



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 07, 2022
CITY HALL at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - [A.](#) Public Right-of-Way Application - CenterPoint Energy
 - [B.](#) Resolution 22-52, Making a Selection Not to Waive the Statutory Limits for Liability Insurance Purposes
 - [C.](#) Pay Application #1 - DPG - Able Park Building Improvements
 - [D.](#) Partial Security Release - JP Brooks - Monroe Park Addition
 - [E.](#) Sign Permits
 - [F.](#) Contractor's Licenses
- 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Public Works Report
 - [B.](#) Code Enforcement Report
- 8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**
 - [A.](#) Resolution 22-51, Submitting a List of Eligible Nominees to Anoka County for the Open Manager Position on Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
 - [A.](#) Utility Billing Clerk Conditional Job Offer
 - [B.](#) Schedule Special City Council Meeting and Work Session - November 14, 2022 at 5:30pm.
- 10. REPORTS**
 - A. Attorney Report
 - [B.](#) Engineer Report
 - C. Administrator Report
- 11. OTHER**
 - [A.](#) Correspondence
- 12. ADJOURN**

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

Individuals with disabilities needing auxiliary aid(s) may request assistance by contacting the City Clerk at 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. Ph.763-784-6491 at least 48 hours in advance.

RULES FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

- The presenter will have a maximum of 10 minutes to explain the project as proposed.
- Councilmembers will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the proposal.
- Citizens will then have an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the project. Those wishing the comment are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.

In cases where there is a spokesperson representing a group wishing to have their collective opinions voiced, the spokesperson should identify the audience group he/she is representing and may have a maximum of 10 minutes to express the views of the group.

- People wishing to comment are asked to keep their comments succinct and specific.
- Following public input, Councilmembers will have a second opportunity to ask questions of the presenter and/or citizens.
- After everyone wishing to address the subject of the hearing has done so, the Mayor will close the public hearing.
- The City Council may choose to take official action on the proposal or defer action until the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. No further public input will be received at that time.



CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

1301 Eighty-First Avenue N.E.
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
Ph: 763-784-6491 Fax: 763-792-7257

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION

SAP# 105220338

MGC# 22-68788

NAME/COMPANY: CenterPoint Energy

GOPHER 1-CALL REG. NO.: _____

ADDRESS: 700 Linden Ave W, Minneapolis, MN 55403

PHONE: 612-321-5476

FAX: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: wendy.seidl@centerpointenergy.com

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE: Wendy Seidl

REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NO'S.: 612-321-5476

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: including a start date and completion date:

Install new 1-1/4" plastic natural gas service line from existing main located 18' WCL Sunset Rd (south of 85th Ave NE) to new construction building located at 8457 Sunset Rd. Service will be bored under the road.

START DATE: 11/14/2022

COMPLETION DATE: 4/30/2023

The City of Spring Lake Park reserves the right to modify the schedule as necessary in the issuance of the permit. Therefore, the dates stated on this application may not necessarily match actual approved dates.

EXPLANATION OF RESTORATION: Seed all disturbed green space

OK 10-26-22

Authorized Representative Signature

Please waive permit fees per franchise agreement

25 October 2022

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROOF OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE: | VERIFICATION DATE: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SCALED DRAWING SHOWING LOCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LETTER OF CREDIT OR CONST. BOND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COPY OF INSURANCE POLICIES
(If Corporation; from Secretary of State) | <input type="checkbox"/> COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
(From M.P.U.C., State, or Federal Agency) |

- PERMIT FEES: Excavation Hole - \$150.00 Emergency Hole - \$55.00
 Trench - \$70.00/100'+Hole fee Obstruction Fee - \$50.00+.05/Ft.

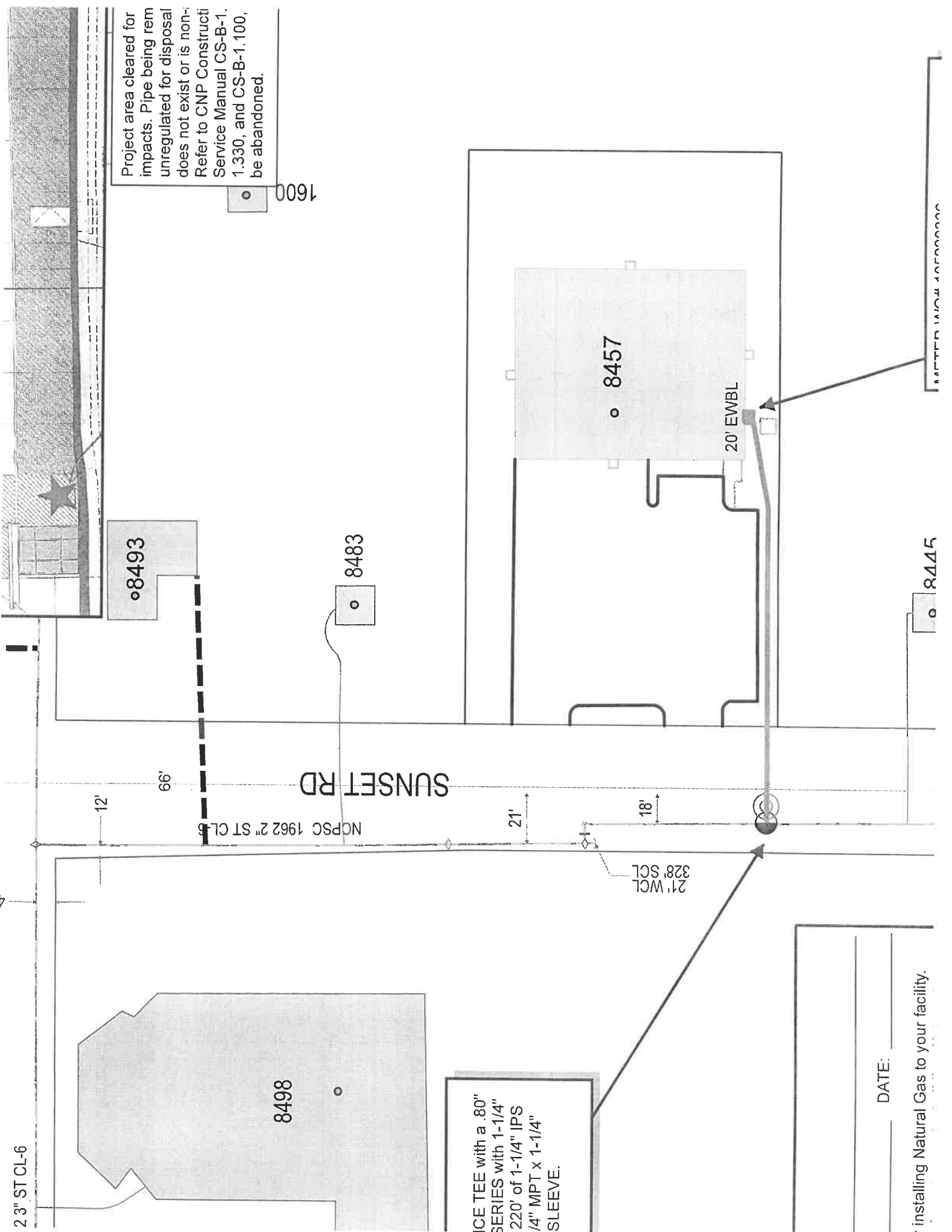
Receipt No.: _____

Date: _____

Initials: _____

APPLICANT MUST CONTACT THE SPRING LAKE PARK PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AT 763-792-7227 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING WORK

Project area cleared for impacts. Pipe being removed is unregulated for disposal does not exist or is non-regulated. Refer to CNP Construction Manual CS-B-1.1, CS-B-1.100, and CS-B-1.100, to be abandoned.



2 3" ST CL-6

8498

8493

8483

8457

8445

SUNSET RD

NPSC 1962 2" ST CL-5

21" WCL
328 SCL

20' EWBL

ICE TEE with a .80" SERIES with 1-1/4" 220' of 1-1/4" IPS 1/4" MPT x 1-1/4" SLEEVE.

DATE: _____

for installing Natural Gas to your facility.

LIABILITY COVERAGE – WAIVER FORM

Members who obtain liability coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) must complete and return this form to LMCIT before the member's effective date of coverage. Return completed form to your underwriter or email to pstech@lmc.org.

The decision to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits must be made annually by the member's governing body, in consultation with its attorney if necessary.

Members who obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision has the following effects:

- *If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits, an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether the member purchases the optional LMCIT excess liability coverage.*
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage, a single claimant could recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence (under the waive option, the tort cap liability limits are only waived to the extent of the member's liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2,000,000). The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.*
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.*

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

LMCIT Member Name:

Check one:

The member **DOES NOT WAIVE** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#).

The member **WAIVES** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#), to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.

Date of member's governing body meeting: _____

Signature: _____ Position: _____

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 22-52

A RESOLUTION REGARDING MAKING A SELECTION NOT TO WAIVE THE STATUTORY LIMITS FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 466.04 has established tort liability for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust has asked the City to make an election with regard to waiving or not waiving its tort liability; and

WHEREAS, the choices available are as follows: to not waive the statutory municipal liability tort limit; or to waive the tort monetary limit to the limit of liability insurance coverage obtained from the LMCIT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby elect not to waive the statutory tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of November, 2022.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator



22401 Industrial Blvd
 Rogers, MN 55374
 Phone: 612-213-2210
 Fax: 612-392-7944

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
Oct 27, 2022	1973

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

Ship To
8200 Able Park Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

P.O. No.	Terms	Due Date	Job
	30	Nov 26, 2022	22036-Able Park Shelter

Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
Progress Billing Application No. 1			19,130.12
		Retainage	956.51
		Tax	0.00
		Total	\$18,173.61

Tax No.	80-0696128
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APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

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

Project: Able Park Shelter
8200 Able Park
Spring Lake Park, MN
55432

Application No: 1.0
App. Date: Oct 24, 2022
Period to: Oct 31, 2022
Project No: 22036
Contract Date: Oct 21, 2022

Distribution to:
 Owner
 Architect
 Contractor
 Field
 Other

From: Dering Pierson Group

Contract For:

Via Architect:

CONTRACTOR'S APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

Application is made for payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract.
Continuation Sheet is attached.

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM	610,750.99
2. NET CHANGE BY CHANGE ORDERS	0
3. CONTRACT SUM TO DATE	610,750.99
4. TOTAL COMPLETED AND STORED TO DATE	19,130.12
5. RETAINAGE:	
a. 5.00% of Completed work	956.51
b. 0.00% of Stored Material	0
TOTAL RETAINAGE	956.51
6. TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE	18,173.61
7. LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT	0
8. CURRENT PAYMENT DUE	18,173.61
9. BALANCE TO FINISH, INCLUDING RETAINAGE	592,577.38

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief the Work covered by this Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payment were issued and payments received from the Owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

CONTRACTOR: Dering Pierson Group

By:  Date: 10/27/2022

Subscribed and sworn before me this 27 day of Oct. 2022

 Notary Public:  Commission expires: 1/31/25

ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

In accordance with the Contract Documents, based on on-site observations and the data comprising this application, the Architect certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED.

AMOUNT CERTIFIED _____

(Attach explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied for. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform to the amount certified.)

ARCHITECT:

By: _____ Date: _____

This Certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the Contractor named herein. Issuance, payment and acceptance of payment are without prejudice to any rights of the Owner or Contractor under this Contract.

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY	ADDITIONS	DEDUCTIONS
Total changed approved in previous months by owner	0	0
Total approval this month	0	0
TOTALS	\$0	\$0
NET CHANGES by Change Order	\$0	

Dering Pierson Group
 22401 Industrial Blvd
 Rogers, MN 55374
 612-213-2210
 612-392-7944

City of Spring Lake Park
APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

Job No.: 22036
 Job: Able Park Shelter
 Application No: 1.0
 Application Date: Oct 24, 2022
 Period To: Oct 31, 2022

CONTRACT

A Item #	B Description of Work	C Scheduled Value	D Work Completed		F Materials Presently Stored	G Total Completed and Stored To Date		H Balance to Finish	I Retainage (If Variable Rate)
			From Previous Application(s)	This Period		%			
01	General Conditions	64,275.00		6,427.50	0	6,427.50	10	57,847.50	321.38
02	Winter Conditions	840.00		0	0	0	0	840.00	0
03	Demolition	9,500.00		7,125.00	0	7,125.00	75	2,375.00	356.25
04	Site Work	17,415.00		0	0	0	0	17,415.00	0
05	Concrete	27,475.00		0	0	0	0	27,475.00	0
06	Carpentry	71,213.56		0	0	0	0	71,213.56	0
07	Thermal and Moisture Protection	67,130.00		0	0	0	0	67,130.00	0
08	Doors & Frames	8,410.91		0	0	0	0	8,410.91	0
09	Joint Sealants	750.00		0	0	0	0	750.00	0
10	Glass and Glazing	49,613.85		0	0	0	0	49,613.85	0
11	Gyp Board Walls	7,410.00		0	0	0	0	7,410.00	0
12	Flooring	26,694.25		0	0	0	0	26,694.25	0
13	Painting	10,140.00		0	0	0	0	10,140.00	0
14	Specialties	3,999.00		0	0	0	0	3,999.00	0
15	Equipment	325.00		0	0	0	0	325.00	0
16	Sprinkler System	17,629.00		0	0	0	0	17,629.00	0
17	Plumbing	39,800.00		0	0	0	0	39,800.00	0
18	HVAC	65,490.00		0	0	0	0	65,490.00	0
19	Electrical	57,782.00		2,889.10	0	2,889.10	5	54,892.90	144.46
20	OH&P	53,770.42		2,688.52	0	2,688.52	5	51,081.90	134.43
21	ALT 1 - Metal Roofing	11,088.00		0	0	0	0	11,088.00	0
		610,750.99	0	19,130.12	0	19,130.12	3	591,620.87	956.51

ADDITIONS TO CONTRACT

	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand TOTAL:	610,750.99	0	19,130.12	0	19,130.12	3	591,620.87	956.51

To: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park

From: Phil Gravel, City Engineer

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Date: October 21, 2022

**Reference: Financial Surety/Escrow for JP Brooks Development
aka Monroe Park Addition (PUD # 2019-1)**

Dan-

Per the Site Development Agreement with JP Brooks, Inc (dated 2/20/2020), the developer is required to provide certain Financial Guarantees including a Letter of Credit (LOC).

In October 2020 the developer requested a partial letter of credit reduction which, I believe, the city processed.

On September 30, 2022, the developer requested a further reduction in the letter of credit (by e-mail).

The remaining site improvement item on the development is to establish an acceptable turf cover on the storm water infiltration pond for the project. Approval of turf establishment will need to be verified by the Coon Creek Watershed District (CCWD). That will likely not occur until 2023.

At this time, we would be supportive of **reducing the city surety on this project down to an amount of \$5,000**. This reduction would be with the understanding that the remaining amount will not be released until the CCWD has formally accepted the site improvements.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Phil Gravel
Spring Lake Park City Engineer

cc: John Thames, City Attorney
Aaron Halvorson, JP Brooks, Inc.

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

Sign Permits

November 7, 2022

Take 5 Car Wash

8301 University Ave NE

Spring Lake Park High School

1100 81st Avenue NE



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

Sign Permit Application

DATE: 10/18/2022
NAME OF APPLICANT: Signs Unlimited, Inc
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 6801-C Mt Hermon Church Rd, Durham NC 27705
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 919 552 8689
NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected Take 5 Car Wash 8301 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park MN

New Construction: x Remodel: Word Change Only:

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

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

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

Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: Signs Unlimited, Inc

Address:

Is an Electrical Permit required? Yes, to be handled by client/GC

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

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

Handwritten signature: D. Val

Digitally signed by Desi Varrel
DN: cn=Desi Varrel, ou=Signs Unlimited, Inc, ou=Permit Technician, email=desi@signsunlimitedusa.com, c=US
Date: 2022.10.18 09:34:17 -0400

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:*****

FEE: \$ 1332. RECEIPT NUMBER:

DATE OF APPROVAL: DATE OF ISSUE:

REASON FOR DENIAL:

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMIT:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FRONT OF BUILDING: 3400

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL EXISTING SIGNS: N/A New Build

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED SIGN OR SIGNS: 494.31

INCLUDE A DRAWING SHOWING LOCATION AND MESSAGE ON SIGN.

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

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

DRAWING:

Proposed
4~~7~~ - \$75
4~~7~~ - \$75
58~~7~~ - \$75 + 18(1.25) = 97.50
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17~~7~~ - \$75
12~~7~~ - \$75

\$ 1,332.00
780 + 525

1020~~7~~ - 309
501~~7~~ Proposed

519~~7~~ Remaining

August 3, 2022

To whom it may concern,
Mughtar Sajady

I, Fatima Sajady as property owner of Take 5 Car Wash at 8301 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park MN hereby give my permission to Signs Unlimited, Inc to apply for permits on my behalf and arrange the erection of signage.

