



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 02, 2021
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**
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- 11. ADJOURN**

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

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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.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on July 19, 2021 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson
Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Brad Delfs
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Ebeltoft, Public Works Director Randall, Recreation Director Okey, Building Official Baker, Attorney Thames, Police Officer Corbin Peterson, Administrator Buchholtz

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelsey Hollihan, 518 Rosedale Rd NE
Kathy Buck, 532 Rosedale Rd NE
Kelly Peterson, 513 Ione Ave NE
Dave Peterson, 513 Ione Ave NE
Connor Gagnan, 1839 116th Ave NE, Blaine
Adam Bachmeier, 112 Collen St, East Bethel
Eric Alexander, 559 Saratoga St S, St. Paul
Deven Sunell, 633 91st Ave NE, Blaine
Chase Ellingson, 9818 Tyler St NE, Blaine
Jacob Nystrom, 12015 Urbank Cir NE, Blaine
Luke Turnquist, 115 N. 2nd St, Minneapolis
Torie Peterson, 6063 71st Lane NE, Otsego
Andrew Nightingale, 16063 71st Lane NE, Elk River
Lorine Peterson, Roseville
Duane Peterson, Wyoming
Rep. Erin Koegel
Rep. Connie Bernardy
Sen. Mary Kunesh

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Nelson requested that the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Ebeltoft be added as Item 6.C.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR -- None**6. PRESENTATIONS****A. Oath of Office - Police Officer Corbin Peterson**

Administrator Buchholtz administered the Oath of Office for the position of Police Officer to Officer Corbin Peterson.

B. Legislative Update - Sen. Kunesh, Rep. Bernardy, Rep. Koegel

Rep. Koegel provided a summary of her efforts at the State Capitol, which focused on securing transportation dollars for Anoka County. She noted that \$7 million was secured for an interchange at State Highway 65/99th Avenue, \$5 million for the MnDOT Active Transportation account, \$5 million for the Safe Routes for Schools account and \$35 million for improvements to US Highway 10.

Rep. Bernardy provided an overview of the session, noting that the Legislature provided tax relief for Federal PPP loans, tax relief for those who received unemployment insurance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and funding for both the E-line and F-line Bus Rapid Transit lines.

Sen. Kunesh provided an overview of her work at the State Capitol, noting the creation of a state office focusing on missing and murdered Indigenous women within the Department of Public Safety. She noted that the Legislature also created a task force on missing and murdered African American women as well. She stated that she focused on small business tax relief and transportation issues during the session as well.

Mayor Nelson inquired about proposed changes to the 10N bus route due to pending litigation between Metro Transit and Washington Prime Group, owner of Northtown Mall. Rep. Koegel stated that she was aware of these changes and would be setting up a meeting with her, the City, MnDOT, Metro Transit and others to discuss this further.

Administrator Buchholtz thanked Sen. Kunesh, Rep. Bernardy, and Rep. Koegel for their work to bring federal funding from the CARES Act to the City.

C. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Ebeltoft

Mayor Nelson, on behalf of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Ebeltoft for his years of service on the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - July 6, 2021 City Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes - July 12, 2021 City Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Claims - General Disbursements - \$376,986.94
- D. Application for Payment #7 - Arthur Street Water Treatment Plant Repairs
- E. Accept proposal from Smith Schafer for Auditing Services 2021-2025
- F. Resolution 21-28, Certifying Unpaid Administrative Offenses - Anoka County
- G. Authorization to Purchase Postage Machine
- H. Mayor's Proclamation - Park and Recreation Professionals Day - July 6, 2021
- I. Mayor's Proclamation - Park and Recreation Month - July 2021
- J. Contractors Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**A. Police Report**

Chief Ebeltoft reported that there were 650 calls for service in June and that Investigator Bennek was handling 16 cases and following 4 forfeiture cases. He noted that Police Records Technician LuAnn Larson retired on July 16, 2021 and commended her for her 25 years of service. He stated that Kim Kiley was hired to fill the vacant Police Records Technician position and began her first day of employment on July 19, 2021.

B. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Okey expressed her appreciation to the Tower Days committee, volunteers and staff who helped make the 2021 Tower Days celebration a success. She stated that the next Music in the Park is on Wednesday, July 21. She stated that the annual Youth Softball Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of July 30.

C. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker reported that the newest module of the Permit Works software has been installed and will support the City's tracking of code enforcement complaints and rental housing licenses.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution 21-25, Approving a Variance from the Front Yard Setback to Allow the Construction of a Covered Porch at 518 Rosedale Road NE

Administrator Buchholtz provided a history of the item, noting that the item had been tabled at the July 6, 2021 meeting to allow the applicant to provide additional information in support of the application. He stated that the City had received the information requested by the City Council. He noted that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the variance on a vote of 3-2.

