Anoka County HRA and desires to continue the current arrangement.

Staff requests City Council authority to notify Ramsey County of its intent to opt-out of the Ramsey County program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 763-784-6491.

May 15, 2015

Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1301 Eighty First Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Dear Mr. Bucholz:

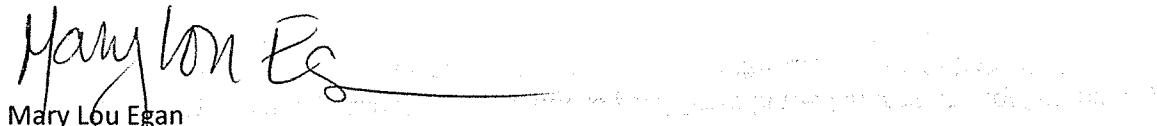
In accordance with Federal regulations, Ramsey County must now seek the support and interest of our suburban municipalities again for a new three-year qualification period. These regulations require that we notify you of the opportunity to participate in the Ramsey County program for the next three-year period.

In 2000, the City of Spring Lake Park chose not to participate in the Ramsey County Community Development Block Grant program, as you are involved with the Anoka County Entitlement program, and there is very little population in the Ramsey County portion of the City of Spring Lake Park. (As a split place, Spring Lake Park may also choose to be excluded from all urban counties.)

If the city would like to "opt-out" of the Ramsey County program at this time, we would appreciate it if you could confirm in this in writing.

If you need any additional information or have any questions, please give me a call at 651-266-8025, or email at marylou.egan@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Egan
Community and Economic Development

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

Contractors License

June 1, 2015

Mechanical Contractor

Master Gas Fitters

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
COMMENDING CONOR ALLEN ON THE ATTAINMENT
OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

WHEREAS, on December 28, 2014, Boy Scout Conor Allen from Troop 714, was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America for successfully completing all requirements for Scouting's highest rank; and

WHEREAS, Conor has participated in Scouting since the age of 7, working his way through the ranks as Cub Scout, Webelo and Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, Conor regularly attended his scouting meetings at Kraus Hartig VFW and has participated in a number of Scout outings, including summer camps at Boot Lake, Tomahawk, Ed Bryant, Many Point and a high adventure camp at Florida Sea Base; and

WHEREAS, Conor has held many positions within Troop 714, including assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader; and

WHEREAS, Conor has earned the Order of the Arrow, as well as over twenty-five merit badges; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout Award is a distinction that will follow Conor throughout his life and will be a beacon to others of the leadership quality and commitment this young man has shown; and

WHEREAS, the City commends Conor on his Eagle project, where he led fellow scouts in building a community garden for St. Paul Public Housing, located at 200 East Arch Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Hansen, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby congratulate and recognize Conor Allen for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout and express the community's appreciation for all his efforts to improve the quality of life in Spring Lake Park.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2015.

Cindy Hansen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator



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REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Barry L. Brainard, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for May 2015
DATE: May 27, 2015

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.

In May 2015, a total of 20 building, 2 fire, 1 sign, 8 zoning, 5 mechanical, and 2 plumbing permits were issued compared to a total of 37 in 2014. I conducted 67 inspections in the month of May including 22 building, 2 mechanical, 5 plumbing, 5 nuisance, 2 c.o., 15 rental, 11 fire, and 2 zoning inspections.

On May 5th, Demolition permit number 00092 was issued for 8299 Central Avenue (old Medtronic building) in which demolition commenced shortly thereafter and is continuing for another three weeks. On May 19th Building permit number 00104 was also issued for 8299 Central Avenue for Substance Church remodeling. The value of this work was set at \$5,315,000.00. All of this information can be found on monthly permit report included with this report.

Also attached with this report, please find the May 2015 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 2015 vacancy listing summarizes the following:

- 21 vacant/foreclosed residential properties currently posted by the Code enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Up two from last month.
- 2 vacant/foreclosed commercial properties currently posted by the Code Enforcement department and/or soon to be posted. Remains the same as last month.
- 16 residential properties currently occupied and ready for Sheriff Sale's redemption. Down one from last month.

In May of 2015, I posted four (4) abandoned properties, as well as conducted two certificate of occupancy inspection. Also in the month of May, I issued five (5) administrative offense tickets as well as fifteen violation notices were issued by the Code Enforcement Department.

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

Building/Mechanical/Plumbing/Zoning Inspections:	38%
Vacant and Foreclosed Inspections:	5%
Rental and Certificate of Occupancy Inspections:	21%
Fire Inspections:	13%
Nuisance Inspections:	23%

In May of 2015, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meetings on May 4th and 18th.
- Department Head meeting on May 5th.
- City Council Workshop on May 11th.
- North Suburban Code Enforcement Officials meeting at Coon Rapids City Hall on the 12th.
- North Suburban Building Official meeting at New Brighton City Hall on May 26th.
- Code review meeting on May 27th, with Substance Church DBA Architects and General Contractor Superintendent from McGough.

Most people are not aware that if you put a storage bin/container, tent, or play structure bigger than 120 gross square feet in your yard for more than seven (7) days, that they are required to secure a Zoning Permit from the City of Spring Lake Park. The handout in front of you today helps explain all requirements for assembling such temporary structures.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for May 2015. 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 Permit#

Issued Date From: 5/1/2015 To: 5/31/2015
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	Total Fees
Permit Type: BUILDING												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL ALTERATION												
2015-00104	05/19/2015	8299 CENTRAL AVE NE	0		5,315,000.00	28,633.46	18,611.75	1,515.75				48,810.96
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL DEMOLITION												
2015-00092	05/05/2015	8299 CENTRAL AVE NE	0			200.00						200.00
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL ROOFING												
2015-00128	05/22/2015	1600 COUNTY ROAD 10 NE	0		1,500.00	70.96						71.71
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIDING												
2015-00093	05/04/2015	1600 COUNTY ROAD 10 NE	0		4,450.00	119.46						121.69
Permit Kind: MOBILE HOME ROOFING												
2015-00127	05/22/2015	1681 BALLANTYNE LN NE	0		5,293.00	133.23						135.88
Permit Kind: MOBILE HOME SIDING												
2015-00101	05/06/2015	1591 82ND AVE NE	0		2,000.00	90.96						91.96
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY REMODEL												
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY ROOFING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ADDITION												
2015-00118	05/15/2015	608 84TH AVE NE	0		47,403.00	718.24	466.86	23.70				1,208.80
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ALTERATION												
2015-00098	05/11/2015	8330 PIERCE ST NE	0		5,529.00	137.09	89.11	2.76				228.96
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY BASEMENT FINISH												
2015-00105	05/08/2015	8025 JACKSON ST NE	0		1,045.00	52.76		0.52				53.28
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DECK												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DEMOLITION												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DOOR REPLACEMENT												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY EGRESS WINDOW												

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: BUILDING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY INSULATION												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY PLUMBING												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY REMODEL												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ROOFING												
2015-00100	05/05/2015	740 83RD AVE NE	0	0	6,500.00	152.95		3.25				156.20
2015-00103	05/05/2015	317 MANOR DR NE	0	0	7,755.00	173.46		3.88				177.34
2015-00114	05/14/2015	359 MANOR DR NE	0	0	4,870.00	126.32		2.44				128.76
2015-00123	05/18/2015	784 83RD AVE NE	0	0	6,000.00	144.78		3.00				147.78
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY SIDING												
2015-00097	05/05/2015	8410 LAKEWOOD DR NE	0	0	13,000.00	259.16		6.50				265.66
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY TRUSS WORK												
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY WINDOW REPLACEMENT												
2015-00102	05/05/2015	701 BALLANTYNE LN NE	0	0	2,550.00	88.41		1.27				89.68
2015-00106	05/08/2015	7943 MCKINLEY ST NE	0	0	2,495.00	87.51		1.25				88.76
2015-00107	05/11/2015	8485 COTTAGEWOOD TERR NE	0	0	5,000.00	128.44		2.50				130.94
2015-00117	05/15/2015	1146 79TH AVE NE	0	0	23,756.00	438.92		11.88				450.80
2015-00119	05/15/2015	8001 MONROE ST NE	0	0	300.00	31.00		0.15				31.15
2015-00130	05/27/2015	8001 MONROE ST NE	0	0	2,000.00	90.96		1.00				91.96
Permit Type: BUILDING - Totals												
Period			20	0	5,456,446.00	31,878.07	19,167.72	1,586.48				52,682.27
YTD			61	0	6,015,270.05	41,742.91	22,994.73	1,875.43				66,643.07
Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL FIRE SUPPRESSION												
2015-00115	05/15/2015	8299 CENTRAL AVE NE	0	0		841.50		28.05				898.40
2015-00116	05/15/2015	8299 CENTRAL AVE NE	0	0		1,313.59		32.68				1,610.00
Permit Kind: MULTI-FAMILY FIRE SUPPRESSION												
Permit Type: FIRE SUPPRESSION - Totals												
Period			2	0		2,155.09	292.58	60.73				2,508.40
YTD			4	0		2,612.59	319.39	79.48				3,011.46