Business or Property Owner (please print):

Name: Mughtar Sajady Fatima Sajady
Phone: 612-716-3617
Email: fatimasajady@yahoo.com sajady24@yahoo.com

Signature of property owner or agent:

 *Fatima Sajady*

 *Mughtar Sajady*

Date: 08/11/22 08/11/22

DIRECTIONAL/WAYFINDING SIGN
TAKE 5
CAR WASH
 8301 University Ave NE
 Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

 Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
 UL File #E225570

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INITIAL LAYOUT: May 25, 2022

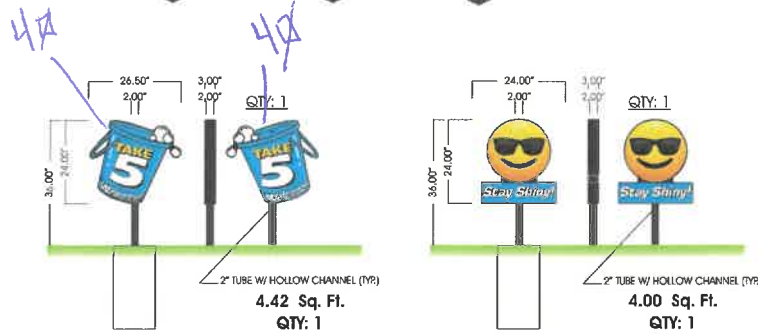
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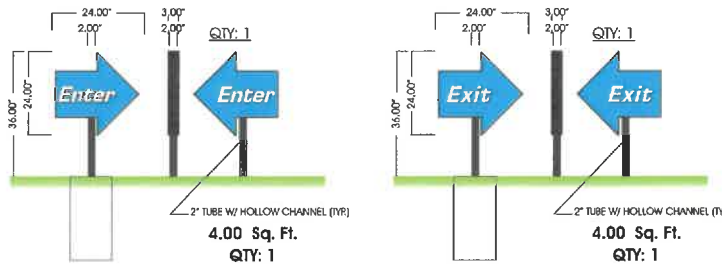
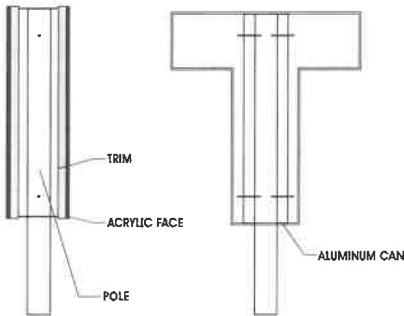
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- White



SPECIFICATIONS
NON ILLUMINATED
DOUBLE-SIDED
POST & CHANNEL

- Size:** As in drawing
Material: Aluminum square tubing
 Channel
Face Color: As in drawing
Trim: 1"
Trim Color: Black
Return Color: Black
Return Depth: 3"
Face: 1/8" Acrylic
Leg Color: Black
Mounting: Into Earth

DETAIL



NOTES:
 • HOLES TO BE DUG BY HAND TO AVOID DAMAGING UNMARKED UNDERGROUND LINES
 • ALL WAYFINDING SIGNS MUST BE REINFORCED WITH CONCRETE

Owner/Landlord Approval _____

SIGNS UNLIMITED
 communicate your identity

6801 Mount Hermon Church Rd, Ste C, Durham, NC 27705 • (P) 919-552-8689 • (F) 919-557-1322

SITE PLAN

TAKE 5

CAR WASH

8301 University Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

INITIAL LAYOUT: March 18, 2022

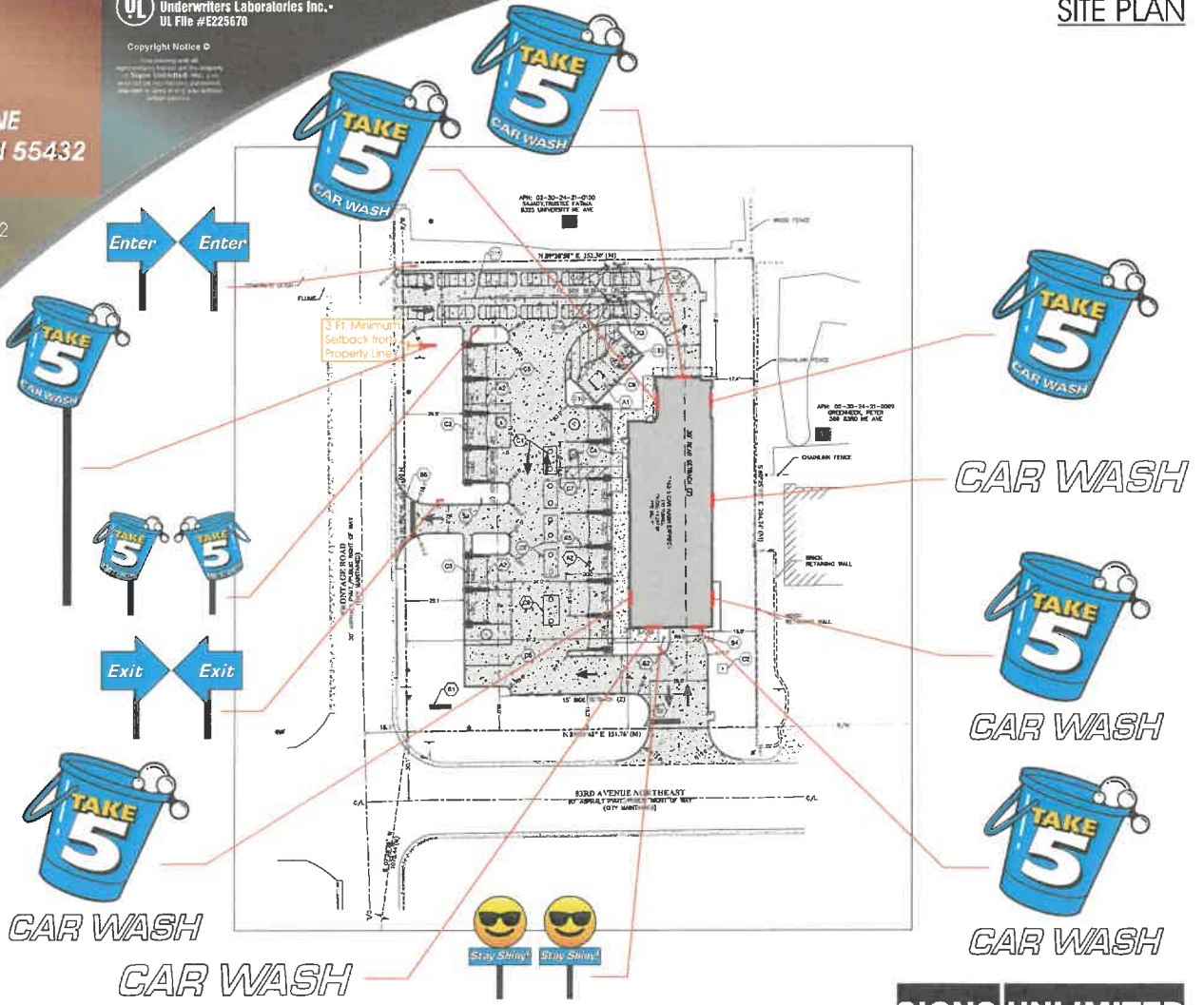
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SITE PLAN



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GROUND SIGN (POLE)

TAKE 5 CAR WASH

8301 University Ave
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

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Sq. Ft. Signage: 58.47

58.47 x 2 =

Signage Allowance:

Maximum Height: 25 Sq. Ft.

Minimum Setback: 3 Ft. from ROW,

5 Ft. from all Property Lines

PROOF
NOTE: ENGINEERING
REQUIREMENTS MAY
ALTER FOOTER,
POLE AND PRICE

INITIAL LAYOUT:

May 25, 2022

REVISIONS:



Color Key:

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■ PMS 107 C

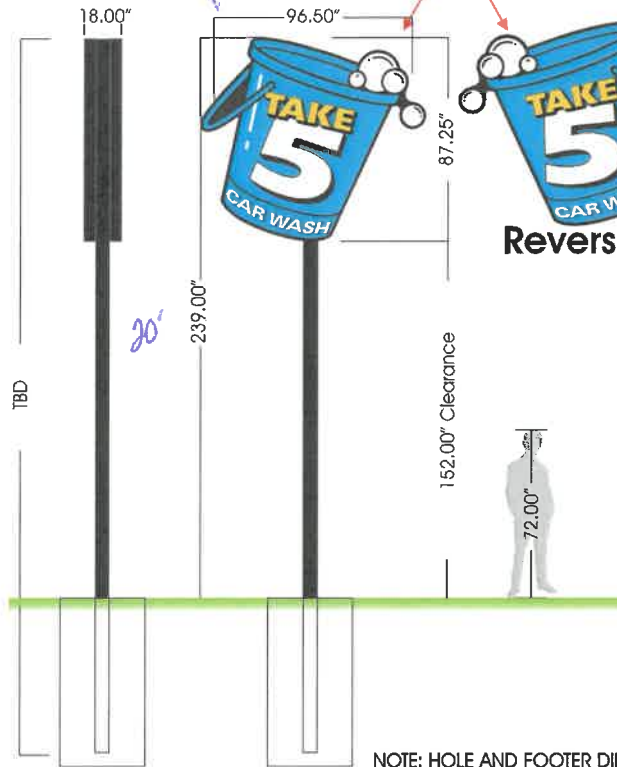
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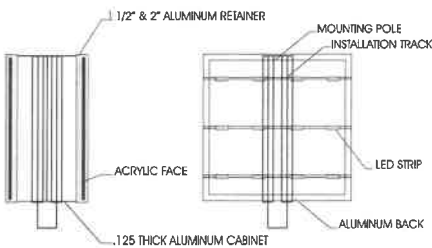


SPECIFICATIONS

**DOUBLE-SIDED
ILLUMINATED
ALUMINUM CABINET**

- Size: As in drawing
- Face Color: As in drawing
- Vinyl Colors: As in drawing
- Face: Flat
- Cabinet Interior: Gloss White
- Cabinet Color: Black
- Retainer: 1.5" & 2.0"
- Illumination: LED
- Mounting: Pole w/ concrete footer into earth

DETAIL



NOTE: HOLE AND FOOTER DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON ENGINEERING

Owner/Landlord Approval _____

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FRONT ELEVATION

TAKE 5

CAR WASH

8301 University Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

INITIAL LAYOUT: March 18, 2022

REVISIONS:

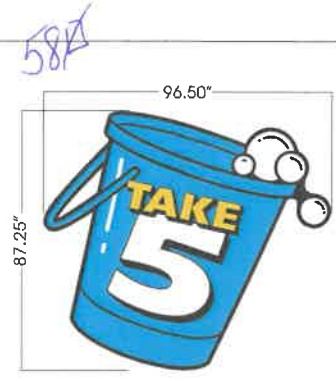
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Sq. Ft. Signage:
86.93

Signage Allowance:
30% of Sq. Ft. of Frontage Building
up to 400 Sq. Ft. Aggregate
Maximum Sq. Ft: 400 Sq. Ft. Aggregate
EXPECTED TO BE OVER ALLOWANCES



PROOF



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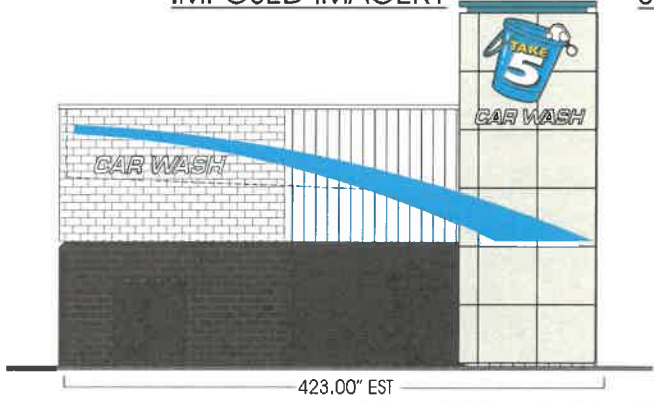
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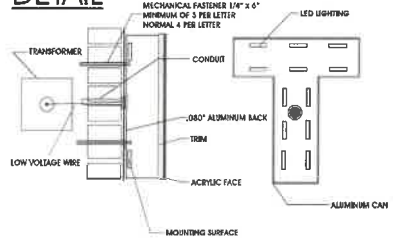
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REAR ELEVATION

TAKE 5 CAR WASH

8301 University Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

INITIAL LAYOUT: March 18, 2022

REVISIONS:
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Sq. Ft. Signage:
58.47

Signage Allowance:
30% of Sq. Ft. of Frontage Building
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Maximum Sq. Ft. 400 Sq. Ft. Aggregate
EXPECTED TO BE OVER ALLOWANCES



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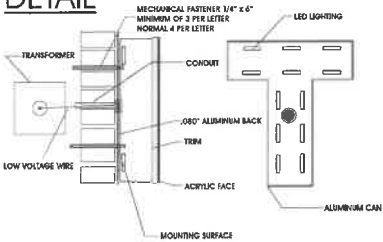
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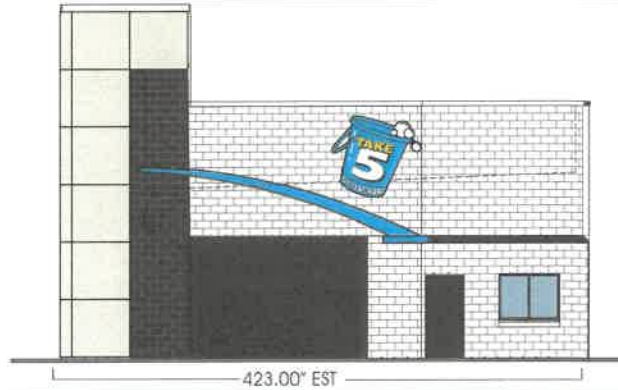
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SIDE B ELEVATION

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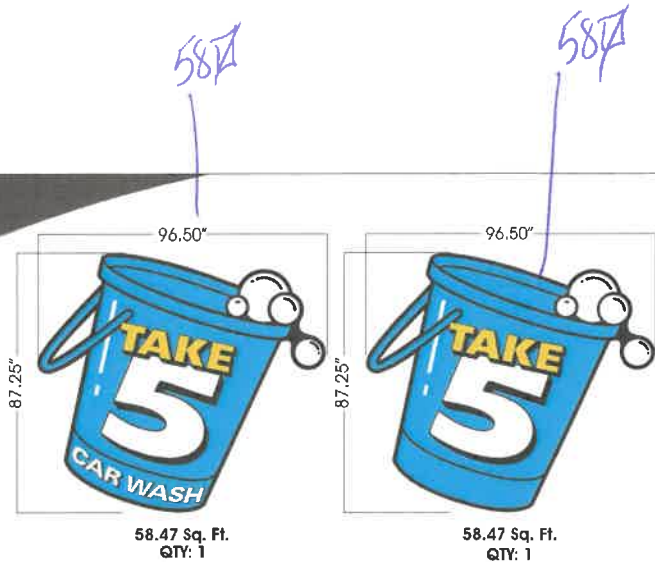
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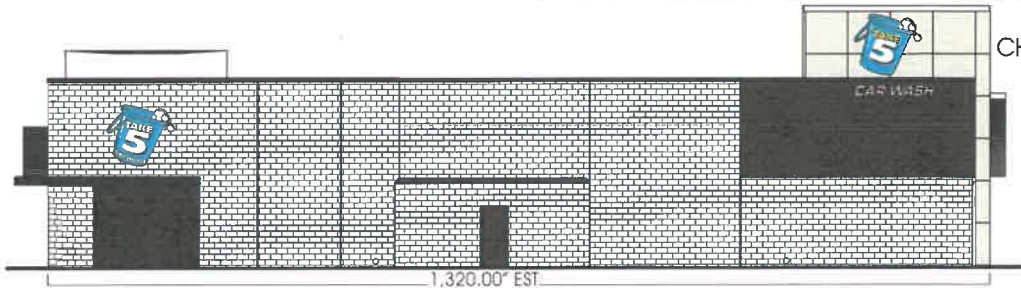
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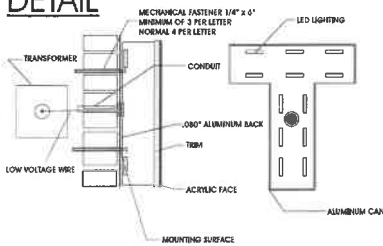
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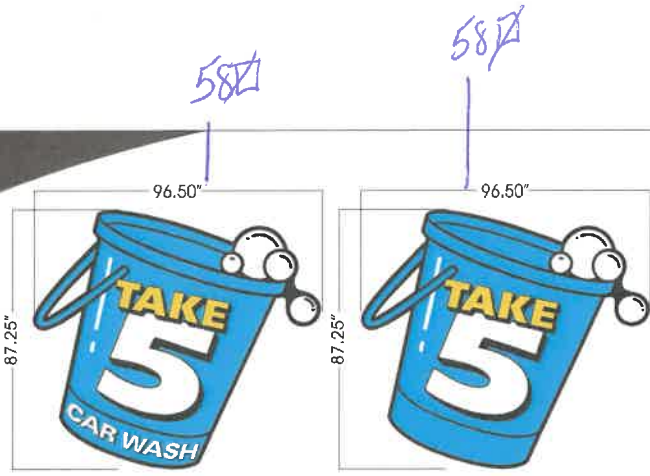
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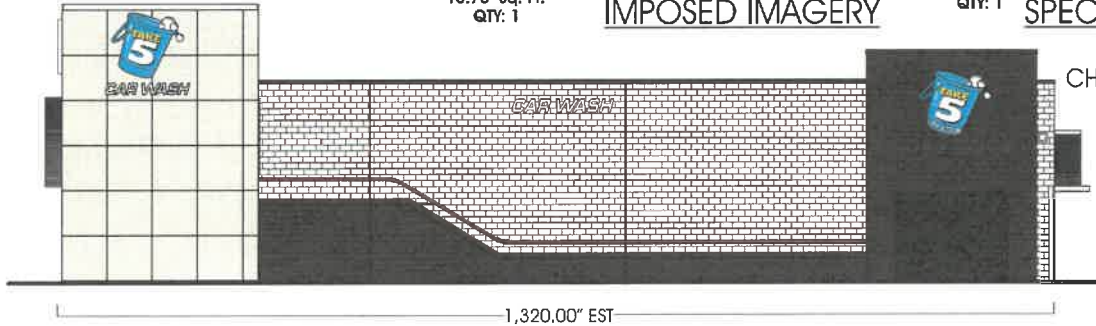


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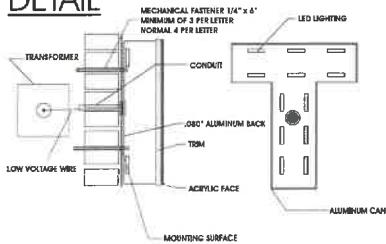
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CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81st Avenue N E
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
763-784-6491

Sign Permit Application

DATE: 10.17.2022
NAME OF APPLICANT: SignArt Co., Inc. (Angela McEathron)
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 2170 Dodd Rd Mendota Heights MN 55120
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 715.379.0879 (c) / 715.834.5127 (o)

NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected Spring Lake Park High School
1100 81st Ave NE

New Construction: Remodel: Word Change Only:

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

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

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

Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: SignArt Co., Inc.