Councilmember Delfs stated that the application before the City Council was for a 12 foot variance from the front yard setback requirement set forth in City Code. He stated that he was comfortable with the variance, noting that there were other obstructions to front yard sightlines, including many mature trees on Rosedale Road.

Councilmember Wendling expressed support for the variance application, although he noted that he would have preferred a smaller encroachment into the front yard setback than what was proposed by the applicant.

Mayor Nelson stated that there was a strong diversity of housing styles in the City and that the proposed variance would continue that diversity of housing.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff expressed opposition to the proposed variance, noting that some residents were confused as to when the application would be reconsidered by the City Council. She stated that the applicant is seeking a 528 square foot encroachment while the City Code only permits a 60 square foot porch encroachment into front yard.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 21-25, Approving a Variance from the Front Yard Setback to Allow the Construction of a Covered Porch at 518 Rosedale Road NE.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Voting Nay: Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff. Motion carried 4-1.

10. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance 476, Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code Establishing a Storm Water Utility

Administrator Buchholtz provided an overview of the Storm Water Utility. He stated that the utility is being established to provide a stable funding source for the maintenance and operation of the City's storm water system. He said that staff is proposing a \$2.00/month per residential equivalency factor (REF) fee that will generate approximately \$95,000 per year in revenue. He stated that staff is proposing to reduce the existing water treatment plant charge

by a commensurate amount to offset the new storm water utility fee. He said the new fee would be effective on January 1, 2022.

Mayor Nelson inquired about the future of the water treatment plant charge. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the water treatment plants will be paid off in 2023. He said staff would evaluate needs of the utility, but noted that some of the water treatment plant charge may be incorporated into base water rates while some may be eliminated to offset an increase in the storm water utility fee.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to approve Ordinance 476, Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code Establishing a Storm Water Utility.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 21-26, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 476, Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code Establishing a Storm Water Utility

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to approve Resolution 21-26, Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 476, Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code Establishing a Storm Water Utility.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 21-27, Ordering Feasibility Report for 2022 Street Improvement Project

Administrator Buchholtz stated that staff has identified Hayes Street, Garfield Street and 80th Avenue for reconstruction in 2022. He requested the City Council ask Stantec to prepare a feasibility report. He outlined the M.S. Chapter 429 process and timeline for the required public process. He stated that the project is anticipated to begin in May 2022.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve Resolution 21-27, Ordering Feasibility Report for 2022 Street Improvement Project.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 21-29, Imposing Emergency Conservation Regulations

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has elevated the state's status to a severe drought warning. He noted that the DNR is calling for a reduction in water use by the City, achieved through additional outdoor watering restrictions. He stated that the proposed ordinance would prohibit outdoor watering between the hours of 11am and 6pm each day. He stated that this is in addition to the odd/even watering

restrictions presently in effect. He stated that the restriction would remain in effect until terminated by a majority vote of the City Council.

Mayor Nelson stated that outdoor watering in the heat of the day is ineffective as most of it evaporates. He felt this emergency watering restriction was in the best interest of the community.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to approve Resolution 21-29, Imposing Emergency Conservation Regulations.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2022 Budget for North Metro Telecommunications Commission

Administrator Buchholtz presented the 2022 Budget for North Metro Telecommunications Commission. He stated that the proposed 2022 operating budget is \$1,353,056 and the proposed 2022 capital budget is \$727,496.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to approve the 2022 Budget for North Metro Telecommunications Commission.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Award Quote for SCADA System Replacement

Director Randall stated that the SCADA system controls all of the wells, water treatment plants, water towers and lift stations. He said the SCADA system was last replaced in 2003 and that the Department is experiencing issues with new components at the Arthur Street Water Treatment Plant communicating with the existing system. He also reported that replacement parts are also difficult to find. He stated that the cost to replace the system was \$174,950, to be funded by either American Rescue Plan Act funds or the City's Public Utilities Renewal and Replacement Fund. He stated that the SCADA system is a proprietary system, which is why there is only one bid.

Motion made by Councilmember Delfs to award the SCADA system replacement quote to Automatic Control Systems in the amount of \$174,950.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Assignment of Site Development Agreement from Landco Investments of Spring Lake Park, LLC to Coventry Properties of Spring Lake Park, LLC

Attorney Thames stated that Landco Investments of Spring Lake Park, LLC wishes to transfer ownership of the property at 525 Osborne Road to Coventry Properties of Spring Lake Park, LLC. He said both entities are controlled by the same Principals. He noted that the Site Development Agreement between the City and Landco requires approval by the City Council before assigning the Site Development Agreement to a different entity.