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

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HEATING, VENT & AC
 2015-00109 05/13/2015 8179 UNIVERSITY AVE NE 0 320.00 8.00 328.00

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL HVAC - COMMERCIAL MINIMUM

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY HEATING, VENT & AC
 2015-00110 05/11/2015 508 LUND AVE NE 0 50.00 5.00 55.00
 2015-00112 05/11/2015 8401 5TH ST NE 0 50.00 5.00 55.00

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY HVAC - RESIDENTIAL SINGLE

2015-00111 05/11/2015 8330 PIERCE ST NE 0 40.00 5.00 45.00
 2015-00129 05/26/2015 8297 TAYLOR ST NE 0 40.00 5.00 45.00

Permit Type: MECHANICAL - Totals

Period	5	0	500.00	28.00	528.00
YTD	22	0	1,819.98	122.00	1,941.98

Permit Type: PLUMBING

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL PLUMBING

2015-00113 05/12/2015 8179 UNIVERSITY AVE NE 0 130.00 5.00 135.00

Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY PLUMBING

2015-00125 05/21/2015 8320 PIERCE ST NE 0 45.00 5.00 50.00

Permit Type: PLUMBING - Totals

Period	2	0	175.00	10.00	185.00
YTD	20	0	1,110.00	100.00	1,210.00

Permit Type: SIGN

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN PERMANENT

2015-00124 05/19/2015 7777 HIGHWAY 65 NE 0 60.00 60.00

Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL SIGN TEMPORARY

Permit#	Date Issued	Site Address	Permit Count	Dwell Units	Valuation	Revenue	Plan Check	State Surcharge	Park Fees	SAC Units	SAC Fees	Total Fees
Permit Type: SIGN - Totals												
	Period		1	0		60.00						60.00
	YTD		4	0		774.00						774.00
Permit Type: ZONING												
Permit Kind: COMMERCIAL FENCE												
2015-00121	05/15/2015	1066 COUNTY ROAD 10 NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY ACCESSORY BUILDING												
2015-00094	05/01/2015	7711 QUINCY ST NE		0		45.00						45.00
2015-00096	05/04/2015	570 WESTBY DR NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY DRIVEWAY												
2015-00095	05/06/2015	8401 WESTWOOD RD NE		0		45.00						45.00
2015-00108	05/11/2015	467 MANOR DR NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Kind: SINGLE FAMILY FENCE												
2015-00099	05/04/2015	8406 LADDIE RD NE		0		45.00						45.00
2015-00122	05/26/2015	7906 6TH ST NE		0		50.00	5.00					50.00
2015-00126	05/26/2015	451 MAPLE ST NE		0		45.00						45.00
Permit Type: ZONING - Totals												
	Period		8	0		365.00	5.00					365.00
	YTD		13	0		590.00	5.00					590.00
Report Total												
	Period		38	0	\$5,456,446.00	35,133.16	19,465.30	1,685.21				56,328.67
	YTD		124	0	\$6,015,270.05	48,649.48	23,319.12	2,176.91				74,170.51

VACANTS/FORECLOSURES May 2015

I checked ABC public records as of 5-19-15 to update the registry accordingly. 5-15-15 Nancy Info "blue" 3rd party hnds, "purple" prop.sold/sale pending, "brown"-deceased.		Posted	120 day	Per ordinance,	Posted	Status	
Service Address	Name	Date	vacant	\$200. vac.fee due 1.yr.anniv. date (A/D) of orig. posting	Abandoned	of	
576 NE 78TH AVE	US Bank Home Mtg. c/o Patrick Bradford (Roel)	8/5/13	vacant	120 day vac. fee paid	\$150. fee	Res. CO	Water
598 NE 78TH AVE	Cityside Mgmt Corp for HUD prop.(Schlien)	5/6/15	12/03/13	due 1-21-14	\$150.00	of	
615 NE 79TH AVE, SEE NOTES	ZEHRA SULTANA, Prop. Cisd Jul.2014, but VACANT	4/21/14	08/19/14	date (A/D) of orig. posting	\$200.00 + due.	App. insp	Res. CO
8040 NE Able St	Janice Roehler - deceased, Daughter Gail Return mail	03/19/15	07/17/15	A/D 4/21/15 see notes	Due	3/19/15	3/19/15
8064 NE GARFIELD	PETER BOROWITZ	06/06/12	10/04/12	A/D 6/6/13	A/D 6/6/14	6/6/12	6/6/12
600 NE lone	A.Stanley/Dawn Brannan both deceased, Return mail	03/19/15	07/17/15	A/D 6/6/13	A/D 6/6/14	3/19/15	3/19/15
7839 Jackson, 2014 mowing certified	Select Portfolio per Co. Possibly closing	09/12/11	01/10/12	A/D 9/12/12	A/D 9/12/13, 14, 9/12/11	9/12/11	9/12/11
8060 NE JEFFERSON	JONATHAN CRANE						
7762 LAKEVIEW LN	WELLS FARGO MTG. (Smith)	10/01/14	01/29/15	A/D 10/1/15	A/D 10/1/16	10/1/14	10/1/14
812 NE LUND	Rita Herr (Rita hvs w/dtr, Stanley Deceased)	05/23/12	09/20/12	A/D 5/23/13	A/D 5/23/14	10/4/13	10/4/13
703 NE MANOR	US Bank per County (Zelanak)	2/26/15	06/26/15	A/D 2/26/16	A/D 2/26/16	2/26/15	2/26/15
770 NE MANOR	JT REO Consultants (C.Brown, Deceased)	05/07/14	09/04/14	A/D 5/7/15	A/D 5/7/16	5/7/14	5/7/14
7907 NE McKinley	Customer Driven Realty (Crea)	5/15/15		A/D 5/7/15	A/D 5/7/16	5/15/15	5/15/15
8401 NE Monroe	TCF National Bank (Johnson)	4/17/15	08/15/15			4/17/15	4/17/15
908 NE RALEIGH	Steve/Maureen Norberg (dad Glenn Deceased)	5/7/14	09/04/14	A/D 5/7/15	A/D 5/7/16	4/17/15	4/17/15
931 NE RALEIGH LN	Konduar Capital Corp (MEYER)	10/1/14	01/29/15	A/D 10/1/15	A/D 10/1/16	10/1/14	10/1/14
828 SANBURNOL	WELLS FARGO per Cty (Hazelwood)	2/26/14	06/26/14	A/D 2/26/15	A/D 2/26/15	5/7/14	5/7/14
8013 NE Van Buren	Vaill Netland -Deceased, Karen Barthel dtr	XX				XX	XX
8099 VAN BUREN ST	Winington Trust NA (per Co.) Lidberg, CLOSING 5/27	5/5/15	09/02/15			5/5/15	5/5/15
8316 NE Westwood	THOMAS COLEMAN/Vacant rental	10/04/12	02/01/13	Paid 3/20/12	A/D 10/4/13	10/4/12	10/4/12
8330 WESTWOOD RD	George Farkas, Realtor US Bank, Vandriel	1/29/14	05/29/14	Paid 6-30-14	Paid 5-13-15	1/29/14	1/29/14
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES							
933 NE Manor	MIN Catholic Credit Union, vacated per Barry 4-2015						
8355 NE UNIVERSITY AVE	KIN PROP. INC (FKA:Timberlodge, Herradura)						
PENDING SHERIFF SALES							
538 NE 80TH AVE	JAMES & JENNIFER WALKER	7/18/14				to Vacate	
1580 81st AVE Units (HOA gets billed)	STEVE KRAFT, COUNSELOR REALTY HNDIS	10/20/14				1/18/15	
551 NE 82ND	EILEEN RICE	3/20/15				4/20/15	
700 NE LUND	SHERRY ERBE	3/30/15				9/20/15	
7868 MADISON ST	LAURIE WELER	7/17/15				9/30/15	
351 NE MAPLE ST	KERTIS J TRUE	1/30/15				1/19/16	
615 NE MAPLE ST	ELIZABETH TROTTER	7/20/15				7/30/15	
8194 NE Middletown (HOA gets billed)	Citimortgage/Brandon O'Donnell	8/21/13				1/20/16	
8285 NE POLK ST	Colleen Thompson	12/5/14				2/21/14	
7763 NE QUINCY ST	MATTHEW AND MARY MEYERS	4/20/15				6/5/15	
8022 NE QUINCY ST	SCOTT AND LAURIE BRAHS	6/12/15				10/20/15	
8029 NE QUINCY ST	RUBEN & GUERLIE JOANEM	5/5/14				12/14/15	
7718 NE TAYLOR ST (HOA gets billed)	PAUL & DOLORES CRAWFORD	2/17/15				11/5/14	
8100 TERRACE RD NE	GLENN STAHOski	10/4/13				8/17/15	
8303 NE WESTWOOD	BANK OF AMER, Dan Berger Occupied 6-18-14	PP 7/7/15				1/7/16	
331 Wwydwood Ln	Edward M Orioki, Winnifred Marunga						
APRIL CLOSINGS							
358 NE SANBURNOL	Prop closing 4-15-15, buyer James & Alicia Nash	7/25/14	11/22/14	Paid 4-10-15	A/D 7/25/15	A/D 7/25/16	7/25/14

Comm.CO

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Paid 10-27-14

Water



City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

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Temporary Structures

Governing Regulations:

- International Residential Code, Section R107
- International Building Code, Section 107
- Section 156.027 of the Spring Lake Park Code of Ordinances.