Address: 2170 Dodd Rd Mendota Heights MN 55120

Is an Electrical Permit required? Yes

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

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

Angela McEathron
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:*****

FEE: \$600.00 RECEIPT NUMBER:

DATE OF APPROVAL: DATE OF ISSUE:

REASON FOR DENIAL:

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMIT:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FRONT OF BUILDING: 2327.50 sf facade sign will be attached

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL EXISTING SIGNS: To be removed

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED SIGN OR SIGNS: 467.66

INCLUDE A DRAWING SHOWING LOCATION AND MESSAGE ON SIGN.

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

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

DRAWING:

proposed
 $460\pi - \$75 + 420(1.25) = \660

4607A

Sign Specifications: Exterior Lit Wall Sign

Flush Mounted Pan Aluminum Backer Panel Flush Mounted to Wall

Square tube aluminum frame

Backer Panel:
Pan Formed Aluminum Panel, painted (color)
with Stud-Mounted FCO Acrylic Letters,
Routed Aluminum Faced Cabinet, and Halo-Lit Letters

Pan Depth: (2")

Internally Illuminated (LED) Cabinet Sign with Routed Aluminum Face Flush Mounted to Backer

Retainers and Returns:
Aluminum (gray)

Face:
Routed Aluminum Face, painted (gray)
Backed with Translucent Polycarbonate (white)
and Applied Vinyl Overlay (white, blue, red)

Internally Illuminated Trimless Channel Letters (LED) Flush Mounted to Backer

Letter Body:
Welded Aluminum 5" Letter Body painted (white)
Inside of Letter painted (white)

Faces:
1/2" Translucent white Acrylic Milled Faces

Non-Illuminated Stud Mounted Flat Cut Out 1" Acrylic Letters Stud Mounted Flush to Backer

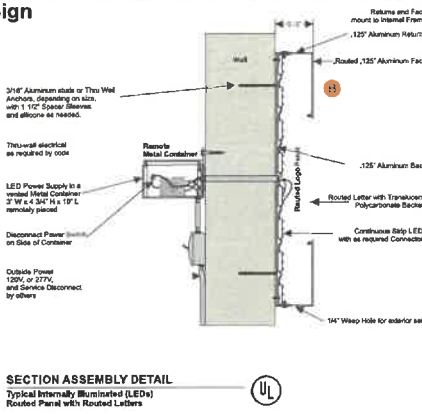
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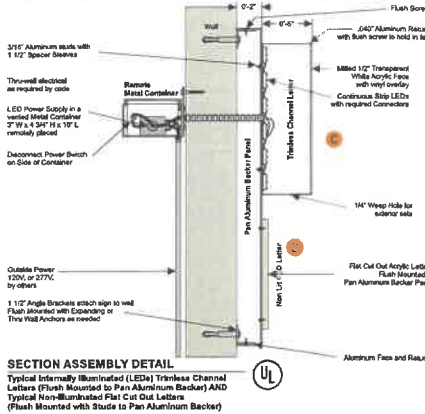
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11'-8" H. x 40'-8" W. Sign Area: 467.66 sq. ft.

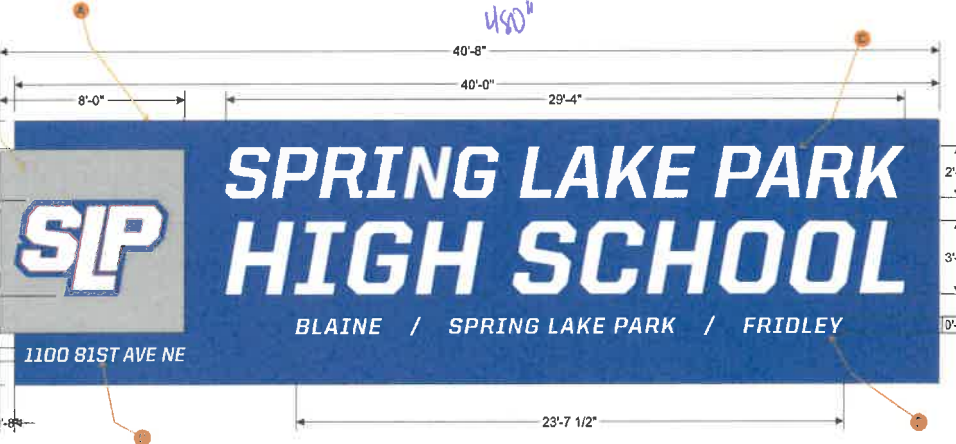
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Address: 1100 81st Ave NE
Spring Lake Park, MN

Sales: Bob Sherlock

DRAWING INFORMATION

File Name: Spring Lake Park (Replacement) Exterior Sign REV D 9-22-22
Date: REV A 9-9-22
REV B 9-12-22
REV C 9-15-22
REV D 9-22-22

Scale: 1/4" = 1'-0" at 11" x 17"
Page: 1 of 3
Designer: Jenna Welke

Customer/LL Approval:



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Night time view (Mockup)

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



11'-6" H. x 40'-8" W. Sign Area: 467.66 sq. ft.

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Photograph with Sign Location: Replacement Highway Wall Sign

SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

Existing Condition



Proposed New Sign



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District Services Center

SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS

High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.

September 28, 2022

To the City of Spring Lake Park:

We have been completing maintenance work on the exterior of Spring Lake Park High School facing highway 65. As a part of the process, we removed a large sign from the exterior of the building. We are now replacing that old sign with a new sign.

We have worked with Bob Sherlock at Sign Art USA and Eddie Drieman at Take Five to design and produce a sign that aligns with our other Spring Lake Park Schools signage throughout the district. These partners have our full permission to work with the city to gain the necessary permissions and install this sign at the high school.

If you have questions, please reach out to me at etaibl@district16.org or 763-600-5070.

Thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erika Taibl'.

Erika Taibl
Executive Director of Communications and Marketing
Spring Lake Park Schools

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

Contractor's Licenses

November 7, 2022

General Contractor

Defing Pierson Group, LLC.

Palmeras Construction

Mechanical Contractor

AA Contracting, Inc.

Do Pham, Inc.

Liberty Comfort Systems

Plumbing Contractor

DNS Plumbing & Heating, LLC.

Liberty Comfort Systems

Marchand Plumbing and Gas, LLC.

Z's Plumbing, LLC.

Sign Contractor

SignArt Co, Inc.

Signs Unlimited, Inc.

Twin Cities Sign, LLC.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Terry Randall, Public Works Director
Date: November 3, 2022
Subject: October 2022 Public Works Report

During the month of October, the Public Works Department was busy doing the following activities:

- Picked garbage and recycling up at all city properties
- Mowed city properties until October 20, 2022
- Aerated all the parks and removing the leaves
- Pulled the fountain at Triangle Park
- Blew out sprinkler systems for the winter and drained all the drinking fountains
- Had Perkins Contracting move the water lines at Able Park for the Building Remodel Project
- Cut trees that had Emerald Ashe Bore and removed some trees around Garfield Pond
- Patching potholes
- Checking Fire Hydrants for drainage
- Replacing a water valve at 82nd Ave and 6th Street
- Preparing snow removal equipment

September Appointments:

- October 4 – Attended the Staff Meeting
- October 6 – Attended the snow conference in St. Cloud
- October 21 – Attended a Precon Meeting on Able Park Remodel
- October 24 – Attend the Safety Committee Meeting
- October 26 – Attended Interviews for Utility Clerk Position
- October 29 – Assisted with the Recycling Day Event

Street sweeping starts on November 8, 2022



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

REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Official
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for October 2022
DATE: November 2, 2022

The Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement department is the authority having jurisdiction for all fire, rental, property, nuisance, and zoning codes within Spring Lake Park.

In October, a total of 21 building, 0 Fire Suppression, 14 mechanical, 9 plumbing, 2 Certificate of Occupancy and 9 zoning for a total of 55 permits issued compared to a total of 31 in 2021. Code Enforcement conducted 176 inspections in the month of October including 61 building, 64 rental, 8 zoning, 31 nuisance and 12 fire. 6 Admin tickets were issued for non-compliance.

Building Inspections have been extremely busy the month of October. Residents and businesses are investing a lot of money into their properties to make Spring Lake park look better every day.

Inspector Morris and Permit Technician Pearson have been working hard, trying to get all remaining rental properties inspected. Currently, there are 32 properties that have not had any inspections.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

527 82nd Ave – Has had their underground plumbing inspection completed and most recently their under-slab poly/radon inspection. Walls are going up and starting to look like a home!

Suite Living, 525 Osborne Rd – Final inspections are starting. I completed their fire alarm and suppression inspections. They are hoping for an opening date sometime in early December.

In October of 2022, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meeting on October 3rd & 17th.
- City Council Work Shop on October 10th.
- Department Head meeting on October 4th.
- Safety Committee Meeting October 24th.

This concludes the Code Enforcement monthly report for October 2022. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: October 28, 2022

Subject: Submittal of Joint List for Rice Creek Watershed District Manager Opening

The City of Spring Lake Park has been asked to support a joint list being submitted by Fridley, Columbia Heights, Lino Lakes, Centerville, Blaine, Circle Pines and Lexington presenting three candidates to the Anoka County Board for possible appointment to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board.

The Rice Creek Watershed District is governed by a Board of Managers comprised of 5 members appointed by the commissioners of Anoka, Ramsey and Washington Counties. Of the five members, two are appointed from Anoka County, two from Ramsey County and one from Washington County. The term of each appointment is three years, with managers eligible to be reappointed. To be eligible for appointment, a nominee must reside within the watershed district boundaries, be eligible to vote in the district, and not be a public officer of the county, state or federal government.

Pursuant to M.S. §103B.227, Anoka County has published a notice detailing a vacancy will occur on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers due to the expiration of the term of Patricia Preiner, City of Columbus. Persons interested in being appointed to serve on the Board of Managers may submit their names for consideration to the Anoka County Board.

In appointing a manager to the Rice Creek Watershed District, M.S. §103D.311 is also applicable. This statute requires a county board, upon the expiration of a term, to appoint managers for a watershed district from a list of persons nominated jointly or severally by the towns and municipalities within the district if a list(s) is (are) submitted 60 days before the managers term expires or the county board may appoint any manager from towns and municipalities that fail to submit a list. In order for the county to accept nominations for the expiring term, they must be received by November 18, 2022.

The opening is in Hydrologic Area 4, which covers all or parts of Blaine, Lino Lakes, and Circle Pines. The City of Spring Lake Park is in Hydrologic Area 5, which covers the southwest portion of the RCWD District. That manager position is appointed by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and is currently not up for appointment. While not required, it is preferred that the representative live in Hydrologic Area 4.

The four nominees proposed for the joint list are:

Jess Robertson, Blaine
Jan Kreminski, Circle Pines
Scott Robinson, Lino Lakes
Heidi Ferris, Fridley

All four nominees have been vetted by the City Council in the city in which they reside and were recommended for inclusion on the joint list. Three of the four nominees are the same nominees as last year. The City of Fridley added a nomination.

Staff is recommending the City Council approve a resolution that states that the City is part of the jointly submitted list from Fridley, Columbia Heights, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lino Lakes, and Lexington. This will strengthen the case for an appointment from this jointly provided list.

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

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 22-51

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A LIST OF ELIGIBLE NOMINEES TO ANOKA COUNTY FOR THE OPEN MANAGER POSITION ON RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

WHEREAS, the city received notice of an opening on the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, the county notified the city they can submit a list of Nominations to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners per Minnesota Statue 103D.311; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Lino Lakes, Lexington and Spring Lake Park wish to have representation on the Rice Creek Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the nominees are from Blaine, Circle Pines, Fridley and Lino Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the city of Spring Lake Park supports the nominees from the Jointly Submitted List from only the Cities of Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Lino Lakes, Lexington and Spring Lake Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota does hereby submit a list of names for consideration by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners per Minnesota Statue 103D.311 at least 60 days before the expiration of the term of the board managers' term who expires.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember.

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 7th day of November, 2022.

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: November 1, 2022

Subject: Utility Billing Clerk

The Administration Department has concluded its hiring process for the Utility Billing Clerk position. We received over 30 applications for the position. Deputy Clerk Brown, Permit Technician Pearson, and Accounting Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator Morrison interviewed 8 applicants and narrowed the pool to 4, which were interviewed by Deputy Clerk Brown, Public Works Director Randall and me. We were pleased with the quality of applicants we received, but one applicant rose to the top. I am pleased to recommend Breanna Brown for the position.

Breanna Brown has over 5 years of customer service and accounts receivable experience in different industries. She currently is an Administrative Associate at Assurance Manufacturing, Inc, in Coon Rapids, where she has worked since 2018. She is also a Spring Lake Park resident, which will be helpful as she transitions into the role. We are confident that she will be a great fit on our team.

Staff is recommending the City Council grant a conditional offer to Breanna Brown, conditioned on successful pre-employment drug test. Her background check has been completed. We recommend the City Council start her at Step 1 of the Salary Schedule, or \$52,580.06/year, and grant her the City's standard benefits package. We anticipate her starting date for Monday, November 14.

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



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Special Meeting and Work Session

We are requesting the City Council schedule a special City Council meeting and a work session for Monday, November 14 at 5:30pm.

The special City Council meeting agenda will be to canvass the 2022 election results for the City.

The work session will be to discuss the 2023 Public Utilities budget, funding 2023-2027 capital improvements, and discussion of public outreach strategies and next steps for City Hall improvements.

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

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2021 Sewer Lining Project (193805204). This project included lining in the general area between Terrace and Monroe and south of 81st Avenue. Terry Randall is watching this project. Lining work has been completed. *Grout work has been delayed until late 2022 or early 2023 (at no price increase to city). Contractor is Visu-Sewer.*

2023 Sewer Lining Project (193805871). Terry Randall has received preliminary televising reports of the remaining sanitary sewers in the city that need to be lined (approximately 30,000-feet). Plans and specs were ordered on 9-6-22. *Bidding will occur this winter.*

2022 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (193805507). 2022 project area included 81st Ave., Arthur St., Middletown, and the Service Drive southwest of 10 and 65. Project also included striping part of 81st Ave. as a 3-lane road. Crack repair work completed week of June 13th. Seal coat was placed on June 24th. Pavement Markings were placed in late-July. *Final contractor payment was processed on October 17, 2022.*

2022 Street Improvements Project (193805383). Public Hearings were on 10/4/21 and 11/15/21. Bids were received on January 31st. Public Assessment Hearing was on March 21st. Construction Contractor is Northwest Asphalt. Construction started on May 9th. Bituminous base course and sidewalk work were completed in May. Final bituminous wear course was paved on June 6, 2022. *Punch-list work has been completed. Final payment will be processed when close-out documents are received from Contractor. Reminder sent to Contactor on 10-31-22.*

City Hall Building (193805580). A process for evaluating possible city hall remodel options has started. Staff meetings were held between 5-31-22 9-15-22 to review floor plans. A schematic floor plan option was presented at a city council workshop on 10-10-22. *The next step will be to start on Design Development Documents and then preparation of Construction Documents. See Separate letter.*

JP Brooks Housing Project (Monroe Park Addition): See separate memo regarding partial reduction in the letter of credit for this project.