Mayor Nelson inquired if all the requirements of the Site Development Agreement are still in effect after assignment. Attorney Thames responded affirmatively.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve an Amendment to the Site Development Agreement authorizing assignment from Landco Investments of Spring Lake Park, LLC to Coventry Properties of Spring Lake Park, LLC and to authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to execute the Amendment.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

12. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report -- None

B. Engineer Report -- None

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz reported that he attended retirement parties for two long-time Police Department employees. He expressed his appreciation for the dedicated service for Records Technician LuAnn Larson and Officer Dave Chlebeck.

13. OTHER

A. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Report

Mayor Nelson provided an overview of activities by the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committee.

B. Correspondence

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

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

Sign Permit

August 2, 2021

Sign Permit

Binji's Nack Café

7777 Hwy 65 NE



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

Sign Permit Application

DATE: 7/21/2021
NAME OF APPLICANT: Tyler Richards / King Signs Graphics & Imaging
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 7600 Boone Ave N Suite 4 Brooklyn Park MN 55428
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF APPLICANT: 763-205-2468
NAME OF BUSINESS AND LOCATION of building structure, or lot to which or upon which the sign is to be attached or erected Binji's Nack Cafe, 7777 Hwy 65 NE

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

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

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

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

Name of person, firm or corporation erecting the structure: SignCO Ink, Lee Blackwelder

Address: 37464 Jasper St NW Dalbo MN 55017

Is an Electrical Permit required? No

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

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


SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:*****
FEE: 225.00 RECEIPT NUMBER: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL: _____ DATE OF ISSUE: _____

REASON FOR DENIAL: _____

Tyler @ Kingsignsmn.com

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN PERMIT:

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FRONT OF BUILDING: ~~3,797.5 sq ft~~ 4,544

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF ALL EXISTING SIGNS: ~~240.5 sq ft~~ 912.5

SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PROPOSED SIGN OR SIGNS: ~~29 sq ft (existing sign)~~
28' Building + 14' x 2 = 28' pylon

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.

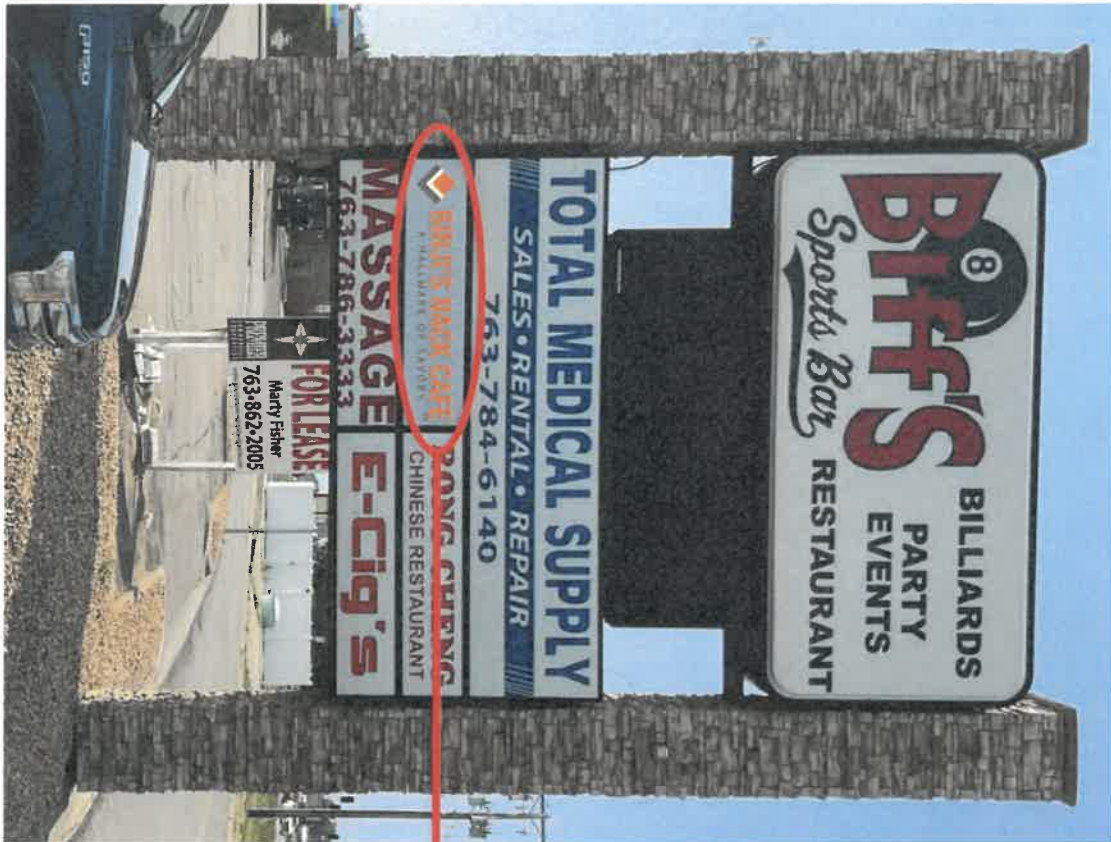
DRAWING:

proposed
28' - \$75.00
14' - \$75.00
14' - \$75.00

\$ 225.00

1363 - 30%
912.5 - Existing
56' - proposed

394.5' Remaining



- New polycarbonate panels with translucent print on faces
- Qty 2 for both sides of monument sign
- (Existing sign reface)

14" x 2 = 28"



22"

88.5"

KING SIGNS
GRAPHICS & IMAGING

7600 Boone Avenue North | Suite 4

Minneapolis, MN 55428

Phone: 763-205-2468

www.kingsignsmn.com

Project: Binji's Nack Cafe

Client: _____

Sales: Ben King

Design: Tyler

Date: 7/13/2021

Revised: _____

Ship	Install	Pick-up	Deliver
	X		



- New formed pan sign panel with translucent print on faces
- Size of sign: 14' wide x 24 5/8" tall
- (Existing sign reface)



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KING SIGNS

GRAPHICS & IMAGING

Sign is approved.

Marty Fisher

Broker/Owner

Premier Commercial Properties, LLC

A Real Estate Services Company

612-708-2873 cell

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763-862-1925 fax

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

Contractor's Licenses

August 2, 2021

Mechanical Contractor

Aairgate Heating and AC, Inc.

Professional Mechanical Services

Plumbing Contractor

Knights Plumbing



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Terry Randall, Public Works Director
Date: July 28, 2021
Subject: July Public Works Report

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

- Continued to pick up garbage and recycling throughout the City along with doing general cleaning of all City Properties.
- Power washed and painted the bridges at Triangle & Lakeside Park.
- Checking all sprinklers to make sure they are operating at max capacity and not watering the asphalt.
- Dragged and lined all of the ballfields.
- Weed whipped all along the fence lines and the trees.
- Weeding the playgrounds in order to add new wood chips.
- Continue to paint crosswalks and stop bars West of Highway 65.
- Preparing the fields for the end of the year softball tournament.
- Used two (2) tons of asphalt to patch potholes.
- Pressure washing the hydrants. All hydrants North of Hwy 10 are cleaned and painted, currently working our way east to west.
- The streets that were sealed coated have been swept and they will sweep again on Monday, August 2. The stripes will be put down during the month of August.
- We continue to clean out sewers. All the lines that are not lined are clean and general cleaning is being done on the lines that have been lined. We are working from Sanburnol Drive south to 81st Ave and West of Terrace Rd.
- There are 50 water restriction signs posted throughout the City.

June Appointments:

- July – Attended the Staff Meeting
- July 16 – Attended Luann Larson's Retirement Party
- July 19 – Attended Dave Chlebeck's Retirement Party



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 Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for July 2021
DATE: July 29, 2021

Permits for July, had a total of 24 building, 1 Zoning, 14 mechanical and 2 plumbing for a total of 41 permits issued compared to a total of 38 in 2020. Code Enforcement conducted 126 inspections in the month of July including 39 building, 19 housing, 16 fire, 5 zoning, 63 nuisance and 3 site-visits.

I was able to assist the City of Mounds View with some building inspections, their Building Official was on vacation. It was good to see that working with Mounds View is seamless and a great resource for both Cities.

Plan review has been completed and footings poured on the McKinley property. It is a very nice home and will add value to the Spring Lake Park housing market.

Residential nuisance complaints keep coming in, but the commercial properties have settled down. More and more commercial properties are having fire inspections with zero violations.

Another house on the Monroe Project has receive their Certificate of Occupancy. That makes 50% of the development completed.

In July of 2021, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meeting on July 19th.
- City Council Workshop July 12th.
- SBM Fire Marshal Meeting July 20th.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for July 2021. 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: Terry Randall, Public Works Director
Date: July 28, 2021
Subject: Authorization to Replace Manhole

I am seeking authorization to replace the manhole at the intersection of Plaza Blvd. and Theorin Terrace. The manhole is in front of the Wells Fargo Bank and it is sinking. Due to the sinking of the manhole the road is giving way. I have contacted Ritter & Ritter and they came out to televise the lines and found that the manhole has sunk and the pipes are pulling apart. The manhole in question is 12 feet deep and only 4 feet in diameter.