Temporary structures requiring a use of more than seven (7) days, such as storage bins or containers, tents, or play structures shall require a Zoning Permit in the City of Spring Lake Park.

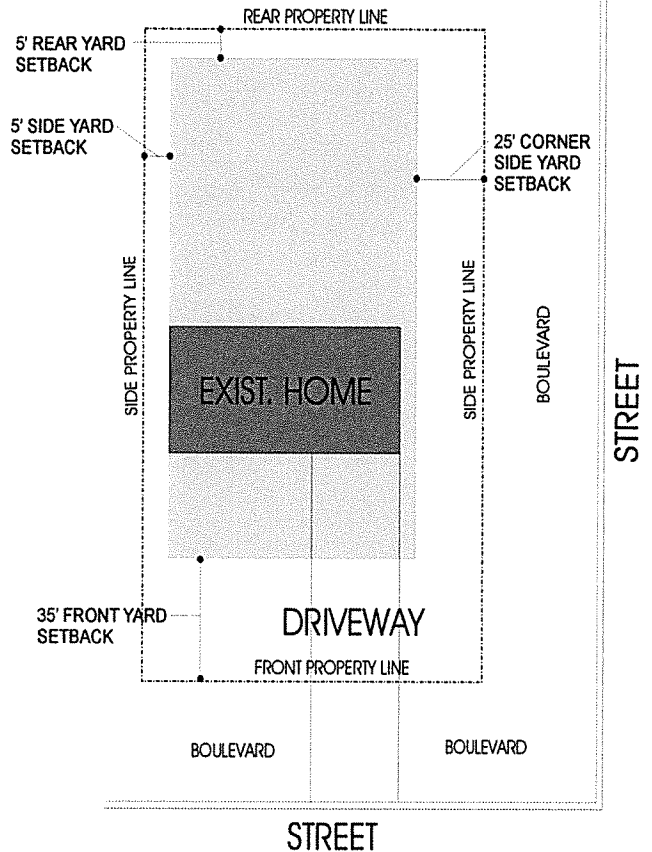
The Zoning permit shall be limited as to time of service, but shall not be permitted for more than 180 days in any calendar year. The building official is authorized to grant extensions for demonstrated cause.

All residential temporary storage units must maintain a distance of thirty-five (35) feet from the front yard property line, and five (5) feet from any side or rear yard property line, and twenty-five (25) feet on all corner side yard property lines (See illustration to your right). All temporary structures must also maintain eight (8) feet from any principal structure such as a home or an attached garage. All commercial temporary storage units must maintain setbacks as required by Municipal Code.

All temporary structures must conform to the structural strength, fire safety, and means of egress, accessibility, light, ventilation and sanitary requirements of the International Building Code to ensure the public health, safety and general welfare.

The Zoning Permit Fee is reviewed and established at the beginning of each year by the Spring Lake Park City Council.

Violations of these fire rules are misdemeanor offense and may require a court appearance and punishable by fines up to \$750 and/or 90 days in jail.



Questions?

If you have questions about the information in this handout, please contact Barry Brainard, Building Official at (763) 792-7212 or e-mail your questions to bbrainard@slpmn.org.

This information is a guide to the most common questions and problems. It is not intended nor shall it be considered a complete set of requirements.

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: 2015 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
DATE: MAY 28, 2015

City Hall is in desperate need of new windows. The windows for the original City Hall structure were installed in 1977 while the windows on the Police Department addition were installed in 1994. The vast majority of the 38-year old windows are rotten, drafty and no longer open. Unfortunately, no funds were budgeted in the 2015 General Fund budget for window replacement.

The City's building permit is ahead of and the plan check fees have exceeded what the City had projected in the 2015 budget. So far this year, the City has received \$23,702 in plan check fees while only anticipating \$10,000. The City has received \$44,521 in building permit revenue so far, which is closing in on the \$50,000 the City had budgeted for building permit revenue in 2015.

Staff recommends the City Council approve a budget adjustment for both the building permit and plan check fee revenue line items as follows:

Account Number	Description	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
101-00000-32210	Building Permit	\$50,000	\$60,000
101-00000-34104	Plan Checking Fees	\$10,000	\$30,000

Staff recommends the City Council approve a budget adjustment for the Government Buildings budget as follows:

Account Number	Description	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
101-41940-5000	Capital Outlay	\$0	\$30,000

While staff is in the process of obtaining quotes for the window replacement and installation, we believe that \$30,000 will be adequate for the window replacement. If the quotes come in higher, staff would either recommend utilizing funds from the Revolving Construction Fund (Fund 400) or reducing the scope of the project to the original City Hall structure. We anticipate presenting quotes to the City Council at its June 15 meeting.

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

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revised Budget
 For GENERAL FUND (101)
 For the Fiscal Period 2015-5 Ending May 31, 2015

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Revenues					
101.00000.32210 BUILDING PERMIT	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,738.01	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,521.17	10.96%
Total GENERAL FUND Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,738.01	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,521.17	10.96%
GENERAL FUND Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 33,738.01	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 44,521.17	10.96%

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Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Revenues					
101.00000.34104 PLAN CHECKING FEES	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,510.30	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 23,702.65	(137.03%)
Total GENERAL FUND Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,510.30	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 23,702.65	(137.03%)
GENERAL FUND Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,510.30	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 23,702.65	(137.03%)



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
2335 Highway 36 West, St. Paul MN 55113-3819

May 20, 2015

Dan Buchholtz, Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1304 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Dear Dan:

Reference: **Work Scope for 2015 MS4 Permit Activities**

The purpose of this letter is to outline the required tasks to remain in compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. This information can be used for your planning and budgeting purposes. The tasks below pertain to the 2015 calendar year and should be completed by December 31, 2015 unless otherwise noted.

Any additions to this work scope will be documented in writing prior to commencement of work.

Work Scope: 2015 MS4 Permit Activities. This work scope follows the commitments the City made in its approved SWPPP Document. Each detailed task description outlines the task scope, necessary actions of the City, and the Stantec deliverables.

Task 1: MS4 Annual Report

The City must submit an annual report to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) by June 30, 2015. The annual report will cover the 2014 calendar year and will consist of information including but not limited to the status of compliance with the permit terms and conditions; stormwater activities the City plans to undertake during the next reporting cycle; any changes in identified best management practices (BMPs) or measurable goals; and other requirements outlined in Part IV.B of the MS4 General Permit.

For this task we assume that we will meet with city staff and that the city will provide available information needed to complete the annual report.

With this task we will complete and submit the MS4 Annual Report to the MPCA by June 30, 2015.

Task 2: MS4 Permit Annual Public Meeting

The City must hold a public meeting that includes a presentation on the MS4 permit. The presentation will include educational information for the public regarding the MS4 permit and stormwater. This presentation can take place during a City Council meeting and must be conducted by December 31, 2015. Our office will prepare the presentation and present it.

As in previous years, we will provide you a Notice to the Public that you can post in the paper and other places (e.g. website, e-mail distribution lists, notices, etc.).



Reference: Work Scope for 2015 MS4 Permit Activities

Task 3: MS4 Training for City Employees

As part of the MS4 Permit, the City must provide training to its employees regarding the MS4 program. The training will cover topics such as illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site stormwater runoff control, post-construction stormwater management, and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. This training must be conducted by December 31, 2015.

We will prepare presentation and present to City employees. We assume that you will require the appropriate people to attend the training.

Task 4: Pollution Prevention Inspections

There are three separate types of inspections that are required by the MS4 General Permit:

- Annual inspection of stormwater structural BMPs in order to determine structural integrity, proper function, and maintenance needs compliant with Part III.D.6.e.1 of the MS4 General Permit;
- Inspection of all ponds and outfalls at least once prior to the expiration date of the General Permit in order to determine structural integrity, proper function, and maintenance needs compliant with Part III.D.6.e.2 of the MS4 General Permit; and
- Quarterly inspections of stockpiles, and storage and material handling areas that have been inventoried in Part III.D.6.a of the MS4 General Permit to determine maintenance needs and proper functions of BMPs.