Suite Living Spring Lake Park (Hampton Cos. project at 525 Osborne). Final site work is nearing completion. *A site work inspection needs to be completed – need to coordinate pond work inspection with CCWD. After the inspection, a partial reduction of the financial surety can be considered.*

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

CORRESPONDENCE

memo

DATE: October 28, 2022
TO: Spring Lake Park
FROM: Steve Robertson
Supervisor, Source Water Protection Unit
SUBJECT: Statewide Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Monitoring Project

Below please find your system's sampling results for the Statewide PFAS Monitoring Project. Sampling was conducted on 4/21/22, 5/31/22, and 8/31/22.

Sampling results

There were no PFAS compounds detected in the samples. No additional action is needed at this time.

About the project

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has been studying the potential health impacts of PFAS in groundwater in Minnesota since 2002. This project is part of a larger effort at MDH to sample all community water systems (CWSs) for PFAS. MDH aims to cover 90% of CWS customers under its PFAS monitoring program by 2025. The project has been made possible through funding from the Clean Water Fund and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Sampling results from all systems that participated in the study will be included in an interactive mapping application on the MDH website.

- For more information about the PFAS monitoring in Minnesota, please visit [PFAS Testing of Public Water Systems](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/pfas.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/pfas.html>).
- For more information about Phase I of this project, see the infosheet [Statewide PFAS Monitoring Project \(PDF\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/statewidepfas.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/statewidepfas.pdf>).

If you have any questions about the results, please contact Jane de Lambert, the Project Manager, at (651)201-4692.

cc: Brian Noma, MDH District Engineer
Attachment

PFAS RESULTS MEMO

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10/28/2022

To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-4700.

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For Immediate Release: 10/27/2022

Contact Name: Dan Retka, Chief
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Fire Department Officer Promotions

Last week our administrative staff completed a month-long promotional process for new company officers. The process consisted of a file review to assure all members had the needed requirements and credentials, also included two simulation tests of response calls to measure confidence, tactical benchmarks, and assess tactics, finishing up with a panel interview from our personnel committee.

Below is the list of qualified members who were successful throughout the entire process and been approved for duty from the board of directors.

Station One – Tim Retka was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 15. Tim has been a member of the department since 2018 with over four years of service.

Station Two – Rob Payment was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 25. Rob has been a member of the department since 2010 with twelve years of service.

Station Three – Jeff Frahm was promoted to the rank of Captain, call sign Capt. 30. Jeff has been a member of the department since 2010 with twelve years of service.

Station Three – Mark Pennoyer was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, call sign Lt. 35. Mark has been a member of the department since 2015 with seven years of service.

Station Four – Chris Smit was promoted to the rank of Captain, call sign Capt. 40. Chris has been a member of the department since 2012 with over ten years of service.

SBM command staff, chief officers and firefighters congratulate all newly appointed members and look forward to working with you on scene. Our members train, study, and work hard towards these goals for years over and above their day-to-day workload. If you see any of them out on a call or an event, please congratulate them.

---End---

Changes coming to Route 10 in 2026

Share your feedback!

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BY DEC. 5

metrotransit.org/F-Line-Project



Se avecinan cambios en la Ruta 10 en 2026.
¡Comparta sus opiniones!

Isbeddellada ku imanaya Jidka 10 ee 2026.
La wadaag ra'yi-celintaada!

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F Line



METRO *F Line*

The METRO F Line is a planned bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will provide faster, more reliable transit service and enhanced stations in the Route 10 corridor from downtown Minneapolis to Northtown Transit Center along Nicollet Mall, Central Avenue, 53rd Avenue, and University Avenue. See the F Line draft corridor plan and provide your feedback on station locations by **Dec. 5** online.

La línea F de METRO es una línea planificada para autobuses de tránsito rápido (BRT) que proporcionará un servicio de tránsito más rápido y fiable, así como estaciones mejoradas en el corredor de la Ruta 10, desde el centro de Minneapolis hasta el Centro de Tránsito de Northtown, a lo largo de Nicollet Mall, la Avenida Central, la Avenida 53 y la Avenida University. Revise el borrador del plan del corredor de la línea F y exprese sus comentarios en línea sobre la ubicación de las estaciones hasta el **5 de diciembre** inclusive.

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October 21, 2022

TO: FINANCE OFFICIALS, BUILDING AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS
SUBJECT: SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGE (SAC) RATE FOR 2023

The Metropolitan Council in July adopted a \$0 increase in the base metropolitan SAC rate **effective January 1, 2023**. In 2023, the *base metropolitan SAC rate will be \$2,485* for metropolitan customer communities connected to our system (same as it was from 2014 through 2022).

Pursuant to Minn. Statute 473.517 subd. 3, your community pays a metropolitan (or wholesale) SAC to the Council as users connect to the metropolitan wastewater system for the first time or as a user's maximum demand for sewer capacity increases. In addition, pursuant to Minn. Statutes sections 444.075 (3), or other State laws, your community may:

- Pass on the regional SAC charge to property or business owners
- Add on a local SAC charge
- Collect the fees in a different manner than the metropolitan SAC

In addition, credits may apply in varying ways from community to community.

As you may know, the SAC system was implemented metro-wide in 1973. The metropolitan SAC funds we collect pay for the capital costs associated with building reserve capacity into the metropolitan wastewater system to accommodate the needs of future users. The SAC program facilitates equity by imposing the costs of building reserve capacity on communities proportionate to their new capacity demand (from development or changes in use on specific properties) rather than imposing those costs on existing users. Moreover, the regional pooling of development risk and the SAC pay-as-you-build system has largely relieved communities of the economic risk of building major new wastewater infrastructure.

If you have any SAC procedural questions, please feel free to contact me at jessica.nye@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1378. If you have any questions on SAC funds or other finance questions, please contact Ned Smith at ned.smith@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1162. You can also find the SAC Procedure Manual on our website at www.metrocouncil.org/SACprogram.

Please share the information in this letter with your staff as appropriate. As always, we appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jessie Nye

Manager, SAC Program

cc: Ned Smith, Director, MCEs Finance & Revenue

November 2, 2022

Municipal Market Comments

Here's a Story of a Bond Named Muni

With the arrival of November, comes the holiday season with all of the traditional shopping distractions. For the average person, this is a time of family gatherings, experimenting with new recipes, and giving unto others. But for market participants, the focus is on consumer buying preferences, year-end corporate window-dressing, portfolio realignment, tax planning, and general activity surrounding the closing out of another year. We also have the first of two final FOMC meetings as well as the release of October employment data scheduled for this week. ***When it comes to monetary policy, 2022 will likely go down in the books as one of the most historically relevant years with almost every one of the eight sessions commanding global attention.***

At this point, the FOMC is less about the actual rate hike, and more about Chair Powell's post-meeting press conference as each and every word will be parsed for meaning, nuance, and credibility. A record fourth consecutive 75 basis point bump in the benchmark fed funds rate is decisively anticipated at the conclusion of this week's meeting. ***At his press conference, we suspect that Mr. Powell will open the door, as opposed to just looking through the peep hole, to a potential pause at a subsequent policy gathering sometime next year.***

Admittedly, outsized inflation has proven to be a stubborn adversary and we are seeing that the effects of the Fed's aggressive tightening cycle have yet to produce consequential results with achieving price stability. The Fed Chair will need to orchestrate one of his best performances so as to not raise the white flag and signal retreat from the Central Bank's mission of taking inflation down or close to target.

While consensus has built around the magnitude of this week's rate increase, there appears to be diverging views surrounding the Central Bank's messaging going forward. ***While we understand that today's enduring inflation has been catalyzed by a number of unprecedented factors, we do believe that patience must be applied throughout the tightening cycle as the higher rate backdrop is poised to break the inflationary fever over the foreseeable future. We further posit that Chair Powell must find comfort with***

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allowing the pause narrative to take shape and provide widely sought-after market guidance. The Fed-speak leading up to the “blackout period” largely kept to a hawkish bias, but we did see cracks in the tightening armor starting to emerge. Perhaps the time to bring the “frontloading” of tightening policy to an end is upon us.

The ever-shifting futures contracts are currently signaling a rate hike for December somewhere between 50 and 75 basis points. ***We would prefer to see a 50-basis point raise next month as we are concerned over a potential build-up of financial instability, followed up with a policy assessment as the Central Bank maps out inflationary expectations for 2023. If the financial markets receive the less hawkish message while still evidencing a commitment to a restrictive path at the conclusion of the FOMC meeting that is now being anticipated, we can expect higher price valuations across the spectrum of asset classes, at least over the near-term.***

In our view, the Fed can achieve its desired target on its funds rate, but the road to get to its restrictive policy objective does not have to be carved in stone. 2023 is quickly approaching and we continue to believe that we are at or approaching the peak in bond rates. In our view, current UST trading ranges seem to be in the right zip code to account for the most likely restrictive scenario.

Admittedly, there are visible signs that some of the inflation barometers are receding and that the reliable and resilient consumer is becoming more discerning against a backdrop of generationally high prices. As we have pointed out in previous ***Basis Points*** publications, ***wage advances are not keeping up with the pace of inflation and so discretionary income is under downward pressure for a growing number of households.*** Inflation-adjusted goods spending has already experienced a decline given a shift towards service consumption preferences now that the economy has reopened from a COVID-induced shutdown. Nevertheless, ***spending on big-ticket items such as automobiles and various household appliances has abated and we expect to see similar buying habits through year-end.***

Despite being among the first sectors to recover, the restaurant industry is now meeting resistance given the elevated costs of dining out. A combination of rising home prices, albeit with some noted deceleration, and a 7%-range on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage has significantly impaired housing demand across various regions of the country. Following two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth, the initial print for Q3 showed an annualized 2.6% increase given resilient participation from businesses and consumers. Personal consumption, representing 70% of the U.S. economy, rose at a 1.4% pace – above forecast but slower than the previous quarter. Subject to revisions and more complete data inputs, the second estimate for last quarter’s growth is scheduled for release later this month.

Contributing to the quarterly rise in real GDP, which may keep the recession hawks at bay for now, include increases in both goods and services exports, consumer spending, nonresidential fixed investment, as well as higher spending at the Federal, state and local levels. ***We suspect that further erosion in residential fixed investment may place downward pressure on Q3 revisions as the housing market, highlighted by double-digit declines in residential investment, will continue to be a drag on GDP. We expect full-year GDP to show expansion, but the rate of growth is likely to be modest.***

We will also keep a close eye on future labor market strength and individual savings as guidance for consumer spending activity. Policymakers are likely to consider their preferred inflationary measure, but may be

challenged to derive strong convictions. The PCE price index grew at an annualized 4.2% pace during the third quarter, the slowest rate since the end of 2020. While meeting consensus, headline PCE for September rose 0.3% month-over-month and 6.2% year-over-year, revealing still appreciable pricing pressure.

The economic backdrop is telling us that monetary policy is having its intended impact of slowing growth and curtailing demand, yet the data continues to support a robust labor market with low unemployment and advancing wages. ***While prospects for recession in 2023 have increased, we are betting on a number of resiliency factors to deter a deep and protracted contraction.***

Leading into this week's FOMC meeting, the markets were making an effort to show strength ahead of the anticipated 75-basis point rate hike, until of course fresh economic data appeared to have removed some of the Fed's dovish (oh, can we say this word?) cover and conflicting messaging out of China concerning that government's stance on its zero-COVID policy softened the risk-on bias.

Bond prices were mixed along the Treasury yield curve with the 10-year benchmark yield modestly over the 4% threshold. ***While the global tightening cycle may have taken on a synchronized performance as historic levels of policy stimulus needed to be removed from the system, the pathway to pause, pivot, and pursue an easing posture will likely occur at different times and speeds.***

After spending much of last week flexing its independence muscle with tax-exempt yields backing up despite more favorable technical considerations and rallying U.S. Treasuries, munis have thus far held steady this week in front of the FOMC meeting. ***Even with the muni underperformance during the last week of October, the asset class outperformed UST for the entire month, with respective losses of 83 basis points and 1.39%. The Fed's pathway to arrest uncontrolled inflation by pursuing a restrictive interest rate policy has created a sea of red throughout fixed income, yet munis are outperforming UST and corporate securities YTD, with negative returns of 12.86%, 14.3%, and 19.56% respectively.***

The longest dated maturities, 20 years and out, significantly underperformed the broader muni market last month as that part of the curve played catch-up to the UST sell-off at certain points during the month and saw active bid lists with attendant heavy withdrawals from municipal bond mutual funds. The 30-year AAA benchmark yield advanced by 28 basis points throughout the month and Refinitiv reported 12 consecutive weeks of outflows by month-end.

During last month, revenue bond losses doubled those incurred by G.O. bonds, (-)1.03% versus (-).51% respectively, as investors focused on still-favorable tax receipts and comfortable fund balances associated with full faith credit issuers, and found themselves more cautious given challenged outlooks over certain revenue bond sectors. Within the revenue bond space is where we have seen disproportionate bid-wanted activity and we note specific underperformance relative to the broader revenue bond index across the hospital, housing, and transportation sectors.

Certain cohorts within the hospital sector are experiencing above average margin compression given inflationary conditions, heavier spending needs and staffing deficiencies; housing stress is being felt more for local/conduit issuers experiencing competitive forces and weak management than with state housing agencies demonstrating greater asset diversification, stronger collateralization levels, skilled management oversight, and ample program reserves; the transportation sector remains under operational pressure as a number of systems struggle to regain pre-pandemic utilization.

High-yield munis underperformed the broader muni index last month to post a year-to-date loss of 17.75%. The heaviest losses for October were tied to 15-year and out tenors and were seen in the hospital, housing, education, and high-yield Puerto Rico areas. ***The high-cost of a traditional college education taken within the context of a COVID-induced lockdown has placed heavier scrutiny on college and university financial operations as the cost/benefit analysis has taken center stage.***

The higher education sector will likely become even more competitive and those institutions that have not differentiated themselves within a field of active liberal arts schools are most at risk of future enrollment declines and margin erosion. In our view, whatever performance that could have been attained on Puerto Rico debt had likely already been unlocked, especially prior to restructuring.

In our view, the muni high-yield space will likely remain exposed to both credit and market volatility and it is imperative that careful security selection be applied when considering high-yield investment opportunities. Existing holdings should be actively surveilled for shifting credit characteristics and positions should be scaled back or fully liquidated should in-depth research point to potential covenant violations, if they haven't already occurred, or perhaps to an actual default of interest and/or principal.

It comes as no surprise that October issuance fell 40.3% according to Refinitiv data, bucking otherwise historically strong October supply trends. Higher borrowing terms catalyzed a 78.2% drop in refunding volume which aligned with a 76% drop in taxable issuance given that refundings of outstanding tax-exempt debt can only be accomplished on a taxable basis.

On a more general level, the market volatility brought on by aggressive Fed tightening policy has kept a number of issuers sidelined, particularly as each and every FOMC meeting is billed as consequential. This dynamic certainly impacts pricing, placement and performance and makes for a very uncertain market. Having said this, market behavior has been efficient with deals receiving favorable reception. When needed, re-pricings have been done in order to minimize dealer balances.

As we indicated in our last ***Basis Points*** publication, ***next week's mid-term election will be pivotal as the balance of power in Washington D.C. may be shifted should the Republicans take control of the House and/or Senate.*** As of this writing, while there is a greater likelihood of a GOP-controlled House of Representatives, certain key races for the U.S. Senate have tightened in, thus weakening the chances for Democrats to retain control of the Upper Chamber of Congress. Republicans need only one victory to capture the Senate. With a Republican majority in at least the House, any agenda for tax increases and new regulatory oversight for businesses from the Biden administration would likely be DOA, and there could be renewed tensions surrounding the U.S. debt ceiling.

Away from the Federal contests, there will be 36 gubernatorial races and a vast majority of state legislative seats will be decided. Voting outcomes at the state and local levels can be quite significant as future policy decisions can affect tax initiatives, spending priorities, business climate, and local infrastructure projects – all of which could ultimately have implications for municipal credit.

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U.S. Municipal Bond Market

Our 2022 Mid-Term Election Preview

- The results of the 2022 mid-term elections will impact public finance and the municipal bond market.
- To understand in more depth why elections matter to public finance we would like to point out that two of the most consequential events that have helped shaped the public finance landscape in the last several decades occurred in just the last six years. Both were a direct result of happenings in D.C. Those events were: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- We prepared a list of public finance related policy topics (see page 7) and the likely impact related to them under different 2022 mid-term election outcomes.