Dave Perkins Contracting did submit a proposal to install a new manhole and to put the pipe back together. The quote was \$27,350.00 to replace the current manhole with a 6-foot manhole. This will include the replacement of the curb and asphalt and to fix any areas that were distributed.

The funding for this project will come from the Storm Water Fund.

If you should have any questions please contact me at 763-360-4973.



**dave
perkins
contracting
inc.**

19745 Nowthen Blvd. NW - Nowthen, MN 55303 * (763) 427-0109 * (763) 427-3806

July 27, 2021

City of Spring Lake Park


Ref: Wellsfargo MH

Sub: MH

Warning Lites J Barrier
Dewatering
Remove Existing MH
1 - 60" MH
1 - 48" Barrell
1 - 2X4
5 Yards Mud
Any Pipe Needed Will Be Extra
Remove & Replace Disturbed Concrete Curb And Black Top

BID: \$27,350.00

BY: Rene' Perkins (President)


Dave Perkins Contracting, Inc.

Grade & Backfill With Existing Material. No Soil Correction. No Haul Off. No Erosion Control. Staking By Others. Dewatering Extra If Required. Not Responsible For Private Utilities Locate By Others. Not Responsible For Any Unforeseen Circumstances Would Be Extra. No Sub Grade Stabilization. No Restoration. Permits Fees Paid By Owner. Add 1.5 % If Bond Required. Frost As Per Hourly Rate. Bid Good For 30 Days.

ACCEPTED BY: _____ DATE: _____

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- (b) UNDER MINNESOTA LAW, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PAY PERSONS WHO SUPPLIED LABOR OR MATERIALS FOR THIS IMPROVEMENT DIRECTLY AND DEDUCT THIS AMOUNT FROM OUR CONTRACT PRICE, OR WITHHOLD THE AMOUNTS DUE THEM FROM US UNTIL 120 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE IMPROVEMENT UNLESS WE GIVE YOU A LIEN WAIVER SIGNED BY PERSONS WHO SUPPLIED ANY LABOR OR MATERIALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND WHO GAVE YOU TIMELY NOTICE.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: July 29, 2021

Subject: Sale of Lot 3 Block 1 McKinley Manor

The City has received a request from Hossana Teklyes and Tsigereda Teklu to purchase Lot 3 Block 1, McKinley Manor addition. They are Spring Lake Park residents who plan on building a new home on this lot.

The City Attorney has drafted a purchase agreement between the City and the buyers. The purchase price is \$115,000, with 3% down. This is consistent with the City's sale of Lot 2, Block 1 to Hedberg Homes.

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

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2021, by and between Hossana Teklyes and Tsigereda Teklu, husband and wife, ("Buyers") and the City of Spring Lake Park, a Minnesota municipal corporation, located at 1301 – 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 55432 ("Seller"). Buyers and Seller are sometimes referred to collectively as the "parties" and each individually a "party".

RECITALS

1. The Seller is fee owner of real property located within the City of Spring Lake Park Anoka County, State of Minnesota and legally described:

Lot 3, Block 1, McKinley Manor Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota
("Subject Property")

2. Buyers agree to Purchase and Seller agrees to sell Subject Property to Buyers subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1) **Purchase Price.**

- a) The Buyers agree to purchase and Seller agrees to sell and transfer to the Buyers the real property described as the follows:

Lot 3, Block 1, McKinley Manor Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota

- b) As consideration for this purchase and sale, Buyers agree to pay Seller \$115,000.00 as follows:
 - a. Three thousand five hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00) as initial earnest money which shall be due within 5 business days upon full execution of this Purchase Agreement ("Earnest Money"), and which shall be held prior to Closing or termination of this Agreement by Commercial Partners Title Company, or such other title company nominated by Seller, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and
 - b. The balance of the amount due, one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$111,500), will be paid by cash, certified funds or wire transfer on the Closing Date (as hereinafter defined).

2) **Closing.**

The closing of this transaction shall be on or before October 1, 2021 at a location agreed upon by the parties hereto.

3) **Evidence of Title.**

Seller shall provide, within twenty (20) days of execution of this Agreement, a commitment for the most current Alta Form B Owner's Policy of Title Insurance ("title commitment") for the Subject Property from Commercial Partners Title Company, or another company mutually agreed upon by Buyers and Seller. Seller shall pay for title commitment and Buyers shall pay for Owner's Title Policy. The title commitment shall be in an amount satisfactory to cover the value of the property transferred to the Buyers. The title commitment will permit the title company to insure title to the real properties subject only to permitted encumbrances. The following matters are permitted encumbrances:

- a) The lien of real estate taxes and pending special assessment not yet due and payable subject to the proration and allocation provisions herein;
- b) Federal, state and municipal laws, ordinances, rules and regulations;
- c) Any lien or encumbrance suffered or permitted by Buyers after the date of this Agreement;
- d) All easements, covenants, restrictions, conditions, and declarations of record;
- e) Any item shown on the title commitment and not objected to by the Buyers and
- f) Minerals and mineral rights, if any.