The City has a total of 2 structural BMPs, 5 ponds, 17 outfalls, and 2 soil stockpiles. The inspection schedule for 2015 is to complete 20% of the outfalls and ponds (4 outfalls and 1 pond), all structural BMPs, and all stockpiles. It is anticipated that a total of 15 inspections will be performed (the soil stockpiles are quarterly; all others are annually). These inspections must be conducted by December 31, 2015.

Stantec will perform inspections and compile data along with Public Works Dept. assistance. The information will be provided to the City for operations and maintenance needs to be included in the Annual Report.

Tasks 5 and 6: Administration and Expenses

An allowance for project administration and expenses is included as tasks 5 and 6.



Reference: Work Scope for 2015 MS4 Permit Activities

Schedule. The City has until June 30, 2015 to complete Task 1 and until December 31, 2015 to complete the remaining tasks to be in compliance with the City’s SWPPP Document. We will complete the required tasks by their due dates. The approximate start date for each task is:

Task Number	Approx. Start Date
1	June 1, 2015
2	July 1, 2015
3	August 1, 2015
4	September 1, 2015
5 and 6	NA

Budget. For budgeting purposes, the estimated engineering cost to complete the tasks described above is approximately \$7,625. An estimated fee amount for these tasks is outlined in the following table:

Task Number	Task Name	Estimated Cost
1	MS4 Annual Report	\$1,800
2	MS4 Permit Annual Public Meeting	\$1,100
3	MS4 Training for City Employees	\$1,100
4	Pollution Prevention Inspections	\$2,530
5	Administration	\$895
6	Expenses	\$200
Total		\$7,625

Summary. This letter outlines that anticipated activities required for compliance with the MS4 Permit for the rest of the year. The work will be completed by or under the supervision of Peter Allen. If you have questions, please contact us.

Regards,

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR HANSEN AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DANIEL R. BUCHHOLTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: WORK SESSION REQUEST
DATE: MAY 28, 2015

I am requesting the City Council schedule a work session for Monday, June 8 to review and discussed a proposal for a capital improvement plan. We can start at our traditional time of 6:30pm. However, an earlier start time would provide time for staff to take you on a tour to view any infrastructure you'd like to see.

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 6.1.15 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2015 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project (193803135).

This project includes lining and wye grouting in the northeast corner of the city. *Construction Contract documents have been sent to Visu-Sewer. A Pre-construction conference will be scheduled when the contracts have been signed.*

2015 Seal Coat Project (193803134).

Construction Contracts have been signed. The low bidder (Pearson Bros.) has completed crack repair work and delivered aggregate. Construction will be coordinated around Tower Days. A map showing the project area has been posted on the website.

2014-2015 Street Improvement Project (193801577).

Bituminous wear has been placed on 81st Avenue. Pavement markings will follow soon. Bituminous base has been placed on the TH65 Service Drive. Concrete cross gutters (to take drainage from the east side of the road to the west side) will be installed in two locations. Rain gardens on Arthur have been constructed. Final paving on Arthur may take place this week. Updated property owner notices have been delivered.

CSAH 35 Turn Lanes and Sidewalk (193802914).

This project includes CSAH 35 improvements required as part of the SUP for 8299 Central Ave. Preliminary plans have been prepared and submitted to Anoka County for comments (*still no response from county*).

MS4 Permit (193802936).

A list of issues to address in 2015 (including annual report) has been prepared (see separate letter).

Lift Station No. 1 Equipment (193802805).

We have been working with the 3 equipment suppliers for to make schedule adjustments in lieu of the re-bidding of the lift station construction project.

Lift Station No. 1 Reconstruction (193803115).

Bids were rejected on May 18th. Project will be re-bid this fall.

Other issues/projects.

We continue to work with T-Mobile and Sprint on their applications for antenna modifications. *There is an issue with T-Mobile and their handrail modification on the Able Street tower that needs to be resolved.*

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



CORRESPONDENCE



Notice of Annual Public Information Meeting
Rice Creek Watershed District

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

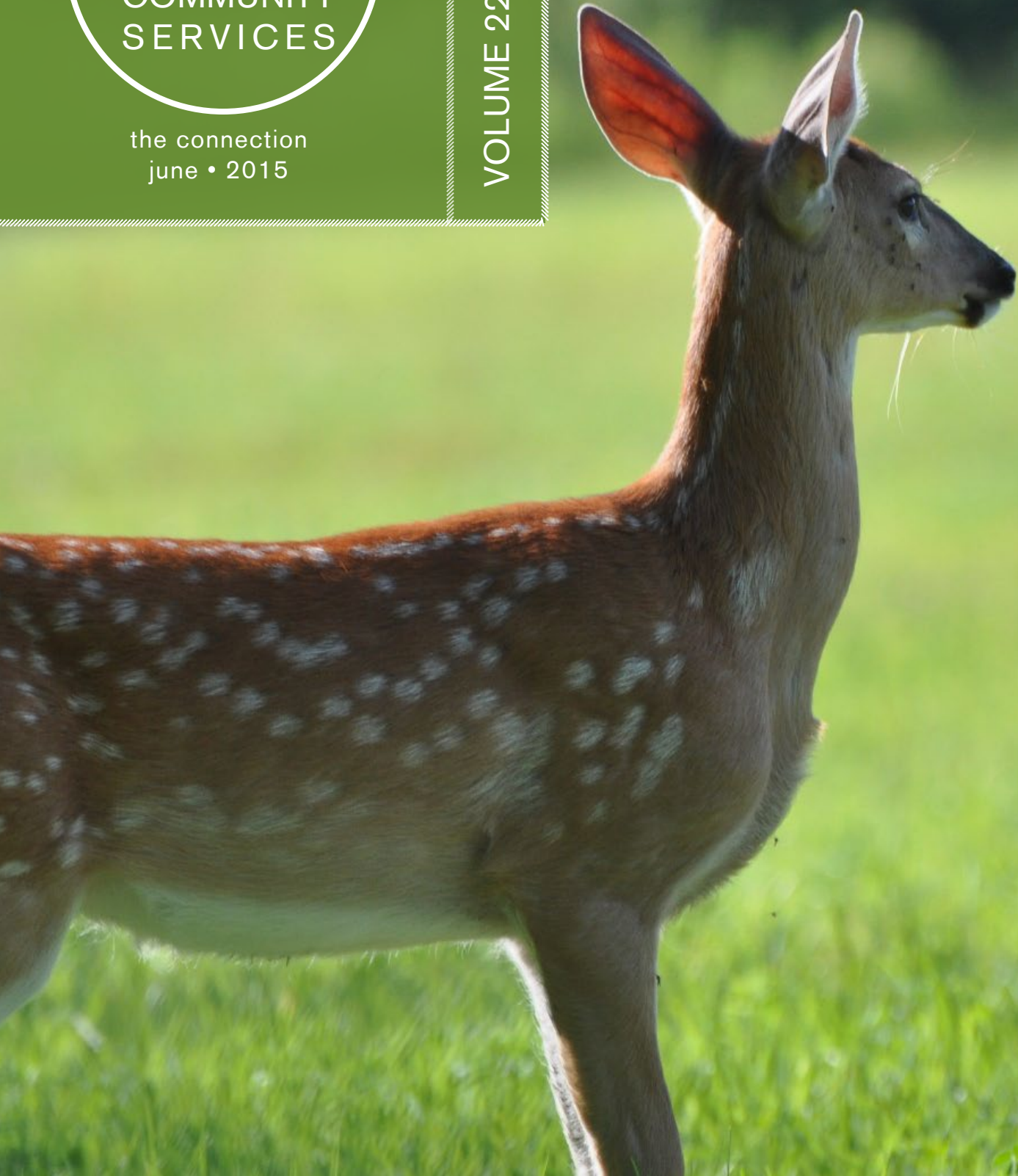
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Public Information Meeting on the District's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 during the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers regular meeting at 9:00 AM in the Shoreview City Hall Council Chambers, 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 Kreibich, District Technician, at skreibich@ricecreek.org or (763) 398-3074.

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FROM THE DIVISION MANAGER:

As I write this, the regular legislative session has ended without a resolution of many funding bills. A one-day special session is on the horizon.

Over the past four months, the Parks and Community Services Division at Anoka County has been tracking a number of funding programs and policy issues that impact Anoka County residents.