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The Economy, Stupid – A Principal Issue in 1992 and 2022

There is always much at stake during campaign season. This is accurate at the national, state, and local levels of government. Sometimes the results from mid-term elections are even more consequential because the results help set-up Presidential cycle outcomes. That could be the case this year. National campaign strategies often focus on big-picture ideas that resonate with voters. Sometimes strategies are policy focused. Other times strategies are more abstract or general. For example, in 1992 James Carville posted a sign in Bill Clinton’s Little Rock, Arkansas campaign headquarters with three priorities.

- Change vs. more of the same
- The economy, stupid
- Don’t forget health care

This messaging was meant for the campaign workers alone, but these soon became campaign slogans and these big-picture ideas resonated with voters across the country. Those themes, a declining economy, along with Ross Perot’s participation in the 1992 Presidential election helped Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton take the White House.

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No Surprise The Economy (& Inflation) are MOST Important

Poll- What do you Think is the MOST important problem facing the country today?

Response	Likely Voters
The Economy (including jobs, stock market)	26%
Inflation of the cost of living	18%
Abortion	5%
Immigration	5%
Crime	3%
Russia/ war in Ukraine	2%
Other, gun policies, health-care, education, foreign policy	1%

Source: New York Times (Oct. 17, 2022) and HilltopSecurities.

Economic themes are once again driving public opinion now less than three weeks before the mid-terms. Recent polling data from the New York Times (Oct. 17, 2022) show that 44% of those polled believe “The Economy” (26%) and “Inflation” (18%) are the most important problems facing the country today. This result comes in the midst of rising interest rates, a bear-equity market, elevated inflation, high gas prices, and just this week a Bloomberg Economics model projected 100% probability of a recession in the next 12 months. This new polling data and how voters are reading the economic reality is likely to be a severe blow to President Joe Biden and the Democrats’ chances of keeping control of Congress. Updated forecasts from FiveThirtyEight show it’s likely the Democrats keep control of the Senate, but lose control of the House (as of Oct. 18, 2022). We think there is a better than even chance of this occurring. There is a little less than even chance that the Republicans take both chambers of Congress. We think it is only slightly possible that the Democrats keep control of Congress, and we expect a convincing “Blue Wave” in the 2022 mid-terms is not only very unlikely but virtually impossible.

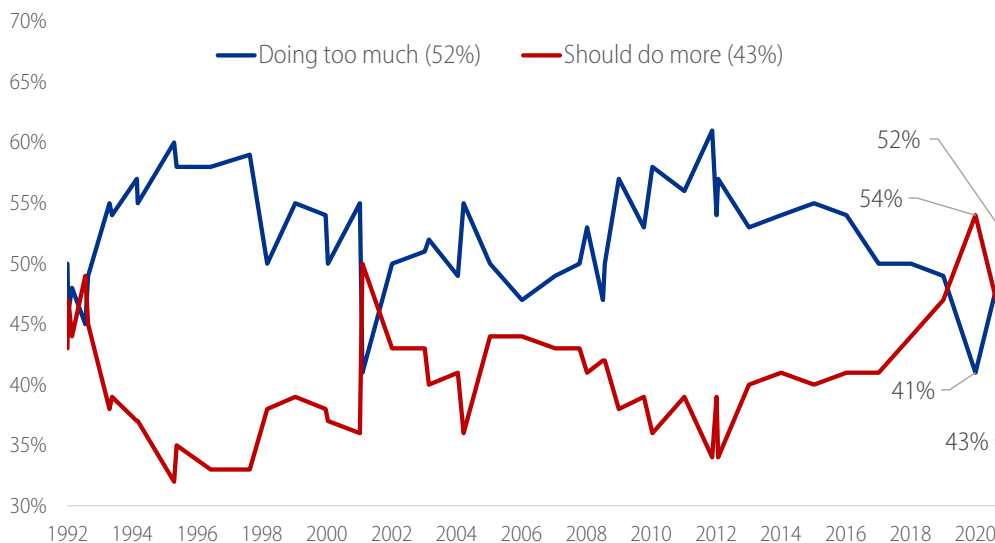
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2022 Election Outcomes Matters to Public Finance

The path the U.S. Federal Reserve has taken to subdue inflation has been the number-one story of 2022 for public finance and the municipal bond market. This will likely not change. Battling for the second most important driver of 2022 will be the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the outcome from the 2022 mid-term elections. It very well could be that the outcome from the 2022 mid-term elections is remembered as the second most important, especially as policy shifts build up to the 2024 Presidential and other elections. For now, we will have to see how the political landscape evolves. An acceleration of the war in Ukraine by Russian President Vladimir Putin could also move the needle.

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Poll: Is the Government Doing Too Much, or Too Little (%)



Source: Gallup, Washington Post and HilltopSecurities.

There may not be as much at stake in the 2022 elections as there was in 2020, but the results matter, nonetheless. A key reason is because candidates and political parties could build on the November 8th outcome in 2023 and most importantly leading up to

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- First was the [Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017](#).
- Second was the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#).

Both pieces of legislation were passed when a single party-controlled Congress and the White House. Also vital is to understand where public opinion was regarding what the public wanted from government when both pieces of legislation were passed. The public thought government was doing “too much” when the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was passed. Looking forward a few years, it seems the Democrats were not correctly reading the political tea leaves in 2021 because the public also thought the government was doing “too much” when the Democrats in Congress passed the 2021 Rescue Plan through budget reconciliation. There was not one Republican who voted for the almost \$2 trillion American Recuse Plan of 2021, as a reminder.

The particulars of the 2017 and 2021 fiscal policies and their impact on public finance are the most important reasons we believe readers need to take the consequences of elections and especially the 2022 mid-term elections seriously. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 is often remembered for, as the title implies tax-cuts funded through various sources. What is often forgotten, and sometimes not even known or understood by many in the public finance universe is that a portion of the 2017 fiscal policy was funded by the elimination of the ability of public finance entities to use tax-exempt bonds for advance refundings. What is also often forgotten or not even known is that Republicans publicly floated the idea of eliminating the future issuance of tax-exempt bonds for all private activity bond issuers as a pay-for for the 2017 tax cuts.

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Public Finance Sector-by-Sector Impact From the Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Provision	Amount (\$ billions)	Sector(s) to Benefit Most
State and Local Govt. Aid	\$350.00	U.S. state, local, and tribal governments
K-12 School Aid	126.00	U.S. state and local govts.
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Tax Credits & COBRA Coverage	63.00	Healthcare
Higher Education Relief Fund	39.60	Higher Education
Additional Aid to Mass Transit Operators	30.50	Mass Transit
Incentives for non-expansion states under ACA to expand Medicaid	16.40	State govt., Healthcare
Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund	10.00	U.S. state, local, and tribal governments
Homeowner Assistance Fund	10.00	Housing
Emergency housing vouchers	5.00	Housing
	\$650.50	

Source: Moody's Investor Service, House Oversight Committee, Joint Committee on Taxation, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and HilltopSecurities.

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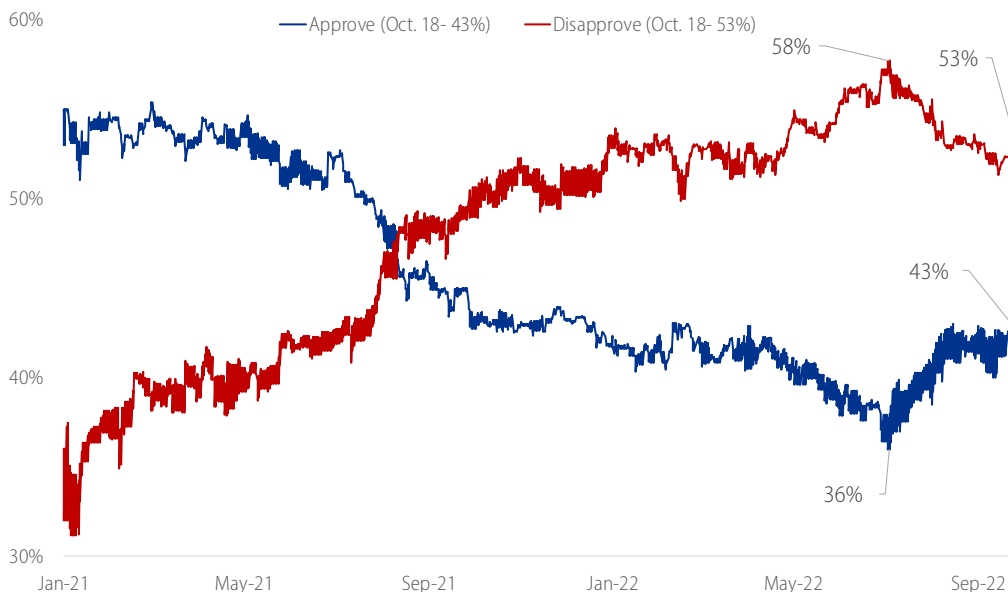
Leading Up to the 2022 Mid-Terms

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It is always difficult to gauge what the potential result is going to be ahead of any election and 2016 and 2020 were good examples. Going into 2016 not many gave Donald Trump a chance. Yet, he was able to unsettle the expected outcome in several swing states even though he lost the popular vote on his way to becoming the 45th U.S. President. In the summer of 2020, there were murmurs of a potential "Blue-Wave" that could unseat President Trump and give the Democrats complete control of Congress. The Democrats fell short of achieving the Blue-Wave, even though they did gain effective control of D.C. This control was nowhere near a mandate, however. Even though the Democrats and President Biden often acted as though they possessed a mandate. This lack of recognition of what voters across the country wanted is a contributing reason Democrats are likely to suffer at the ballot box on Nov. 8.

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President Biden's Approval Rating Only Somewhat Recovered



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President Biden entered the White House in January of 2020 with a high level of popularity. It was 55% according to the results from FiveThirtyEight. A leading reason voters especially moderate voters leaned toward Biden was because they were seeking normalcy. Voters were surprised by Biden and the President’s popularity has reflected this ever since. In June 2021 the President’s popularity began to fall. Although the President could boast that he helped usher in some substantial legislative victories, he was also moving in a much more progressive and partisan manner than many expected.

Select Meaningful Legislation Passed Since Biden Became President

Amount (\$ in billions)	Title of Legislation	Note	Status
\$738	Inflation Reduction Act of 2022	Via budget reconciliation (no bi-partisan support)	Signed into law Aug. 16, 2022
\$280	Chips and Science Act of 2022	-	Signed into law Aug 9, 2022
\$550	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021	-	Signed into law Nov. 15, 2021
\$1,900	American Rescue Plan Act of 2021	Via budget reconciliation (no bi-partisan support)	Signed into law March 11, 2021
\$3,468	Total		

Source: HilltopSecurities.

A turning point for the Biden administration and for Democrats came in August of 2021 with the chaotic withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan. President Biden’s approval rating plummeted and bottomed-out in July 2022 at 36%. Biden’s approval rating recovered somewhat to 43% as of Oct. 18, 2022. The President’s approval rating is not favorable compared to past President’s at a similar time (see below). Bottom-line, Biden’s approval may be high enough to keep control of the Senate, but it is not likely strong enough to maintain control of the House.

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How Biden's Approval Compares With

President	Approval Rating on Day 630 of Admin.	+/- to Biden
Biden	42.4%	-
Trump	41.8%	-41.8%
Obama	45.2%	-45.2%
Bush (W)	62.6%	-62.6%
Clinton	43.9%	-43.9%
Bush (H.W)	66.0%	-66.0%
Reagan	42.0%	-42.0%
Carter	48.1%	-48.1%

Source: Five Thirty Eight and HilltopSecurities.

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Likely Outcome From 2022 Mid-Terms

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Potential Public Finance Impact from 2022 Mid-Terms, Scenario Analysis

Public Finance Related Policy Topic	Divided Congress (Biden, Dem, Rep)	Republicans Take Congress (Biden, Rep, Rep)	Status Quo Renewed (Biden, Dem, Dem)
Likelihood scenario occurs	Better than even chance	Just less than even chance	Possible, but unlikely
Potential for any new fiscal policy to become enacted	Not likely b/c of partisan gridlock	“Commit to America” plan would seek to repeal new IRS agents, focus on accountability	A moderate to slightly liberal amount of fiscal policy could emerge that could lean progressive
Prospect for a debt ceiling showdown	Possible, maybe even likely, unless there are budget/ policy concessions		Unlikely
Defense spending	Moderately rise (faster than if Dems control Congress) at a less than optimal level		Moderately rise at less than optimal level
Crime	Unlikely to move the needle, or be a priority		Only headline attention, not likely to be substantive
Infrastructure	Unlikely to be a serious priority		Unlikely to be a priority, unless climate related
Culture wars	Will be magnified leading up to 2024 no matter what the 2022 outcome		
Trajectory of ESG policy/ blowback	Will remain an issue	Republican action could increase, depends upon corporate actions as well	Progressive agenda will increase magnitude of Republican response
Potential for fiscal relief if there is a moderate to severe recession	Unlikely, appetite for fiscal relief may have been exhausted		Possible, magnitude depends upon Dems result in Senate
Climate change, energy/ environmental policy	Unlikely to get enough support to reverse, still considered	Could set a course for climate related policy and spending to be reversed	Climate related policy and spending could continue, pace depends upon election outcome
Health care policy (national)	Potential for slight changes, could at least be a topic of contention		Support or expansion
Tax policy (tax-extenders, tax rates)	Expect tax-extenders to pass	Expect tax-extenders to pass, propose to reverse IRA	Unchanged or tax rates could rise, depends upon Senate
State and local govt. Am. Rescue Plan Act (2021) funds	Potentially added oversight, clawbacks of unspent money could be proposed		Unchanged
Threat to the tax-exemption	Threat is real and would rise		Some support, progressive threat could emerge
Reinstatement of advance refundings with tax-exempts	Unlikely		Issue may re-surface, but still unlikely
Reform to the SALT deduction	Unlikely to not-possible		Issue may re-surface, but still unlikely
New iteration of direct-pay taxable bonds (like BABs)	Unlikely		Issue may re-surface, but still unlikely
Expand bank qualified definition	Unlikely		Issue may re-surface, but still unlikely
Municipal credit conditions, Golden Age of Public Finance	Neutral to slightly weaker		Expect some relief, still neutral to slightly weaker
Financial Data Transparency Act	Likely to be included in Defense Authorization Act before end of 2022		
Municipal bond issuance, 2022 and 2023	Refundings down, new money neutral to slightly down		Refundings will be down, new money neutral

Source: HilltopSecurities.

Potential for Any New Fiscal Policy to Become Enacted

We expect mostly legislative gridlock to occur in the two most likely outcomes from the 2022 mid-terms. The more probable outcome(s) have the Republicans taking the House, and potentially the Senate. In either case it is not expected that lawmakers will be able to agree enough on anything constructive that eventually becomes law. It is also possible that both outcomes have negative consequences on the public finance landscape. We detail more of those specific concerns in the below commentary.

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Prospect for a Debt Ceiling Showdown

During the summer of 2021 we wrote about the “Irreparable Harm” that could be done to the U.S. reputation if lawmakers failed to extend or suspend the debt ceiling limit. Already lawmakers are misidentifying the debt ceiling as though it is the budget making process, and it is something that can be brokered. The U.S. cannot hesitate on raising the debt ceiling limitation. We are concerned about this and believe the outcome could be very negative for the financial markets and the municipal bond market specifically if lawmakers play chicken with the debt ceiling in 2023. Negative financial consequences related to the debt ceiling would be more likely if Republicans took the House and or the Senate.

Defense Spending

Some of Europe has considered increasing expenditures on military readiness in the wake of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Most notable is probably that Germany alone announced a plan to more than double their annual amount of military spending. The U.S. has been providing aid and training in the last nine or so months. We think that it is possible that a more conservative contingent in Congress would seek to increase U.S. military spending focused on the conflict in eastern Europe and spending overall. From a credit perspective this could be a boost to cities, communities and industries tied to the military and military related manufacturing.