4) **Buyers' Objections.**

Buyers shall, within twenty (20) days after receiving a title commitment, make written objections ("objections") to the form and content of the title commitment. Failure to make objections within such timeframe will constitute a waiver of objections. Any matter shown on the title commitment and not objected to by Buyers shall be a "permitted encumbrance" subject to this Agreement. The Seller will have twenty (20) days after receipt of the objections to cure the objections, during which period the closing will be postponed, as necessary. The Seller shall use its best efforts to correct any objections. If the objections are not cured within sixty (60) days, the Buyers may terminate this Agreement or proceed to closing and waive the objections.

5) **Representations of Seller.**

Seller represents and warrants to the Buyers as follows:

- a) That it is fee owner of the real property identified in this Agreement and has the right to convey said as identified in this Agreement.
- b) Proceedings. There are no actions, litigations, investigations, condemnations or proceedings of any kind pending to the best knowledge of Seller, threatened against the Sellers with regard to the premises or any portion of the premises.
- c) Liens. As of the date of closing, all payments will have been made for all labor, materials furnished to premises by or on behalf of Seller.
- d) Storage tanks. To the best of Seller's knowledge there are no underground storage tanks on the premises. If storage tanks exist, Seller shall remove such tanks at Seller's cost.
- e) Seller warrants that they have not used the property for storage of hazardous substances or petroleum products and, as of the date of this Agreement is not aware of any facts of the existence of which would constitute the violation of any local, state or federal environmental law, regulation or review procedure which would give any person a valid claim under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act or the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liabilities Act.
- f) That Seller has not entered into any other contracts for the sale of real property identified to in this Agreement, nor as of the date of closing will there be any first rights of refusal or options to purchase said real property.
- g) That Seller has not entered into any brokerage or agency agreements in relation to the sale of the real property identified in this Agreement and there is no brokerage fee or commission due and owing to any person or entity in relation to the sale of said real property.
- h) Seller warrants that sewer and water and electrical power are stubbed to subject property.
- i) Subject to the terms of this Purchase Agreement, Subject Property is sold "as is".

6) **Representations of Buyers.**

- a) Buyers represent that this property is being developed as a single family residential home for Buyers; and that the same intend to reside in the home.
- b) That Buyers have not entered into any brokerage or agency agreements in relation to the purchase of the real property identified in this Agreement and there is no brokerage

fee or commission due and owing to any person or entity in relation to the sale of said real property.

7) **Taxes – Assessments.**

There are currently no taxes or special assessments due and owing against subject property. Buyers shall be responsible for all real estate taxes and special assessments from and after the date of closing.

8) **Right of Entry.**

The Buyers and their duly authorized agents shall have the right during the period from the date of this Agreement until closing, to enter in and upon the premises in order to make, at Buyers' expense, surveys, measurements, soil tests and other tests that Buyers shall deem necessary. The Buyers agrees to restore any resulting damage to the premises and to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Seller from any and all claims by third persons of any nature whatsoever arising from Buyers' right of entry hereunder, including all actions, suits, proceedings, demands, assessments, costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.

9) **Closing Documents.**

Seller shall execute and deliver to the Buyers the following:

- a. Marketable Warranty Deed for the Subject Property.
- b. Seller's Affidavit. A standard form affidavit by Seller indicating that on the date of closing there are no outstanding, unsatisfied judgments, tax liens, or bankruptcies against or involving Seller or the real property identified in this Agreement; that there has been no skilled, waiver or material furnished to the properties for which payment has not been made or for which Mechanic's Liens could be filed; and that there are no other unrecorded interests in the properties.
- c. Well Disclosure. A Well Disclosure Statement in form and substance appropriate for recording.
- d. Certification. A Certification that the representation and/or warranties made by the Seller is the same as were in existence on the date of the Purchase Agreement.
- e. Other Documents. All other documents reasonably determined by either party or title insurance company to be necessary to transfer and provide title for the real property identified in this Agreement.

10) **Buyers shall deliver to Seller the following.**

- a. Cash in the amount of \$111,500.00 at closing to be paired with Buyers' previously posted \$3,500.00 Earnest Money, for a total purchase price of \$115,000.00.

- b. All other documents reasonably determined by either party or the title insurance company to be necessary to transfer and provide title for the real property identified in this Agreement.