In the area of Parks and Natural Resources, State funding for operations and capital investments looks favorable in several areas. Barring any unforeseen changes, here is what is anticipated for the regional park system in Anoka County over the next two years:

- \$2,911,000 in Parks and Trails Legacy funding to Anoka County; a slight increase from the current period. Projects will include the complete redevelopment of Riverfront Regional Park, Mississippi River Trail expansion, maintenance facilities at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, and the Conservation Corps Minnesota work crew.
- Anoka County Parks will see the continuance of current funding in the area of Operations and Maintenance grants from the state – about \$240,000 each year.
- Funding from the state Natural Resources Fund for park rehabilitation and operations will also be continuing at current levels. This program has been in place for about 10 years with proceeds coming from the state lottery. Anoka County stands to receive about \$500,000 in each of the next two years.
- The Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council will again be funding the Conservation Partners Legacy program for natural resources management projects statewide. \$8,440,000 will be allocated for the 2016-17 biennium. Anoka County applied successfully for \$380,000 in the past biennium for three restoration projects in the County Park System.

A new change in state law will also begin directing the interest earnings on regional bonds and investments to the regional park agencies. Anoka County is expecting an additional \$42,000 per year from that source. Unfortunately, there was no money included in legislation for state bonding for regional parks. Next year is a regular bonding year, so we hope to have a positive outcome in that area for fiscal year 2017.

Summer is just around the corner. Soon, the parks will be filled with families enjoying time together in the out of doors.

I'll see you on the trail.

John VonDeLinde

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

As one looks across the landscape of Anoka County, one type of tree stands out throughout the year: red pine. Back in the 1970s, red pines were planted extensively in the County as a source of timber. Since that time, the timber industry has moved north and as a result many of the pine plantations were left neglected. Over the past five years the Natural Resource Unit has worked extensively to thin the pine plantations throughout the Park System with the timber going to produce firewood for the two County campground facilities. This year, for the first time since the 1970s, the Unit began planting new trees to support the Department's operations for years to come. In May, the Unit planted 4,000 red pines (3 year old seedlings) across 6.5 acres in Bunker Hills Regional Park and anticipates planting a similar number of trees each year for the next three years across the Park System. These trees will be allowed to mature over the next 30-35 years at which time they will be ready to be harvested to support future park operations.



WILDERNESS TRAIL CONNECTION

The County has partnered with the City of Coon Rapids to construct a trail in the southwest corner of Bunker Hills Regional Park that will connect to the City's Wilderness Park to the south. The trail will provide a direct connection from Avocet Street north of CSAH 14/Main Street into the park and south to the pedestrian tunnel under CSAH 14. From there the trail will travel south to connect to Wilderness Park and 121st Avenue. The City received a Minnesota DNR Local Trail grant and the County received a Parks and Trails Legacy grant to fund the project. Construction began in May and will be completed shortly.



FISHING PIERS SEE HIGH USE THROUGHOUT PARK SYSTEM

Anoka County Parks is known as a water-based park system. One of the most sought after recreation activities is angling. To cater to the many anglers that frequent the park system, fishing piers were incorporated into the master plan of many parks. Two parks that have these popular facilities are Lake George Regional Park and Rum River North County Park.

These piers have been in place for several years and have become very popular. Recently, necessary foundation repairs were made to ensure a continued safe fishing experience. Both facilities are now open awaiting eager anglers. Good luck fishing!

BIG DAY OF BIRDING OFFERS FREE CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

As part of the Year of the Bird, the first annual Big Day was held May 16. Free birding classes were held around the county from sunup to sundown with 120 species of birds found. Free activities for families were held at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park between noon and 3pm that included bird I.D., bird crafts, and information on how to attract birds to your yard. Highlights of the day included a Black Billed Cuckoo, Whippoorwills calling, and Woodcocks displaying near Bunker Beach! Some new birders were introduced to the world of birding and experienced birders took advantage of a lovely day in Anoka County! Get out there and bird!





BUNKER BEACH WATER PARK



MINNESOTA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR WATER PARK

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With only a week away from opening, staff is getting excited for another great season at Bunker Beach. This summer, Tidal Wave Café and Breaker's Snack Shack will feature new menu items along with the usual classics. Healthy options include the "Fuse Burger," made with ground turkey, nutritious spinach, hearty brown rice, savory roasted onions, and dried cherries. This burger, along with many other options, is part of the gluten friendly menu. With over 40 different items on our menu, there is bound to be something for everyone!

Bunker Beach will also be offering a free water bottle to the first 40 people through the gates on Saturday, June, 6th!

COON RAPIDS DAM SUMMER CONCERTS

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the City of Coon Rapids, has given back to the community for over a decade, providing the public with a free weekly concert series at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park performance pavilion. The concert series has given park visitors an opportunity to come together on Thursday evenings throughout the summer months to enjoy good music, beautiful scenery, and a sense of connection within the community.

The summer lineup for 2015 is:

June 4	Gravel Roads	Country
June 11	Jumpin' Jehosafats	Dixieland/Gospel/Jazz
June 18	Backyard Band	Variety
June 25	The High 48s	Bluegrass
July 9	DyVersaCo Band	Polka
July 16	Sam Kuusisto	R&B/Funk/Jazz
July 23	Sonny Winberg Band	Country
July 30	Island Time Steel Drum Band	Steel Drum
August 6	Buddy & The Boys	Buddy Holly Tribute Band, 50s

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held rain or shine. Entrance fees and concerts are free of charge. Food is available for purchase through local Boy Scout Troop 524 and the Northstar Lions. In addition, the City of Coon Rapids will be providing golf cart transportation for those who require assistance from the visitor center parking lot to the concert location. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of family fun!



2014 COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION RESULTS

In 2014, 80 percent of the waste generated in Anoka County was diverted from landfills and reused, recycled, composted, or burned to create energy. This enabled the county to meet the 2014 landfill diversion goal established by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Recycled materials collected accounted for 42 percent in 2014 and the amount of organics collected increased to 9 percent due to more municipalities and businesses offering organics recycling. Waste processed at Great River Energy through resource recovery was at 29 percent.

Anoka County is committed to making recycling as convenient as possible and expanding opportunities to recycle and recover organics. In 2015, the county will continue to work with municipalities, businesses, organizations, multi-unit buildings, parks, event organizers, and more to improve recycling and organics recycling programs. The success of these efforts relies on individuals, businesses, manufacturers, haulers, and other partners taking action to support and improve recycling.

BANFILL-LOCKE CENTER FOR THE ARTS A DESTINATION FOR ART ENTHUSIASTS

Visitors to the art center in the first five months of 2015 is up 24% over 2014. BLCA continues to attract new and returning visitors on a daily basis and excitement for the arts in our community is thriving at the art center.

In May, 450 visitors came to see the “Tornadoes: The Art of Remembering” exhibition at Banfill-Locke during its 2 week show, which is an excellent turnout. The exhibition, which featured 64 works of art by 40 local artists, was really well received for its ties to the local experience with the 1965 tornadoes.

The Kids Art Academy, eighteen summer classes for kids over nine weeks, is open for enrollment and already has more registrants than last year’s entire season. We are looking forward to a lot of young artists learning art techniques at Banfill this year.

EMPLOYEE PROFILES



Name:
Jody Lis

Position & Department:
Senior Accounting Clerk, Parks & Recreation

Length of time in current role:
14 years

Jody is responsible for the financial operations of the Parks & Recreation Department as well as providing payroll and associated human resources functions for over 300 regular-fulltime, part-time, and seasonal employees. Prior to coming to Parks, Jody worked as a Sr. Accounting Clerk in the Public Services Division for 4 years.

Before joining Anoka County, Jody worked at Network Systems Corporation in Brooklyn Park for 13 years. Her responsibilities were in the Human Resources Department as a Benefit Specialist.

Jody enjoys spending time with her family, golfing, walking in the beautiful Anoka County Park system, reading, and crocheting.

Fun Fact:

I love taking photos and am always looking for that unique shot.



Name:
Mike Jacobson

Position & Department:
Superintendent of Maintenance, Parks and Recreation

Length of time in current role:
21 years

Mike has served as the Superintendent of Maintenance his entire time with the County. Prior to joining Anoka County, he worked as a Landscape Foreman and for the City of Burnsville as City Forester, Park Maintenance, and Park Maintenance Supervisor. Mike has also been a rental property owner

Mike has a Bachelors of Science degree in Forestry, Vo-Tech Degree in Landscape Construction & Design, and continuing education classes in supervision & management practices.

When not at work, you can find Mike in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He also enjoys woodworking, stained glass, and helping others.

Fun Fact:

Mike spent time as a Roadie for a Rock & Roll Band.



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- Spring Lake Park



The City of Hilltop

By Sara Given, ACHS Volunteer Coordinator

The city of Hilltop in Anoka County has a connection no one could ever imagine. One day, former Hilltop Mayor James W. Carroll received a letter from Belgium with a photograph inside. The letter was simple: the sender was looking for the James Carroll in the picture, and was that him? Carroll didn't remember the photograph's event, but the face in the photo was his. What was the story?