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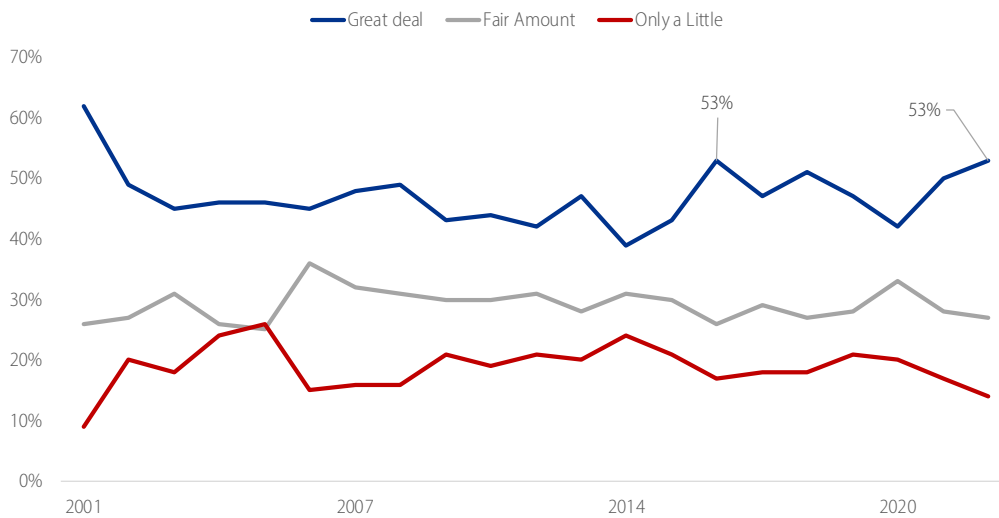
Crime

The issue of crime, violent crime, and the future of policing became front page news along with the COVID-19 pandemic. We wrote about [Violent Crime as a Credit and Political Challenge](#) in the summer of 2021 as concerns increased. Some lawmakers initially responded in favor of the calls to “Defund the Police,” especially in places such as Minneapolis, San Francisco, and New York. Defund the Police as a policy never materialized. Now, the public remains very concerned about crime and violence.

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The Public is More Concerned About Crime Now

Question: How much do you personally worry about crime and violence?



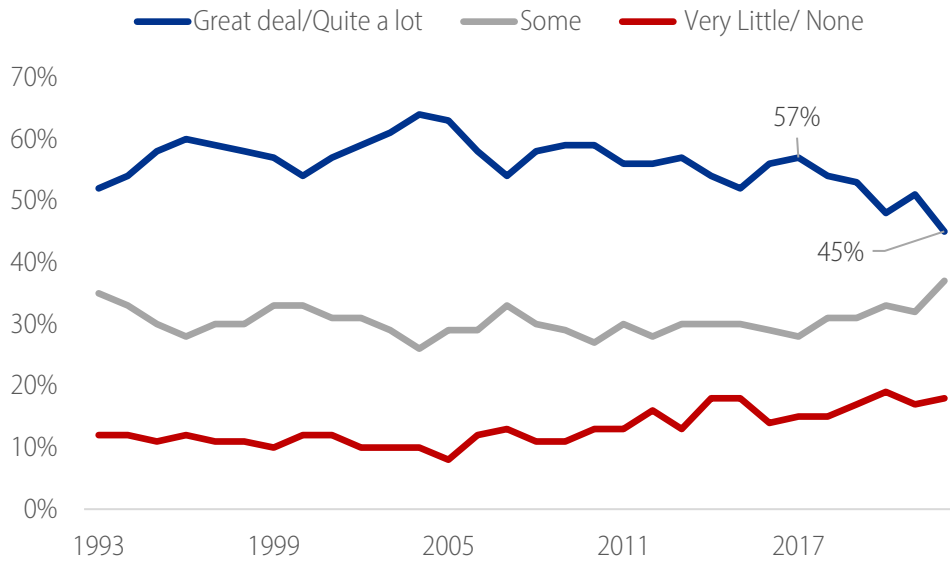
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Confidence in the Police at Multi-Decade Lows

Question: How much confidence do you have in the police?



Source: Gallup and HilltopSecurities.

In a situation where there is a divided Congress or where the Republicans take both chambers, we are not expecting much positive to develop where crime, violent crime or policing legislation is concerned. In the very unlikely situation where the Dems keep trifecta control, we still don't expect much ground to be covered. In such a circumstance crime will be an issue that will be talked about, but nothing much will likely happen. This is like what we have seen in recent months. The Dems in the House have tried to show that they support police, and police funding with legislation they have recently passed or proposed. These three bills have all passed the House: 1) [HR 5768 VICTIM Act of 2022](#), funds support personnel, please see [Rep. Demings press release](#); 2) [HR 6448 Invest to Protect Act of 2022](#), grants for local governments w/ fewer than 200 officers and; 3) [HR 4118 Break the Cycle of Violence Act](#), Health and Human Services grants for violence initiatives. Problem is these bills have a very limited to no chance to pass the Senate. The [HR 1368 Mental Health Justice Act](#), (has not passed the House yet), would include grants to train and dispatch mental health officials, so police officers are not called on as commonly to deal with behavioral health situations.

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Infrastructure

The term infrastructure means something very different to Democrats compared to Republicans. We think that the very concept of infrastructure became politically charged after the success of the 2009 Recovery Act's taxable Build America Bond (BAB) program that was heavily utilized, then not continued past 2010. The Democrats did not make the pathway any easier to each side agreeing on what constituted "infrastructure," after they stretched the definition so far in 2021 and 2022. It has been hard for lawmakers to come together on infrastructure, even though it seems so simple to those of us on the outside looking in on Washington. The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 was a slight legislative victory. But it was too small. There was only \$550 billion of new spending which is going to be spent over ten years. We wrote about the IJIA in [House Passed \\$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Plan on Friday, Boosting What We Deemed \(in March\)](#)

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as the Golden Age of Public Finance. We do not expect infrastructure to be a serious consideration if the Republicans take the House or all of Congress. We also do not expect that Democrats are going to push it heavily either unless the spending is climate related. These potential outcomes are unfortunate. The United States is still in need of renewed and new infrastructure. We are concerned that many believe infrastructure is no longer a priority because of the passage of the IIJA last fall.

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Culture Wars

If you think the culture wars at issue in the U.S. are not impacting public finance and the municipal bond market, think again. We saw threats to school funding and to Disney's Reedy Creek improvement district in Florida. Financial service firms are at odds with lawmakers in some geographies over guns and climate. There is probably no way to turn back the clock on the culture wars and related themes. Rules and headlines are likely to continue to be made and magnified. It is important that observers and investors see through the rhetoric, but make sure to acknowledge when there is likely to be an influence on individual credits or market dynamics. We think the influence of the culture wars in the U.S. continues no matter what happens on Nov. 8.

Trajectory of ESG Policy and Blowback

This is another topic where most who are involved would probably prefer to put the genie back into the bottle, but now it is impossible to do so. The rating agencies (Moody's, S&P and Fitch) began softly on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in the years leading up to 2020. They went all-in on ESG to begin 2020. The reaction was paused until the Spring of 2022 but in the first half of the year challengers then went all-in. This is just a summary and is not meant to be exhaustive but the Treasurer of Utah, Marlo Oaks published an op-ed in the Wall Street Journal titled, "S&P Hits U.S. States With Politicized Credit Scores- The ratings agency seeks to penalize fossil-fuel producers. Its 'ESG' push is unlikely to end there," May 9, 2022. Former Vice-President Mike Pence stoked the ESG fire later in May. Pence published an op-ed titled, "Republicans Can Stop ESG Political Bias- The progressive left is using it to advance goals it could never hope to achieve at the ballot box," May 27, 2022. As a result, we are seeing some states respond. For example, in recent weeks we saw the Louisiana State Treasurer announce that the state is divesting almost one billion from a major money manager. It is difficult to know how this ends nationally. What we are expecting is that this struggle will remain an issue if Congress is split. We also think that the severity of responses could increase if the Republicans take all of Congress or if the Dems maintain control.

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Potential for Fiscal Relief if There is a Moderate to Severe Recession

We noted above that there was \$650 billion of direct relief for public finance entities in the 2021 Rescue Plan Act. The only reason this occurred was because the Democrats included direct funding for public finance then slammed the fiscal policy through without Republican support via budget reconciliation. Support for state and local governments was a political hot-potato all through 2020. This is important because there is a significant chance of an economic slowdown developing in the next twelve or so months. If, or when a slowdown occurs, we think that there is little chance there is going to be any support for substantial fiscal relief for state and local governments if the Republicans take the House or all of Congress in 2022. If the Democrats keep Congress relief is likely to materialize.

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Climate-Change, Energy/ Environmental Policy & Health Care Policy

Speaking of another political hot-potato. If the Republicans win the House or control Congress, they are likely to go after many of the major components included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. A major portion of the IRA was energy and climate focused spending. Please see [What the Inflation Reduction Act Means for U.S. Public Finance](#), August 12, 2022 for more. If Democrats hold onto Congress a focus on climate, energy and environmental policy could continue. Also included in the IRA was health care spending. It would not be inconceivable to see Republicans also oppose recent increases in health care spending especially if it did not fit their agenda. Democrats could go back and rejuvenate health care related elements of the Build Back Better agenda, or other priorities if they hold onto Congress.

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State and Local Government American Rescue Plan Act (2021) Funds

We wrote above that relief for state and local governments was a politically sensitive topic in 2020. If Republicans take back the House or control Congress, it is very likely they will do everything they can to at least add extra oversight to Rescue Plan Act funds. They may even try to claw back unspent funds. Please see ["Republicans are Gearing Up for 'Aggressive' ARPA Oversight if They Take Back the House,"](#) from Route-Fifty for more on this topic.

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Threat to the Municipal Bond Tax-Exemption & Municipal Bond Elements

This policy topic is the main reason why we think that the future of public finance, and the municipal bond market rides on the 2022 mid-term elections. We indicated in more depth in our report, ["A New Decade & Threat to the Municipal Bond Tax-Exemption,"](#) Oct. 22, 2021 that we foresee an environment suitable for a strong tax-exemption threat. What we mean is that if the Republicans take Congress, or the House in 2022. Then build on that progress with momentum that gives them control of Congress in 2024 and the White House. We think there could then be a strong threat to the municipal bond tax exemption.

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Breakdown of Party Government in the U.S. (106th Through 117th Congress)

Congress	House Majority	Senate Majority	Presidency	Party Govt.
119th (2025–2027)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
118th (2023–2025)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
117th (2021–2023)	Democrats	Democrats	Democrat (Biden)	Unified
116th (2019–2021)	Democrats	Republicans	Republican (Trump)	Divided
115th (2017–2019)	Republicans	Republicans	Republican (Trump)	Unified
114th (2015–2017)	Republicans	Republicans	Democrat (Obama)	Divided
113th (2013–2015)	Republicans	Democrats	Democrat (Obama)	Divided
112th (2011–2013)	Republicans	Democrats	Democrat (Obama)	Divided
111th (2009–2011)	Democrats	Democrats	Democrat (Obama)	Unified
110th (2007–2009)	Democrats	Democrats	Republican (G.W. Bush)	Divided
109th (2005–2007)	Republicans	Republicans	Republican (G.W. Bush)	Unified
108th (2003–2005)	Republicans	Republicans	Republican (G.W. Bush)	Unified
107th (2001–2003)	Republicans	Republicans / Democrat	Republican (G.W. Bush)	Unified / Divided
106th (1999–2001)	Republicans	Republicans	Democrat (Clinton)	Divided

Source: U.S. House Archives and HilltopSecurities.

There are other municipal bond friendly elements that industry leaders and participants would like to see return or appear. In practically no set-up do we think it is likely for the reinstatement of advance refundings with tax-exempts to return, for a new iteration of direct pay taxable bonds to reappear, or the definition of bank qualified bonds to expand. With Democrats in control these issues may reappear in theory, but the last year or so should be an important indicator. Meaning, we saw trillions of dollars of fiscal spending come out of Washington. If these municipal bond friendly elements were to become a reality, it would have happened already. We believe public finance entities and lobbying efforts need to refocus energy on educating those in Washington that might help them protect the tax-exemption.

Financial Data Transparency Act

The Financial Data Transparency Act is likely going to be included in some form in The Federal Defense Authorization for FY23. We highlighted the prospects for passage and what is likely to be included in our report, [The Financial Data Transparency Act, A Potential Burden and Technological Upgrade for Public Finance if it Becomes Law](#) (Sept. 14). In our update we highlight that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) described the proposal as a “costly and burdensome unfunded mandate.” On Sept. 22 the GFOA also [published a podcast](#) where Emily Brock and Michele Mark Levine discussed the topic in more depth. Then on Sept. 29 a [coalition of many public finance entity groups sent a letter](#) to the U.S. Senate expressing concerns about how requirements in the Financial Data Transparency Act may negatively impact the public finance landscape.

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CEO sparks

Connexus announces approval of new customer agreements with Great River Energy

Connexus Energy Members,

The Boards of Directors of Connexus Energy, Great River Energy (GRE), and GRE member cooperatives have voted to adopt new wholesale power and transmission services agreements between Connexus and GRE. The innovative and forward-looking agreements enable Connexus Energy to maintain our affordability and reliability, while opening options to self-supply resources to serve our members' growth, including cost-competitive renewables.

For our Members, Connexus has been working hard to have more flexibility to meet the needs of the more than 330,000 people living in the eight suburban and rural counties we serve. On behalf of our elected board of directors, staff, and members, we thank Great River Energy's membership, board, and staff for working with us to create a new working model, which enables Connexus' flexibility and innovation—a great example of cooperatives working together for members.

Under the power supply and transmission services agreements, effective January 1, 2023, Connexus will transition to being a GRE customer. Connexus has a strong ethic of serving our members and the Connexus board sees this transition to a customer as being on the path to creating new programs and services.

In the coming years, Connexus envisions using its flexibility to provide new options for members to save energy, while also benefiting from modern all-electric transportation, home appliances, and heating and cooling building innovations.

In 1937, our founders sought to modernize life with the early grid and first electric devices. Looking forward, we are strengthening and modernizing our power supply — working For the Members — to adapt to changing technologies like electric vehicles and battery storage, as well as variable market conditions, while providing affordable and reliable electric service.

Thank you for being a member-owner of our cooperative.

Respectfully,

Fran Bator

Chair, Connexus Energy Board of Directors

Greg Ridderbusch

President & CEO



A rising sun for stewardship in our communities



Caring for prosperous growth and the places we share

Each year thousands of sandhill cranes—among Minnesota’s largest birds—roost across Connexus Energy’s service territory, ranging from Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, to the University of Minnesota’s Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, to the many farm fields and wooded backlots. In White Bear Township, Andy Goldman-Gray and his family count the arrival and departure of a family of cranes to the neighborhood—as well as the affordable and reliable electric service from their cooperative—as a sign of the balance they value.

For Connexus Energy, working for members and communities to provide world-class reliability, safely, at an affordable rate from increasingly sustainable sources, is not only the job, but also a motivating challenge for all staff.

Earlier this year, Goldman-Gray and a group of Minnesotans of varied backgrounds from across the state started a new initiative called Upstream, that highlights Minnesota’s natural places and the people who care for them. The storytelling campaign is sharing how Minnesotans balance development and jobs, along with connecting through the value of stewardship and caring for our natural place. “Upstream is an initiative dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the ways Minnesotans from all backgrounds care for our place, while inspiring new actions to be even better stewards of our state,” says Goldman-Gray.



A Minnesota Upstream member pairs trash pickup with each fishing trip along the Rum and Mississippi Rivers.

Counting more than two dozen partnering organizations that include Connexus Energy, Ecolab, CentraCare, General Mills, and the Minnesota Twins, Upstream shares stories that inspire people to act in ways, both large and small, to be better stewards of Minnesota’s unique and beautiful natural places.

“Reliable and economically predictable energy plays a central role in benefiting both systems and creating a great place to live, work, and play.”

“Anoka County has vibrant ecosystems—not just in our kettle lakes, wetlands, and streams, but in our manufacturing, entrepreneurship, investing, and job training,” says Greg Frahm-Gilles, Anoka County’s new director of economic development.



Connexus employees pick up trash along Ramsey Boulevard.

“Reliable and economically predictable energy plays a central role in benefiting both systems and creating a great place to live, work, and play,” he continued.

In addition to powering communities from increasingly sustainable sources and requiring local solar projects to use pollinator-friendly ground cover, Connexus employees volunteer for roadside cleanup and the Connexus Energy Foundation has been a long-time supporter of Anoka County’s Wargo Nature Center.

“Depending on where you are—in your kitchen or the banks of a quiet eddy of the Rum River—it’s easy to forget the advanced engineering, millions of feet of electric wire and lines of code, and decades of experience and commitment that go into the power that helps make our communities great places to live and work,” says Connexus CEO Greg Ridderbusch.

This easy-to-forget combination of experience, sophistication, and dedication underlies Connexus Energy’s commitment to provide affordable, reliable, and increasingly sustainable electric service.

“An ideal way to power some of our increasingly electric homes and communities is locally produced renewable energy,” says Upstream’s Goldman-Gray. “Keeping our dollars close to home and harvesting more of our abundant sunshine is another way we can care for the places we love while being stewards of a prosperous community.”

Goldman-Gray sat down with Connexus CEO Greg Ridderbusch. Find the video recording online at connexusenergy.com/upstream.



Using electricity and "going Upstream"

What’s one more way you can play a role and modernize your home to efficiently use electricity?

- » Get a home electric assessment. Expert advice on weatherization can help you prioritize your home investments and reduce your energy costs.
- » Sign up for Peak-Time Rebate, Connexus Energy’s program that pays you to save.
- » Switch to a heat pump water heater. 120-volt plug-in options are now available.
- » Make the switch to a high-performance and easy-to-clean induction cooktop.

New federal rebates and tax incentives are available for several of these home upgrades, as well as rooftop solar, battery storage, and select electric vehicles. Find links to the latest resources and information at connexusenergy.com.