11) **The Seller shall be responsible for the following closing costs.**

- a. Cost of title commitment
- b. Deed Tax
- c. Seller's attorney's fees
- d. ½ closing costs (cost of closer)

12) **Buyers shall be responsible for the following.**

- a. Buyers' attorney's fees (if any)
- b. Recording of documents from sale
- c. Mortgage registration (if any)
- d. ½ of closing costs (cost of closer)
- e. Title Insurance (if purchased)

13) **Miscellaneous.**

- a) Survival. All of the terms, covenants, conditions, representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement shall survive and continue in force and effect and shall be enforceable after the closing.
- b) Notices. Any notice or election required or permitted to be given or served by any party hereto upon any other shall be deemed given or served if personally delivered to an officer of the party to be notified or if mailed by US registered or certified mail, postage prepaid return receipt requested, or sent by reputable overnight courier, to the property address as follows:

If to Seller: City of Spring Lake Park
 Attention: Dan Buchholtz, City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer
 1301 – 81st Avenue NE
 Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Copy to: John J. Thames, Esq.
 Carson, Clelland & Schreder
 6300 Shingle Creek Parkway
 Suite 305
 Minneapolis, MN 55430

If to the Buyers: Hossana Teklyes and Tsigereda Teklu
 1620 81st Ave NE, Unit 4
 Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 55432

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each such notice shall be deemed to have been received by, or served upon, the party to whom addressed on the date on which is three (3) days after the date upon which the same is deposited in the US registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, properly addressed and if served personally or sent by reputable overnight courier, on the date of service or delivery. Should any party hereto change its address, notice of address change must be to the other party before the change of address is effective.

- c) Entire Agreement; Modification. This written Agreement constitutes the entire and complete agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes any prior oral or written agreements between the parties hereto with respect to the Subject Property. It is expressly agreed that there are no verbal understandings or agreement which in any way change the terms, covenants or conditions herein set forth, and that no modification of this Agreement and no waiver of any of its terms and conditions shall be effective unless in writing and duly executed by the parties hereto
- d) Binding Effect. All covenants, agreements, warranties and provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. When used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the use of one gender shall include all other genders, as and when the context so requires.
- e) Controlling Law. This Agreement has been made and entered into under the laws of the State of Minnesota and said laws shall control the interpretation enforcement hereof.
- f) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. A signature page to any counterpart may be detached from such counterpart without impairing the legal effect of the signatures thereon and thereafter attached to another counterpart identical thereto except having attached to it additional signature pages.
- g) Brokers. Seller and Buyers represent and warrant to each other that they have dealt with no brokers, finders or the like in connection with this transaction and agree to indemnify each other and hold each other harmless against all claims, damages, costs or expenses of or for any other such fees or commissions resulting from their actions or agreements regarding the execution or performance of this Agreement, and will pay the costs of defending any action or lawsuit brought to recover any such fees or commissions incurred by the other party, including reasonable attorneys' fees.
- h) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable or void, such provision shall be deemed to be severable and shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining terms of this Agreement.

- i) Effective Date. This Purchase Agreement shall be deemed effective as of the latest date on which Seller or Buyers executed this Purchase Agreement.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year indicated.

SELLER:

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Dated: _____

By: _____
Its Mayor

Dated: _____

By: _____
Its Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

BUYERS:

**HOSSANA TEKLYES AND
TSIGEREDA TEKLU, HUSBAND AND
WIFE**

Dated: _____

By: _____
Hossana Teklyes

Dated: _____

By: _____
Tsigereda Teklu

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:

John J. Thames, Esq.
CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER
6300 Shingle Creek Parkway, Suite 305
Minneapolis, MN 55430
763-561-2800



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: July 29, 2021

Subject: Request for August 9 work session

City staff is requesting a work session for August 9, 2021 at 5:30pm. The following items are proposed for the agenda:

1. Review of 2022 Administrator's Budget Proposal
2. Council Reports
3. Administrator Reports

Budget books will be distributed to the City Council on Monday, August 2. A .pdf of the budget will be sent out on Monday as well.

If you have additional items you would like added to this agenda, please let me know soon so staff can research them.