James W. Carroll married and settled down in Hilltop after his time in the Army was completed in 1955. He went on to become Hilltop's mayor from 1974-1977. This long-time Hilltop resident had a link to Europe stronger than even he knew. As a soldier during WWII, Carroll was following his commander's orders on September 3, 1944 when he rode into a small Belgian town on his motorcycle. He was a forward observer for his unit and they were moving through the Belgium countryside in pursuit of German forces. As the Allied forces moved in the Belgian people found themselves free of Nazi domination and "liberated."

James was the first American the residents of the town of Peruwelz saw after the Nazis were forced back. As he rode into the city in his uniform, a dashing young American on a motorcycle they greeted him with flowers, wine, handshakes and kisses from all the young ladies.

He was the face of their liberation. It was a passing moment in the life of a soldier concerned with other duties, but the town of Peruwelz remembered him and his legend within the city grew. When Peruwelz began planning for the 50th anniversary of the liberation they began searching for the man they remembered. They hunted through Allied cemeteries thinking that he had been killed in the fighting later in the war – but they found him alive and well in the United States. In 1995 the people of that city he once rode through, brought James to be their guest of honor for their yearly liberation celebration. The town welcomed him back with three weeks of celebrations and left their banner up in the church from Easter that read "He is Risen!" James met royalty in Belgium, and a chocolatier made a replica statue of James on his motorcycle out of chocolate. The mayor of Hilltop safeguarded the small community here in Minnesota, but also, years earlier, safeguarded the freedom of another small town. The little city with a big heart has ties greater than the physical 16 blocks it inhabits.

The City of Hilltop is Anoka County's smallest city and has been a number of things before it became a town in its own right.

The area four blocks west of

Photo above: James Carroll in Peruwelz September 3, 1944

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From the President...

Making History

By William Erhart

In March, the Anoka County Historical Society had their annual meeting. We were blessed to be presented with a program put together by the Washington County Historical Society remembering the life of Justice Rosalie Wahl. Ms. Wahl went through numerous trials and tribulations growing up and raising a family. We also learned that she had lived in Anoka County for a brief period of time. In mid-life, she attended law school and due to her tenacity and common sense, broke one barrier for women. She was the first to sit as a justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, and honorably served until her retirement.

The presentation was so moving that number of the attendees expressed the commitment to honor a woman in Anoka County who has also led the way for women participating in top levels of government. From this spawned the idea to honor Natalie Haas Steffen who was the first female County Commissioner. She went on to serve in numerous other capacities including the Commissioner of Human Services for the State of Minnesota and the Metropolitan Council to name a few.

Being the first woman that the Anoka County Historical Society has honored, Natalie Haas Steffen will be making history. This event is scheduled for September 17, 2015. Please mark you calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

From the Director...

An Official Hello

By Rebecca Ebnet Mavencamp

I am honored to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Executive Director of the ACHS and excited to assume this position! The last three weeks have caught me in a whirlwind of activity, files, meetings, and ideas. I am overwhelmed by the welcome I've received from the staff, volunteers, and Board Members, who have taken valuable time from their schedules to share hopes and dreams for the ACHS.

I came from the Rockford Area Historical Society, where I managed the Ames-Florida-Stork House for the last seven years. During that time, I learned how to balance the many demands of leading an organization while still performing all the duties associated with programming, volunteer training, and grant writing. I loved the energy brought by visitors who asked questions, children who eagerly looked around, and the interest they all showed in the families who owned the home.

During most of my life I have also worked as a freelance writer, focusing on feature articles and nonfiction pieces, as well as collecting oral histories. This career has allowed me to don firefighter clothing and enter a burning building, rappel down the side of a bluff near Winona, or shadow a rodeo bull fighter for the evening. Most importantly, however, it taught me that every person has a story inside of them, if only someone would take the time to sit down and listen to it.

As a human outside of work, I am the mother of a 14-year-old second degree black belt, who is, of course, the most amazing child on the planet. I know you probably have one to rival her in your life, but I'll remain happily unconvinced! I also parent three cats with varying degrees of psychosis and a hamster the size of a golf ball who bears the name, "Gonzo." I enjoy rollerblading, kickboxing, reading, and pots of coffee followed closely by bars of dark chocolate.

So thank you once more for this opportunity to serve the public and membership of ACHS. I look forward to meeting you, hearing your story, and building on the amazing foundation of history already established in Anoka County!



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Central Ave began as the Dooies dairy farm. In the 1930's, the farm was no longer running and the area became Hilltop Stables and Oak Grove Riding Academy. The riding academy repurposed the Dooies' cow barn into horse stables for their business. Having a large stable of horses in the middle of the city caused some conflict. In 1945 the Oak Hill Riding Academy was under district court order "not to maintain a barn, corral and stable for horses in present numbers which habitually produce odors, gases and noise offensive to the sense of neighbors." The young folk gathered to dance to a juke box at a large pavilion in the area. After the stable closed, the pavilion was used for auctions and flea markets.

The area's Riding Stable slowly transformed into a section of trailer park housing. The exact date and owner of the original park is unknown, but in 1947, a trailer park with over 50 sites in unincorporated Fridley Township appears on aerial photographs.

1956 became a turning point. A number of residents of the area joined Les Johnson, owner of Trailer City Park, approached Columbia Heights requesting annexation. Columbia Heights declined—trailer parks were against city ordinances.

After this rejection, Les Johnson led the way to incorporation. On May 1, 1956 the vote for incorporation, which needed at least 100 votes, passed 137 to 24. The *Anoka Union* reported on the decision and described the new village for its readers: "Most of the area contains homes with only one major business, a trailer park, located within its boundaries. The area lies east of Columbia Heights and between 45th and 49th avenues NE, Central Ave NE and Monroe St NE." Three days after the vote, all 668 residents of the area officially became the village of Hilltop. The city comprised 16 square blocks – or in a different measurement, 80 acres. For some perspective, the Mall of America covers about 94 acres of land. Hilltop was here to stay and in the next 10 years Hilltop's population nearly tripled from 461 to 1398 people.

When Hilltop incorporated in May, it was bordered by Columbia Heights, but also by Fridley Township to the north. Later that month, Columbia Heights annexed land directly north of the new city. Hilltop had perfect timing – because by law no piece of land completely surrounded by another city can incorporate as its own city. Just a few weeks later and Hilltop wouldn't have been able to exist.

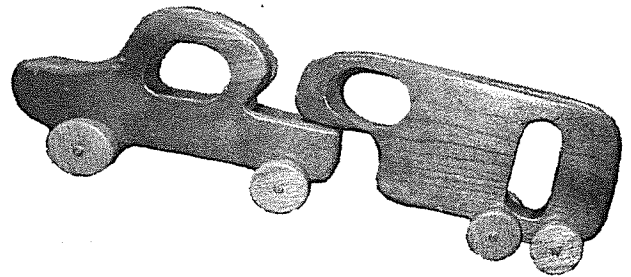


Photo Above: Hilltop Trailer Sales ca 1965. Wooden toy ca 1960's was used as part of the showroom display for the Hilltop Trailer Sales company.

Signature Quilt Raffle Winner!



ACHS's Signature Quilt began as a way to raise funds and connect with a fundraising tradition during the Civil War. Women during the Civil War made quilts, similar to ours, sold signature space on them and then sold raffle tickets to win the finished piece. Our quilt collected signatures from Governor Dayton, city officials, Garrison Keillor, long time Anoka County residents and folk just passing through. Each square told the story of a past tradition, but also the history of people in Anoka County today. The Quilt Raffle and signature sales brought over \$600 to ACHS preserve local history.

We drew a winner at our Annual Meeting on March 28. Congratulations to the winner, Lora Jensen! A resident of Anoka County since 1984, Lora currently resides in Nowthen, and purchased her raffle ticket at the Nowthen Threshing Show.

Enjoy the quilt, Lora! We're glad to know it will have a good home.

Anoka County Quiz Bowl

Volunteers came out for fun on Sunday, April 26 for the annual ACHS volunteer celebration. After lunch and chatting, the four tables of volunteers faced off in the first ever Anoka County Quiz Bowl. Assured that no history knowledge was needed for this game show, the volunteers dove right in. The teams chose their own names (The Rum River Rats, the Searchers, the Super Six and the Warbirds), and each had a classic or musical toy for their buzzer. Throughout the program they learned about the history of game shows on TV and played Anoka County versions of Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, the Price is Right and Family Feud. During the game we learned that the city of Anoka spent \$338 on library books in 1942, that in 1931 Marie DeGraff earned \$105 a month as a teacher with 34 years experience and that the brown liquid necessary for our new director's sanity is coffee.