Services to help you plan for an electric vehicle

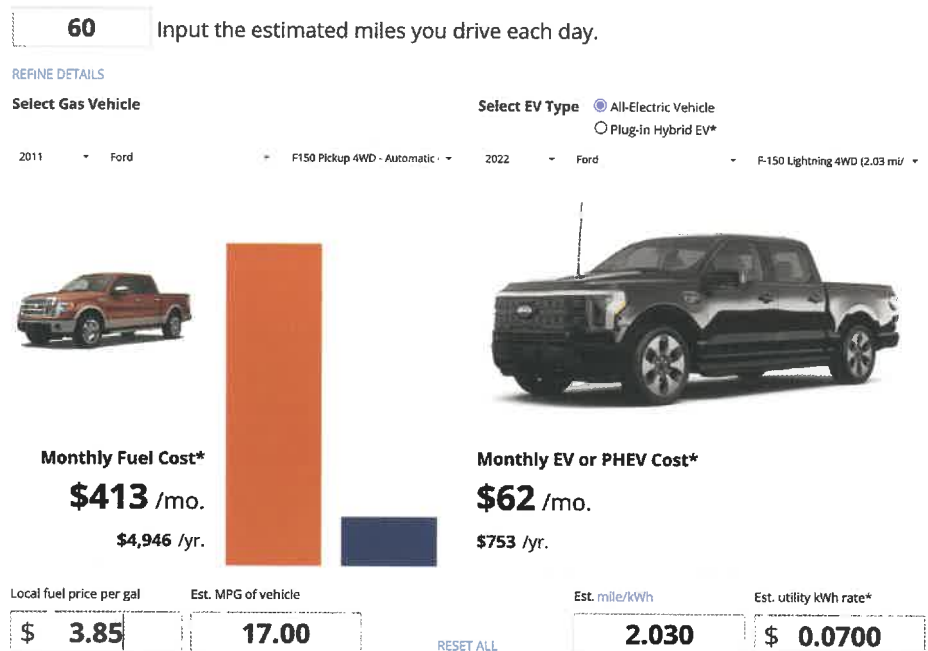
Curious about EVs? Check Connexus Energy's website

Gas prices have come down now, but the months-long price spike got a lot of people thinking, "Will my next vehicle be electric?" New tools are available on Connexus Energy's website for curious as well as active shoppers.

A study earlier this year found that when financing and operating costs of six different, competitively priced EVs—including the Ford F-150 Lightning and Nissan LEAF—are compared to their gas equivalents, EV credits and rebates, combined with overall lower operational costs, made the EV cheaper on a monthly basis over the financing term in most states.

"Many Connexus members have shared with us that their next vehicle will be electric," says Justin Partee, who leads electric vehicle rates and service programs for the cooperative. "I can't tell you what gas prices will be next year, but I can tell you that with Connexus, electricity costs are stable and affordable."

Calculate your estimated monthly savings potential.



"Many Connexus members have shared with us that their next vehicle will be electric."

Justin Partee
Connexus Energy

Questions about grid stability and electric vehicles?

Though power grids in some states have been in the news, electric vehicles are not part of the problem, and, in fact, may be part of the solution. As of July 1, the state with the most electric vehicles—more than 680,000—the EVs accounted for less than 1 percent of electricity demand. And, experts have shown that even if the state has 5 million EVs by 2030, the vehicles will account for less than 1 percent of peak demand.

Interestingly, electric utilities nationwide are in the earliest stages of finding ways to work with EV owners in order to use a portion of the energy stored in EV batteries to help reduce strain on the grid during times of peak demand. While these innovations mature to market readiness, Connexus members are served well by the cooperative and, on average, experience an unplanned, temporary power outage just once every 3.6 years.

Co-op cuisine

SMOKED HUNGARIAN MANGALITSA COPPA STEAKS

From Carla Mertz, Iron Shoe Farm

4 Mangalitsa coppa steaks (or shoulder steak)

Note: do not trim fat, this is the beauty of the Mangalitsa. Fat is good!

½ cup maple sugar (we use Dudley's out of Big Lake)

1 tbsp Hungarian paprika

1 tbsp salt

1 tbsp pepper

1 tbsp chili powder

1 tbsp local honey

Equipment:

Cutting board/platter, smoker or grill

Notes:

If grilling, cook at 350° until internal temp reads 145°

Instructions:

1. Rub the maple sugar, paprika, salt, pepper, chili powder, and honey into the steaks and let set for a minimum of one hour.
2. Set smoker to 350° to get the smoke rolling. We use applewood or hickory pellets.
3. Reduce heat to 250° and smoke the Mangalitsa coppa steaks for approximately 1 hour until internal temp reaches 145°.
4. Let the steaks stand for five minutes to continue cooking.

Perfect sides: Arugula summer salad with microgreens, sweet potatoes with cinnamon and honey

Carla Mertz founded Princeton-area Iron Shoe Farm in 2013. In addition to edible flowers and microgreens, specialty beef, chicken, and duck, Carla raises pasture-raised heritage hogs—a cross of Mangalitsa and Red Wattle varieties. The result of this cross is a well-marbled, crimson cut that self-bastes while cooking. In February, Mpls/St Paul magazine recognized Carla as one of five "Food Industry Innovators with Vision and Action." Learn more at IronShoeFarm.com.



Flower photo courtesy Lisa Patrin, Empty Nester's Kitchen.

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4-H of Anoka County recognized the Connexus Energy Foundation with its "Friend of 4-H" award during a ceremony at the Anoka County Fair.



With many new faces, including several new to the sport, Connexus Energy's trap team secured third place for the 2022 season.



Putting a friendly face on electric technology, Connexus Energy member A+ Outdoor Services is working with the cooperative to evaluate an autonomous and all-electric mower for use at headquarters.



CEO Greg Ridderbush and CFO Yan Paul Martinez joined leaders from Pan-O-Gold and Ideal Energy to tour a newly installed rooftop solar array at Pan-O-Gold's new distribution warehouse in East Bethel.



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Park System Improvement Plan Update and Moore Lake Park Playground Open House Recap

As Fridley has grown and developed over the years, our park system has grown along with it. Springbrook Nature Center may be the best example of how impactful this growth and change can be on a community. With the addition of the new interpretive center, exhibits, community rooms, pavilion, amphitheater and nature-based play area, Springbrook is well-positioned to serve Fridley for generations to come.

With the start of the Park System Improvement Plan, Fridley will see a transformative change and improvement across our entire park system as community buildings, playgrounds, a splash pad, new courts, trails and picnic shelters are added across the City.

Four parks will be improved in the year 2023, including Ed Wilmes Park, Skyline Park, Creek View Park and Moore Lake Park. Plans for these parks have been based on years of feedback from residents. That process continues as we finish the planning phase and enter into the construction phase of the projects.

On August 16, three teams of City staff gathered at Ed Wilmes, Skyline and Creek View parks. Staff collected input from the residents and neighbors, and shared new playground concepts plans for the parks. Residents were able to share their ideas and preferences for their neighborhood park, which will be incorporated into the final playground designs.



playground and basketball court to share their ideas.

A wonderful community celebration was held at Moore Lake Park on Saturday, September 10. An estimated 250 residents mingled with staff and City officials to share feedback on designs for a new playground as well as to learn more about the new community building, water quality improvement projects and the Anoka County roundabout project at the park entrance.

Residents could also explore trucks and construction equipment, try out fishing or go for a bike ride through the park with Fridley's new bike fleet. The feedback and enthusiasm from Fridley residents were truly appreciated.

A new community building with beautiful views of the lake, rentable event and meeting space, restrooms and other visitor amenities will be the centerpiece of the new Moore Lake Park. Shoreline restoration and water access for fishing and paddle sports will provide opportunities for fun, learning and new experiences. Fridley Parks and Recreation has many ideas for new events and programs at Moore Lake Park in the new building.

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Pumpkin Recycling

November 1 - 13
Springbrook Nature Center Parking Lot

The pumpkin dumpster will be back at Springbrook Nature Center from November 1 – November 13. Toss your pumpkins in the dumpster, and they will be recycled into compost. Our goal this year is two tons of pumpkins!

Only pumpkins in the Pumpkin Dumpster, please.



Holiday Lights!

December 1 - January 31
Fridley Civic Campus

We will be collecting broken and non-working holiday lights for recycling from December 1 - January 31. A labeled drop box will be in the lobby at City Hall. Remember to never put string lights, cords, hoses or other tangles in the recycling cart—it jams up the machines. Questions? Call 763-572-3594 or email recycling@FridleyMN.gov.



Computer Malware

Computer malware has been in the news a lot recently. Individuals, businesses (large and small) and government organizations across the country have been compromised by one form of malware or another.

“Malware” (short for “malicious software”) is a catchall term for several kinds of invasive software programs, including “ransomware”, which encrypts files on your computer and demands payment to unlock them. If you are not sufficiently protected, you could lose irreplaceable personal files and information to such an attack.

A popular method used by bad guys to infect systems with malware is through phishing email or text messages. Phishing takes many forms but will often appear as an urgent request to immediately take certain steps to prevent something bad from happening. In reality, by performing the requested action (such as clicking a link, viewing an attachment, or downloading a file), you would be infecting your system with malware or giving away your personal login information that can be used to steal your personal data or access your bank and other accounts.

To protect the data of its residents and businesses, the City of Fridley uses a mix of

technological methods to reduce its risk to these types of attacks. However, humans are usually the weakest link in any security chain, so the City also educates and tests its staff on the indicators and dangers of phishing and other types of attacks, such as ransomware.

Some steps you can take to protect yourself from phishing and malware include:

- Educate yourself and your family about the indicators of malware and phishing attacks. Cybersecurity company SecurityMetrics publishes an easy-to-use guide to identifying phishing messages at securitymetrics.com/blog/7-ways-recognize-phishing-email.
- Use long, difficult to guess passwords and never use the same password on multiple sites. Use a password manager such as 1Password or Bitwarden to generate strong passwords and store them securely.
- Implement multi-factor authentication whenever possible – especially on critical sites such as banking and email. This will require a second method of logging in along with your password, so even if a bad guy gets your password, they won't be able to easily log into your account.
- Never open attachments or click on links in unexpected messages. If you want to verify whether a message is legitimate or not, contact the sender directly but never use the links or contact information in the suspect message to do so. Instead, use known good contact numbers or sites, or search the web for the correct contact info.
- Use a malware detection program, such as Microsoft Security/Defender, and ensure that your computer and software is kept up to date with all security patches.
- Maintain current backups of important files. Malware will infect everything it can see on your computer, so whatever media you use for backups should be disconnected from your computer unless you are in the process of backing up or restoring your data.

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is the federal agency that leads the national effort to understand, manage and reduce risk to our cyber and physical infrastructure. Among other resources, they provide information about emerging malware threats, how to identify them and how to protect yourself. Visit www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/tips for more information and tips.

Facility rentals

Springbrook Nature Center offers a variety of year-round space rental opportunities to bring you closer to nature. Enjoy three miles of hiking trails through the forests of trees, past prairies and through the wetlands with floating boardwalks. Inside the Interpretive Center, you can get a close-up look at live snakes, frogs, fish and more! Classroom rental rooms offer a catering kitchen, varied projector options, and linoleum or carpeted floor options. Let Springbrook Nature Center be your choice for a family adventure to learn about and enjoy the beauty and diversity of nature.



Apply to Be a Member of the Charter Commission

We have an opening on our Charter Commission! The Charter Commission is responsible for reviewing the City Charter and making recommendations for amendments. This Commission consists of fifteen members who serve a four-year term. The City Charter is the document that enabled Fridley to become a self-governing city under the Minnesota Constitution and State law. The Charter Commission reviews the City Charter and makes recommendations for amendments. Meets approximately eight times per year (Monday evenings) at 7 p.m. at Fridley City Hall. Applications are due December 9.

Joining a Commission

The City Council seeks residents interested in serving on City commissions as vacancies arise. There are two requirements in order to become a member of a commission: (1) You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older; and (2) You must be a resident of the City of Fridley.

For further information about current openings, the duties and responsibilities, meeting dates and times of the commissions, fill out a Commission Application online at FridleyMN.gov or call the City Manager's Office at 763-572-3500.

Highway 47 & 65 — Planning Study

The Highway 47/65 corridor project area spans from; Highway 47/University Avenue between the Highway 47 and Highway 65 intersection in NE Minneapolis and Coon Rapids Boulevard/Anoka County Road 10 in Blaine; and Highway 65/Central Avenue between the Highway 65 and Highway 47 intersection in NE Minneapolis and Mounds View Boulevard/Anoka County Road 10 in Spring Lake Park.

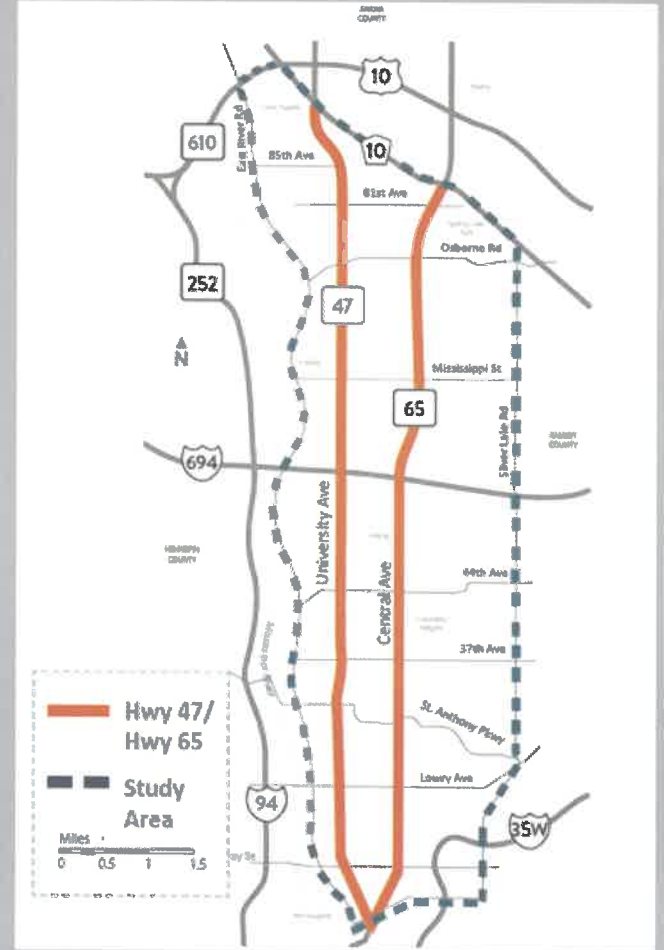
MnDOT wants to thank the more than 5,000 people who have shared their comments on transportation conditions in this vibrant area of the Metro. Through this engagement and analysis, they've learned that the primary transportation needs along these roads are to improve the safety of people walking, biking, and in motor vehicles. Also, the condition of roadway pavement needs improvement.

Now, MnDOT is developing concepts that can meet these needs. This past summer, more than

500 people commented on ideas like different types of roadways, new intersection designs, and access changes at driveways and cross streets. These include parkway treatments, intersection curb bump-outs, better pedestrian crossings, roundabouts, dedicated bike lanes, and many more ideas.

Next, MnDOT will package these concepts into groups of improvements that work well together to meet users' needs. Look for another round of public meetings, other engagement opportunities, and an online survey starting in January 2023. If you're not already on the study's mailing list, be sure to sign up for news on how you can participate!

Learn more about the project and sign up for updates at talk.dot.state.mn.us/hwy-47-hwy-65-study.



Programs to Assist Seniors in Their Homes

Seniors, reminder that there are several programs available to assist you in living safely and independently in your own home.

The **Anoka County Chores and More** program provides assistance with various chores and small household projects within your home. For more information call 763-783-4767 or visit their website at [ACCAP.org/SeniorServices](https://accap.org/SeniorServices).



Hearts and Hammers may be able to assist you with exterior home maintenance. Visit HeartsandHammers.org to check eligibility and to apply.

Fridley Community Calendar

November

- 3 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 7 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 8 Election Day
- 9 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 11 City Offices Closed for Veterans Day
- 14 Board of Canvass Meeting
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 & 25 City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 City Council Meeting

December

- 1 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 5 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 13 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 & 26 City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

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

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



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Visit FridleyMN.gov/Rec or check the Recreation brochure for more details!

Winter Parking Restrictions

Fridley City Code Chapter 506 (Vehicle Parking) prohibits any overnight (2-6 a.m.) parking on City streets from November 1 until April 1.

This chapter of the Code was enacted to ensure the accessibility and safe use of the City's streets in the winter. Vehicles parked on the street in the winter make plowing the streets difficult. When vehicles are left on the street, plow drivers must go around vehicles, which slows down the pace of plowing and causes snow to be left in the road leading to narrower roads. Vehicles left on the road during a plowing event can sometimes be damaged by snow as the plow pushes snow off the pavement.

Parking your car in your driveway or garage not only helps the City clear streets in a safe and efficient manner, but it can also keep your vehicle safe. Vehicles in a garage are much less likely to be vandalized or broken into, making garages one of the safest places to store them, plus you will not have to brush snow off your car windows!

Fridley Public Works staff pride themselves on their ability to get the City's streets cleared quickly, which would not be possible without the help of the residents. For more information about winter parking regulations visit FridleyMN.gov.



Did you know? Safe Exchange Area at Fridley Civic Campus

Have you used our Safe Exchange Area at the Fridley Civic Campus? This is a monitored area located in the front parking lot of the campus (along University Avenue, right outside of the Public Safety department). There is 24-hour surveillance and emergency intercom that contacts 9-1-1 dispatch.

Use the area for buying/selling items, custody exchanges and more.



Holiday Safety Reminder

DWIs increase during holiday weekends. Always plan a sober ride. Always plan a sober ride home by having a friend drive you, utilizing a ride-share service such as Uber or Lyft, or choosing to be the sober driver. All of these options are less dangerous than driving drunk and less expensive than a DWI.



More Harm Than Good: Please Don't Feed Deer This Winter

As temperatures cool this fall and winter, wildlife in Fridley adapt to the change in our climate. Animals like White-tailed Deer will weather the snow and cold of the winter season.

There is a natural tendency to feel empathy for these animals that may not enjoy the human comforts of winter such as heated homes, insulated clothing or a steaming mug of hot chocolate. Many of us, with good intention, turn to feeding wildlife during the winter months. In some cases, however, feeding wildlife can cause more harm than good.

Deer provide the most dramatic example of unintentional harm from feeding. Ingesting too much feed, such as corn, can cause a fatal disease commonly called grain overload. Bacteria naturally found in the deer's digestive system react to high volumes of grain and produce toxins that can be fatal to the deer within 24 hours.

Grain overload is not the only negative impact that can be seen from feeding deer in an urban setting. When deer congregate at a feeding station, there is an increased risk of disease transmission. Chronic Wasting Disease and several other bacterial infections can be spread when deer gather together and share feed.

In addition to risk of disease, feeding deer also changes their behavior in ways that can be harmful to the deer and our residents. Deer are more likely to cross roadways to find a known source of food like a feeding station, leading to an increase in auto accidents.

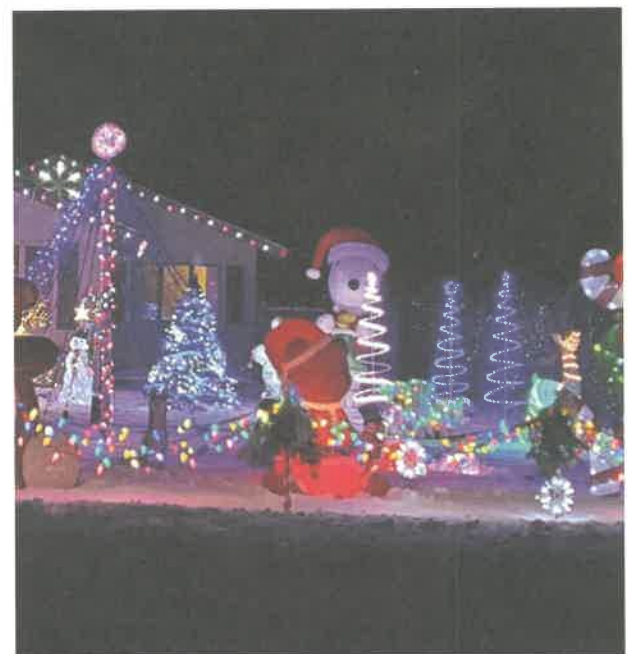
Fridley's Springbrook Nature Center provides a great resource to discover winter birds and other animals. A bird feeding station is located outside of the Nature Center's exhibit space, and our friendly staff loves to share tips and tricks for bird feeding and identification.

Winter Lights

Help spread holiday cheer by decorating the exterior of your home! Entries will be judged on overall impact, visual appeal, uniqueness, variety and tidiness. Category winners and "Bright Spots" will be indicated on the map.

All entries will be placed on a map so that residents and visitors can create their own custom lights tour around town. Judging will take place December 12 - 13. Winners will be announced, and maps will be available on December 16. Tour maps will be available in person at City Hall and at FridleyMN.gov/Rec.

Register between Nov 1 - Dec 12





Old Central Avenue NE (CSAH 35) and Gardena Avenue NE

Anoka County, in partnership with the City of Fridley, is developing plans for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Old Central Avenue NE (CSAH 35) at Gardena Ave NE, in order to improve safety and mobility for all road users by reducing speeds and conflict points at the intersection. This project will include ADA-compliant, pedestrian ramp accommodations at the intersection; also, a bituminous path will be added to the south side of Gardena Avenue within the project limits. The project is in the final design phase, with anticipated construction in 2023.

Project Goals

Provided below are the project goals being considered during the design and construction phase of this project:

- Safely accommodate all users, including motor vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicyclists
- Provide efficient mobility and access for all modes of travel
- Develop a financially responsible design that minimizes right-of-way and environmental resource impacts

Project Timeline

- Final Design - Summer/Fall 2022
- Construction - Spring 2023

If you have any questions about the proposed project or would like to comment on any aspect of the project, please contact either of the representatives below:

- Jorge R Bernal, Design Engineer III
763-324-3185, or
Jorge.Bernaldelgado@co.anoka.mn.us
- Nicholas Dobda, Manager, Engineering
763-324-3118, or
Nicholas.Dobda@co.anoka.mn.us

The need is constant.
The gratification is instant. Give blood.

City of Fridley Blood Drive Wednesday, November 9 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Springbrook Nature Center

Contact information:
Fridley Recreation Department
763-572-3570 • Recreation@FridleyMN.gov
The event is open to the public.

To Schedule an Appointment:
redcrossblood.org (search for CityofFridley)
or call 1 (800) RED-CROSS



Giving blood is a simple way to make a difference in someone's life.

Smart Salting this Winter

Did you know one teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute five gallons of water? Salt and deicers contain chlorides, which can enter our waterways as snow and ice melt. Springbrook Creek is already listed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as vulnerable to chloride contamination, and other Fridley waterbodies are close behind. Chloride contamination can kill fish and plants and cause drinking water to have a salty taste. If you use salt during the winter, please follow these smart salting tips from our partners at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization (MWMO):

- 1) More salt does not equal faster melting—just more pollution and wasted money. Shoot for a 3-inch spread between salt granules. For \$10–\$20, a hand spreader can make the job easier and more accurate. To be more exact, try to apply no more than one pound per 250 square feet of pavement. (Tip: A regular-size coffee mug typically holds about 1 pound of salt.)
- 2) If you must apply salt or de-icer, clear off any loose and/or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement. Temperatures often drop after a snowstorm, so double-check the label on your salt or de-icer product to make sure it will work before you apply it (rock salt doesn't work below 15°F). You can use this table from the MWMO to check the lowest pavement temperature for different types of de-icers.
- 3) Sweep away any extra salt once the ice is gone to keep it from washing into the storm sewers.

Fridley businesses and institutions: Planning to store a large amount of salt this winter? All bulk salt storage must be located on an impervious surface and covered by a roof or securely fastened impermeable cover. Remember to sweep up any remaining salt or sand after the ice melts to help protect our water bodies.



Melting Agent	Lowest Melting Temp.	Things to Know
Urea	20°F	Promotes algae growth in waterways; over-application can harm plants; slow-acting; relatively pet safe
Sodium Chloride (NaCl)	15°F	Harmful to plants; harmful to concrete; very corrosive to metal, cheap and abundant
Magnesium Chloride (MgCl2)	-10°F	Harmful to plants, corrosive to metal, relatively high cost
Potassium Acetate (KAc)	-15°F	Can cause surface slickness; lowers oxygen levels in waterways; biodegradable, relatively high cost
Calcium Chloride (CaCl2)	-20°F	Corrosive to metal; leaves slimy residue; less harmful to concrete
Sand	No melting	Provides traction only; potential pollutant; can be swept up and re-used



Fire Open House

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Fire Open House in October! Attendees were able to explore our fire trucks, learn how to use a fire hose and extinguisher, get a tour of Fire Station 1 and more! We look forward to seeing you next year!



Adopt a Hydrant this Winter!

KEEP THEM CLEAR



Keep snow and ice 3 feet away from fire hydrants.

Every second counts. In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to hydrants quickly.

Fridley firefighters would like to remind residents about the importance of keeping neighborhood fire hydrants shoveled out and accessible to firefighters.

When fire hydrants become covered with snow, it can delay firefighters in securing a water source at a fire scene, when every second counts.

Keep an eye on hydrants.

Winter weather can create fire safety hazards, such as ice or heavy snowfall, that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

Fire trucks carry a limited amount of water, so one of the first tasks upon arriving at a fire is to locate a water supply from the nearest hydrant. Hydrants covered in snow can be difficult to locate, and uncovering them can waste valuable time needed during the firefighting operations.

Keeping them clear can mean easier access to water and more time doing what really matters — fighting the fire.

How to keep fire hydrants clear.

In addition to removing snow and debris covering the hydrant itself, clearing a 3-foot area around the hydrant for easier access is recommended.

Maintaining a shoveled path from the street, sidewalk or driveway to the fire hydrant is important so that it is visible from the road and firefighters can easily access it.

Who should clear hydrants?

Although there are few hard and fast rules concerning who should clear hydrants, it is generally considered the responsibility of the residents occupying the property near a hydrant.

Consider helping elderly friends, neighbors or those with medical conditions keep their fire hydrants clear. If you would like to adopt a fire hydrant in the City of Fridley, please visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/978/Adopt-A-Hydrant.

New Pet Owners – Don't Forget to Register Your Pup

Congratulations on bringing home your new family member! As a reminder, The City of Fridley requires all dogs over the age of six months be licensed and vaccinated against rabies (City Code Section 101.07). We do not require cats to be licensed.

By applying for a license, the owner acknowledges that it is their responsibility to keep the dog's rabies vaccination current once the license is issued. Fridley dog licenses are issued for the lifetime of the dog, or until its ownership is transferred within Fridley. The license fee is \$25.

Fill out an application online at FridleyMN.gov. If you have any questions, please contact us at 763-571-3450 or info@FridleyMN.gov.

Additional information

The City allows for up to three dogs or cats (or a combination) at any residence. For properties with 4 or more pets, a Multiple Pet License is available. To apply for a Multiple Pet License, you must first have a Lifetime Dog License.

Prohibited animals include any non-domesticated animal or animal that is wild in



nature or disposition including large cats (lions, tigers, cougars, etc.), members of the Canidae family (wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes and jackals), skunks, raccoons, bears, badgers, poisonous snakes, pit vipers or constrictors.

You must apply for and be granted a license to have any kind of livestock. Each case will be determined on an individual basis determined by factors such as property type and size, fences, sanitation control and housing of the animal(s).

Complete details on the city code (law) regarding Animal Control is available in Chapter 101 of Fridley's City Code. For additional information, call City Hall at 763-571-3450.

Lost Pets

Stray animals are picked up by our Community Service Officers (CSO) and are taken to Coon Rapids Animal Humane Society located at 1411 Main Street NE in Coon Rapids. If you lost a pet without tags, please contact the kennel at 952-435-7738 to see if it is in their care.

Owners are responsible for any fees or costs incurred while at Coon Rapids Animal Humane Society. The City of Fridley is not responsible for the costs of housing, feeding or care while being housed at Animal Humane Society.

Look Up a License

Find a lost dog? Our Citizen Serve portal allows people to look up dog owner information by the metal dog tag number located on the collar. Go to CitizenServe.com/Fridley and select Reports.



Recycling Drop-Off: Additional Discounts!

Last Event of 2022!

November 12 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drop-off even more for free with bonus rebates in September and November. New: Free recycling of all small appliances + \$50 in discounts to get rid of mattresses, TVs, large electronics, appliances, tires and more. What can you recycle for free with \$50 in discounts?

- A queen mattress + box spring
- A treadmill
- Three large appliances
- 4 SUV tires
- A 31" inch TV

Plus, you can always recycle of light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding, scrap metal and small engine, bicycles, electronic media, and handheld electronics for no cost.

- All events 8 a.m. - noon. Cash and Check Only. Drop-off entrance located at 1525 99th Ln NE.
- All Fridley residents receive \$50 off their total plus free recycling of many items including light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding and more.
- Visit FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff for a full list of items in pricing.
- Looking to get rid of a working refrigerator or freezer that you no longer need? Xcel Energy will pick up it up from your home and pay YOU \$50. Learn more and schedule an in-home or contactless pick up at XcelEnergy.com/Fridge or call 1-800-599-5795.

Bunker Hills Compost and Yard Waste Drop-off Site

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

April - November, weather permitting

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

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

Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

December - March, weather permitting

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

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

It is almost time to "fall back" and change your clocks as daylight savings time ends. Fridley Public Safety also recommends that when you change your clocks, it is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as well.

What Your Need to Know

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

Prevent CO Poisoning

- When warming a vehicle, move it out of the garage. Opening the garage door is not enough.

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

For questions about fire safety and preventing CO poisoning, contact Fridley Fire division by email at FridleyFire@FridleyMN.gov or by calling 763-572-3613.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 6

Change Your Clocks,
Change Your Batteries

Winter Fun in Fridley – Skating, Sledding and Skiing

Did you know the City of Fridley creates and maintains nine general skating rinks and five hockey rinks throughout the city? It is a great way to spend time outside with family and friends! Use the rinks as an opportunity to brush up on your ice skating skills, learn to skate, play a pick-up game or to just have fun!

We need about 10 consecutive days of freezing temps in order to create safe and usable ice – a 3-4 inch even layer. Warm weather, freezing rain and even snow can slow the process, but we are on it and want to get those rinks ready as soon as possible.

Cold Weather Guidelines

As a general guideline, we suggest cancelling outdoor activities if temperature or wind chill is minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.

Sledding Hill – If you're looking for a great place to bring the sleds – try out Commons Park! The sledding hill is located just beyond the playground and picnic shelter.

Explore Springbrook Nature Center – Snowshoe Style!

Springbrook Nature Center has snowshoes for rent (\$5 per pair) this winter. Get ready for a family adventure close to home that helps you explore nature, burn some extra calories and get some fresh crisp air into your lungs. Reserve your pair online or in person.

- There are a limited number of snowshoes available each day.
- Three inches of base snow is required for snowshoe rental.
- Snowshoe rental times are from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. All snowshoes must be returned to the building by 4 p.m.
- Snowshoes may ONLY be used ONSITE.

Location	General	Hockey
Briardale Park: 6171 Rice Creek Dr.	✘	
Commons Park: 555 - 61st Avenue NE		✘ (2)
Flanery Park: 1487 Onondaga Street		✘
Hackmann Park: 1071 Hackmann Circle	✘	
Hayes Elementary: 615 Mississippi Street		✘
Logan Park: 155 Logan Parkway	✘	
Madsen Park: 7358 - 73rd Avenue		✘
Ruth Circle Park: 9160 Ashton Avenue		✘
Sylvan Hills: 6205 Jupiter Dr	✘	
Plymouth Square Park: 4801 Main Street	✘	





TURKEY LEG 5K



Our third annual virtual 5K is a great way to get the family up and moving before the Thanksgiving feast begins! The premise is simple, get a group together (or go at it alone), and complete 5K (3.1 miles). All finishers will receive a custom-designed shirt (design pictured above) after Thanksgiving.

5650 Register by November 28. \$15

Commons Park Warming House

The Commons Park Warming House will be open this year! We have a variety of types and sizes of ice/hockey skates that will be available for the public to use FOR FREE!

The warming house will be closed if unsafe ice conditions or extreme cold temperatures are present. Please check FridleyMN.gov/736/Winter-Park-Use for current hours based on staff availability.

Lantern Light Hike



December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring yourself, a friend or your whole family on an evening stroll through the trails of Springbrook. We'll guide your way with the cozy glow of lanterns on the trails and let you warm your hands over a fire. If snow conditions allow, bring your own snowshoes!

\$5 per person, pre-registration required.

Additional \$5 snowshoe rental available from the nature center while supplies last.

Summer Concert Series

Our second Summer Community Concert Series was a success! We held six concerts at the Civic Campus, offering a wide variety of music genres from Blues to Rock 'N Soul to Brazilian! The concerts were well attended with an average attendance of 150 people. Audiences enjoyed the performances and catching up with their neighbors. This was the first year concert-goers at the Civic Campus were able to enjoy food from food trucks and games from the Rec 'N Roll Mobile during the show!

There were four concerts at Springbrook Nature Center, and Fox 9 News came to one to do a live broadcast and giveaway 300 ice cream cones from MN Nice Cream! There was one children's




concert at Common's Park, where children from ROCKS, Tiger Club and the community were able to dance the morning away and get free books from Anoka County Library kid's book giveaway!

We have been collecting feedback on our Concert Series through a survey and invite you to participate so we can make next year's concerts even better! The survey is hosted on Survey Monkey and can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/6QDHK7H.