Volunteers give so much to the Anoka County Historical Society throughout the year. They serve on our board of directors, help install and take down exhibits, conduct tours, catalog objects and archives in our collections database, write columns about local history for publication, conduct research for ACHS and act as our ambassadors to the greater community. If we translated those moments and hours of help into paid staff time our budget increased by nearly \$50,000. With the volunteers giving so much, the staff at the Anoka County Historical Society wanted to take time to say Thank You with a smile and a laugh. We hope you had fun!

Many people laughed at the event trying to figure out the meaning behind a superstition that you should not "split a pole" and no one knew what it meant. Chris Drew figured it out: if two people are walking down the street, they shouldn't each walk around a different side of a lamppost, telephone pole, or mailbox. But if they do, there's a remedy: just say bread and butter!

Volunteering at Summer Events

Summer will be here before we know it! There are a number of ACHS events throughout the summer months that we need our great volunteers to help with.

- * **Anoka RiverFest**—July 12. The theme for RiverFest this year is Weddings, to coincide with the opening of a wedding themed exhibit at the history center. We need volunteers help to help during the event as well as volunteers to share their bridesmaid/groomsman/prom fashion in an interactive show.
- * **Home & Garden Tour**— July 13. This year is the 12th annual Home & Garden Tour. Volunteers at this event are assigned to a specific stop/home on the tour. They help answer questions, and enjoy the day with the patrons going on the tour.
- * **Anoka County Fair**—July 21-26. Volunteers help staff our history farmhouse at the county fair grounds. We will be featuring items and games from our school Museum Boxes during the week. Have fun, interact with the public, and satisfy your cheese curd craving.

If you would like to volunteer for one or more of these events, or want to know more about them. —Contact Sara at the History Center: drop by, call 763-421-0600 or email Sara@AnokaCountyHistory.org

Anoka County Historical Society's

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To those members, volunteers, friends and neighbors who are no longer with us—you will be missed.

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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

Programs & Events

Summer is just around the corner. There are many great events coming up, so mark your calendars now so you don't miss out!



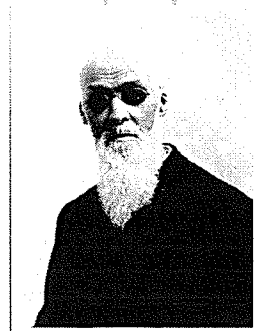
Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tours

7:30p.m., select Thursdays & Saturdays May, June, July, August

Location: Anoka County History Center

Join us for history and mystery at 7:30pm, every other Thursday and Saturday as you venture through downtown Anoka with a costumed tour guide. Anoka County Historical Society's Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tours run throughout the summer. Enjoy an evening walk around the city and beat the fall crowds by signing up for a summer tour to hear the history and unexplained stories of homes and businesses in this historic city. **Advanced registration required. Tickets can be purchased at the History Center, at 763-421-0600 or online at AnokaCountyHistory.org**

Cost: \$9 Adults, \$7 Children (6-17), \$7 ACHS Members



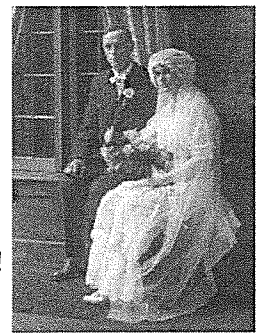
RiverFest at the History Center

Saturday, July 12

Location: Anoka History Center

The History Center is joining the fun at Anoka's Riverfest by celebrating wedding season. Join us in the building for the grand opening of a new exhibit about the history of weddings in Anoka County. The exhibit hall will feature wedding gowns, groom's attire, and wedding attendants as well as the accessories needed for the big day. There will also be wedding themed activities and an interactive formal wear dress show. Come learn about the history of marriage in the county, and share your story!

Cost: FREE



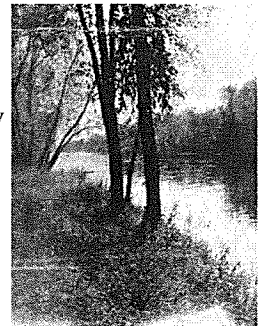
Anoka Heritage Home and Garden Tour

1pm-5pm Sunday July 13

Location: The Dunham Oaks neighborhood and downtown area, city of Anoka

It's a summer tradition that community members look forward to each year. This year's 12th Annual Home and Garden tour will be explore the beautiful Dunham Oaks Neighborhood. This lovely community is located just north of the Anoka Fair Grounds on the Rum River. The Home and Garden Tour is presented by the Anoka Heritage Preservation Commission and the Anoka County Historical Society. Join the tour this year and view homes and gardens in the city as well as historic downtown Anoka businesses for raffle prizes. **Tickets go on sale in June! They can be purchased at the History Center, at 763-421-0600 or online at AnokaCountyHistory.org**

Cost: \$12/advanced ticket, \$15/day-of ticket



Anoka County Fair

July 21-26

Location: Anoka County Fairgrounds,

3200 St Francis Blvd NW, Anoka, MN 55303

Visit the ACHS at the Old Farm Place's Farmhouse during the Anoka County Fair Step back in time and imagine life with an icebox or no running water. Each day the farmhouse changes: people making crafts, churning butter, swinging on our porch, telling stories or learning about Anoka County history through our new Museum Boxes. Drop on by and join the history fun!

Cost: Admission to Anoka County Fair (\$9 adult admission price) See AnokaCountyFair.com for full admission and Fair details.



We've updated our email addresses!

All ACHS staff email addresses have been updated to match our website name. Each staff email is our name @AnokaCountyHistory.org. Example: Vickie@AnokaCountyHistory.org Our old email addresses that ended in @ac-hs will still work for the next year, but remember to update those contact lists.

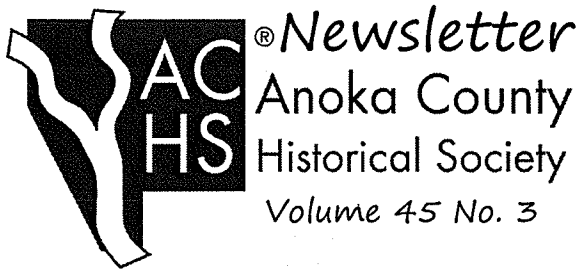
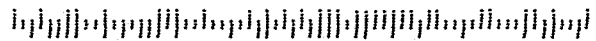
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Local Issues Forum

Senate District 41 of the DFL Party is sponsoring a series of non-partisan **Local Issues Forums** covering topics of interest to residents, community leaders and business leaders in our area. The forum is free of charge and members of the public are invited to attend.

The objective of these forums is to provide, within an informal setting, a platform for residents and leaders in the district to learn from experts about issues, problems and opportunities affecting communities in common across the district and to exchange information and ideas that will lead to the betterment of our communities through innovation, improved communication and responsive governance.

Featured Speaker:

[Loren Schirber, President of the Northeast Investment Cooperative \(NEIC\).](#)

Neighborhood redevelopment is an issue of concern to both residents and community leaders. NEIC has taken an innovative approach to neighborhood redevelopment finance using locally-sourced investment funding and a community-based investment model. NEIC is the first-of-its-kind investment cooperative in the US, and the only investment cooperative in North America, dedicated to commercial property redevelopment.

Among other topics, Mr. Schirber will be addressing: 1) The problems that the NEIC solves or overcomes that traditional development finance models don't or can't; 2) The advantages or benefits for communities that are created by implementing this development model; 3) The political barriers, bottlenecks, enablers, etc. that either hinder or facilitate this approach to redevelopment.

When: Thursday, June 11, 2015 ~ 6:30-7:30 pm

Where: **Fridley Community Center**

(a disabled accessible facility)

Room 116

6085 7th St. NE.

Fridley, MN 55432

To RSVP:

email: dfisd41@gmail.com

or visit the SD41 website **Local Forums** page

<http://www.sd41dfi.com/local-issues-forum.html>

Note: an RSVP is not necessary, but is much appreciated so we can plan for the number of attendees.

Senator Barb Goodwin, Rep. Carolyn Laine and Rep. Connie Bernardy will host a **Meet-and-Greet** for community leaders and business leaders from 6:00-6:30 immediately preceding the Local Issues Forum.



(Correspondence received by Chief Ebeltoft)

From: Mark Gilbertson [<mailto:mwgilbertson@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 11:42 AM

To: info@slpmn.org

Subject: Officer Brown

Good morning,

I just received a speeding ticket from Officer Brown this morning, deservedly so, and wanted compliment him on his professionalism. With all of the disrespect being shown towards our law enforcement in this country, I wanted to take the time to thank him and the rest of your department for your service. You have a difficult job to do and you need to know that the majority of people appreciate what you do.

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North Metro Telecommunications Commission Meeting Talking Points

May 20, 2015

- ▶ The 13th Annual VIP Awards were held on May 5th at the historic Heights Theatre. It was a new venue that worked out very well. Thirty-five trophies were given to very deserving volunteers, interns and part-time employees. A video of each award recipient has been posted to the NMTV website and YouTube page.
- ▶ Educational Coordinator T.J. Tronson finished work on the film "Just Kidding Just Fine and Other Lies." It was produced by the Spring Lake Park High School student group, The Voice. T.J. helped the students with the script, and did all of the shooting and editing. The hour and fifteen minute film about bullying is currently playing on channel 15.
- ▶ North Metro TV staff have been working with Alpha Video on an HD equipment replacement plan. The first step is assessing the current equipment, then drawing up a detailed plan for upgrading master control, the two studios, and the production truck. The truck is already nearly HD ready, and will only require cameras to be so. The edit suites and field equipment are also currently HD. The final plan will include costs for upgrading all at once, and a phased-in approach.
- ▶ Legal Counsel reported that Minneapolis has approved a CenturyLink franchise. With that done, he and Commission staff will begin negotiating a North Metro franchise the last week in May. It is expected that work on the franchise will take four to five weeks. Once a document has been negotiated, the Cable Commission will either recommend approval or denial to the Member Cities.
- ▶ Best practices guidelines were again discussed. The Commission was reminded that cable franchising is a quasi-judicial process and all communications regarding the franchise application, including any ex parte discussions outside of a public hearing, must become part of the public record.
- ▶ The Cable Commission 2014 audit was reviewed. No abnormalities were found and the Commission is in a strong financial position.

PLEASE encourage your council members to call me if they have any questions you can't answer. I would be happy to answer any questions they may have. Heidi Arnson at NMTV. Direct line is 763-231-2801. Email is harnson@northmetrotv.com.



April 2015 Activity Report

Administration A tour of the new Vikings Stadium, some code activity, several trips to the Capitol, beginning the budget process, more succession planning activity, a quick trip to Flagstaff, some vacation, the annual Senior Fair, work on Station Four and Blaine's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Minneapolis Fire Chief John Fruetel had offered at the Metro Fire Chiefs meeting an ability to tour the new stadium under construction. Six members of the senior command staff were able to attend over the course of three different dates this past month. It was an impressive display of construction choreography and man's ability for excess! When you contemplate deeply, it is actually difficult to spend a billion dollars; however, touring the facility provides a glimpse in how one can achieve that! On the code front we are still awaiting a proposal from our Blaine business that was issued a citation and found guilty. A meeting was held to confirm their options and requirements but to date, nothing received.

We also received the first application/permit for a single family home that requires residential sprinklers as it is over 4,500 square feet with the price coming in at \$1.15 per square foot. Considerable lower than the \$8 or \$9 dollars the Builders Association propagandized and less than the \$1.50 to \$2.00 the fire service stated. Two other communities have issued similar permits and costs there ranged from \$.60 to \$1.02 per square foot with the latter being on a well.

Great news from the capitol front, on our pension bill and other related pension bills, the State Auditor working group's bill was included in the omnibus pension bill as was the PERA State Plan provisions. More importantly, the provision for SBM to join the state plan was included and as HUGE bonus, an amendment to repeal the sunset of the new fire aid that began in 2013 was also included. The bill has cleared all committees in both the House and the Senate and now awaits action on both bodies. This is our earliest start on the budget, mostly as a function of the succession plan which included the board spending almost four hours this month immersing them in the fiscal component of the Fire Department operation. Our May meeting will be focused on actually building and adopting the budget as we have a three city joint council/board meeting on June 9 at Station Three!

As part of my duties as the National Chair of Fire/EMS Exploring, I traveled to Flagstaff (24 hour trip) to tour Northern Arizona State University and Flagstaff Fire as the 2016 Nation Fire & EMS Exploring Conference will be held there in July of that year. An impressive campus in an incredibly scenic setting with great fire department support will result in a fabulous experience for all explorer's, including our Post which is already fundraising so they can attend.

The Senior Fair was another sellout event and we may have to take a serious look at a two day event (same event just offered twice) given the demand AND given that after 8 years of planning, it looks like the Crestview Senior Home planned for construction on the site adjacent to the north will finally occur this year.

We received preliminary drawings for the remodel of Station Four exterior. A very clean line, tradition brick look with some architectural awnings over the doors and new glass garage doors. It looks very nice. Construction will either occur late this year or early next spring as funding is over a two year period.

The City of Blaine is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary and we had a large number of members on hand with various equipment and public education displays. Over 300 residents took the time out to come and learn more about their city.

Personnel Our largest recruiting campaign netted a record number of applicants which resulted in a record number participating in the physical abilities test and 21 (another record) number passing. Command and station interviews are already scheduled for May to be followed by background checks with a goal of starting the academy on June 7th. We are confident we will be able to find 4 to 8 new members which will put us in very good shape. We have at least three for each station. We have no one out on leave!

Station One has built a wonderful display for all Station One retirees and have invited all of them to a dedication gathering on May 15, it will be great to visit with all.

Serious and Unusual

Fires Only one major fire for us in April. A single family home in North Blaine had a major fire that is believed to have started on the exterior of the home. It happened early in the afternoon one of the homeowners was there and was able to get everyone out after she noticed the fire out of a window.

There were no injuries to anyone living there or any of our firefighters but the house is a total loss.

Dryer Fire Every year we respond to a few fires that involve appliances. This year is no exception. We have already been to a few, the latest being a fire that started by the clothes dryer. There were piles of clothes next to and on top of the dryer that eventually got to hot and ignited! There was minimal damage to the home with the exception of smoke. Be sure to keep the areas around appliances clear especially those that produce heat – Furnace, water heater, clothes dryer, oven etc. It doesn't take much to start a fire.

Mutual Aid We responded to a few fires to our neighboring departments again this month.

Utility 16 was requested for a couple of large fires in the Lino Lakes / Columbus area. Utility 16 is a Rehabilitation truck, it is capable of filling over 100 high pressure SCBA bottles which is what firefighters use for good air while fighting fire. The truck also has carries snacks, water, cooling chairs, heaters, portable shelter as well as medical equipment all for the firefighters on the scene.

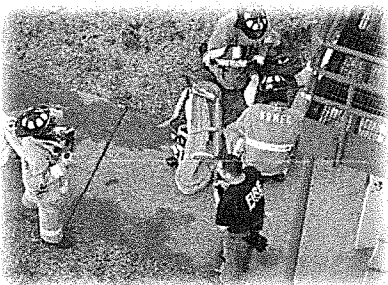


Training this month began with medical training Jennifer Zahler with Allina has been designated as lead for our EMS education. Jennifer address how best first responders can support and assist the ambulance crews on scenes. Crews rotated through evolutions; CPR with LUCAS device, IV setup and preparation, cot and stair-chair use, and aAmbulance walk-thru.

The next two weeks of drills had crew rotating between High-Rise Ops and Airport site visit.

The High-Rise training took place at the Joint Training Center (Fridley). Crew completed evolutions set-up to work on; Aerial operation, positive pressure smoke removal and search and rescue with advancement of Cleveland load.

The Airport site visit was part of the required FAA training on familiarization. This allowed crew to enter each of the three entrances, the Key-Air operations base, which houses Life-Link and the Control Tower.



Community Risk Reduction

Code Enforcement:

Blaine has received plans for the first house under the new sprinkler code effective January 2015-homes over 4500 square feet need to have residential fire sprinklers installed to be code compliant. The cost of the residential sprinkler system is \$1.15/square foot for the 5036 square foot house.

Fire Corps: Provided assistance with photos, station tours, rehabilitation, and investigation. Station One was kept clean and the grass was cut and weeds were removed from Station Three. Mechanic Vacco utilized a fire corps member to assist with part pick up, vehicle shuffling, and work order filing. Chief Forster and Martin utilized fire corps for Station Three administration support.

Mental Health was the training topic the group Gia shared what she learned for attending a presentation on mental health in the fire service. In addition the group covered scenarios to build confidence while working with each other and in the public and representing the department.

Congrats to Dave Diers, Mark Hokanen, and Steve Diers on their recent certification of Fire Life Safety Educator.

The mission statement is reviewed each month

Investigations:

April was busy with investigations. We had two car fires within a two block area in less than 12 hours. These fires are being investigated as arson.

The cause of the residential fire on 129th was electrical. The month ended with a fire on April 30. The cause was combustibles too close to the dryer.

Public Fire and Life Safety Education:

Canvassing on April 16: one home found with no working alarms-checked 12 homes.

There were 498 helmets sold (Ranks #2 in 14 years.), 68 helmets brought in to be fitted, and 949 people through the Stack room door (Ranks #2 in 14 years.) during the bike helmet event on April 14.

The home safety team is finished with their training and has started to conduct home surveys. Congrats to Onna Belter, Judy Baker, Jim Becker, Mark Hokkanen, and Katrina Krist.

The 14th Annual Senior Safety & Wellness Fair was held on April 30. There were 74 participants in this all day event. Congratulations to Katrina Krist who coordinated the event.