Future work session items include:

- American Rescue Plan Act discussion
- City Hall facility discussion
- 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan
- Discussion of Coon Creek Watershed District's "Springbrook Creek Watershed Load Reduction and Flood Mitigation Plan"

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

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2021 MS4 Permit and SWPPP Update (193805251). Annual Report and Public Meeting due by June 30th. Pond, structural BMP, and outfall inspections due by July 31st. Program analysis due in December. Coordination with CCWD related to TMDL information will happen as needed. *The application has been submitted to MPCA for their review. Annual Public Meeting was held on July 6, 2021. Ordinance updates have been processed.*

Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) – Water System (193805314). This is an assessment and evaluation of the water system based on requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ERP completion by 12/30/21. The RRA was completed and certified by the EPA at the end of June. *The next step is the completion of the ERP. The target date for completing the ERP is November 15, 2021.*

Garfield Pond Improvements Project (193804750). Final contractor payment for release of \$20,747.78 retainage was approved on June 21, 2021. *RCWD reimbursement for the remaining 50% of RCWD grant scheduled to be processed on July 28th. Total grant amount was \$267,146.*

Utilities for 525 Osborn Road Project (193805012). This city project was for off-site utilities for 525 Osborne Rd. Construction was completed in 2020. *Final Contractor payment will be processed one final close-out documents are received from Contractor.*

Suite Living Spring Lake Park (Hampton Cos. project at 525 Osborne). Kick-off meeting was on April 21, 2021. *Latest information from Developer indicated mid-August start for this project.*

Stormwater Utility Plan (193804944). The city is considering a stormwater utility charge. *A report has been prepared. Ordinance has been processed. The next step is to work with billing department on implementation set-up.*

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. *Construction Contracts have been signed. Preconstruction Conference will be scheduled.*

2021 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (193805205). The 2021 street maintenance area is the area south of 81st Ave. and west of Monroe St. *Crack repair and seal coat has been completed. Second sweeping week of August 2nd. Street pavement markings after that.*

Sidewalk Project: Possible sidewalk improvements in Triangle Park and at City Hall. This work will be delayed until 2022 and may be combined with the 2022 Street Project.

2021 Anoka County CSAH 35 (Central Ave.) and CSAH 32 (85th Ave. NE) Projects. City MSAS # 183-101-012. Joint Powers Agreement has been processed. *CSAH 35 final paving was completed on 7/12/21. CSAH 32 work continues. County website: <https://www.anokacounty.us/4067/2021-Projects>*

2022 Street Improvements Project (19380_). This project will include pavement replacement in the Garfield-Hayes neighborhood. *Resolution ordering Feasibility Report approved on July 19th. The Feasibility Report will be submitted on September 7th.*

2021 Storm Pond and Basin Inspections: Staff has inspected storm ponds in the area east of TH65 and north of 81st Avenue in 2021. *Repair work on many of the city ponds has been completed. Letters will be sent to owners of private ponds to inform them of required maintenance.*

Cellular Antenna Installations on Water Towers:

- **2021 T-Mobile/Sprint antennae replacement on Arthur Street tower.** This is a new request based on a 12-30-20 email message from Shane Bagley of Begley Wireless Consultants to Dan Buchholtz. Construction Drawings (CDs) prepared by Fullerton Engineering Design (dated 12/15/20 and updated 5/25/21). *Updated 5/25/21 Construction Documents (CDs) need to be reviewed by engineering/public works. Lease negotiations continue as of 5/26/21. Second Review memo was sent to applicant on 6/4/2021. 7/13/21: No change.*
- **T-Mobile Antenna Maintenance on Able Street Tower (2020 Anchor).** This project includes antennae replacement. The contact person for the design is Tom Jemilo at insite inc. An escrow account has been established. Review of the Construction Drawings (CDs) for this project were approved on 9/29/20. The Second Amendment to T-Mobile Lease Agreement was approved in January 2021. Preconstruction Conference was held with Premise Electrical on 2/17/21. The Electrical portion of the work was done as of 4/5/21. *The antenna work has been completed, but the touch-up painting work has not been scheduled (as of 6/3/21). Still no progress on this issue but should be able to be combined with Clearwire work below. 7/13/21: Have sent email to Contractor reminding him that his work is not done.*
- **T-Mobile Utility Upgrade/Generator - Able Street Tower (Network Hardening).** Contact people for the project are Tom Jemilo at insite inc. and Jason Bayer from JDR (contractor). Review of the drawings was completed in 2020. Precon was held on 1/13/21. Construction was substantially complete as of 2/9/21. Natural gas has been installed. Generator has been startup has been completed. *Restoration is an issue (5/12/21): The turf not acceptable, fence is broken. Photos have been sent to the Contractor. 7/13/21: No Change. Site will be inspected this week.*
- **2019-2021 Verizon on Arthur Street tower.** This is a new installation. The contact person is Michael Raia of TechScape. Revised Construction Drawings labeled Revision E were submitted in March 2019 and are considered approvable. Final Lease was approved by city council on October 21, 2019. *Construction may not occur until late 2021.*
- **2021 Clearwire equipment removal from Able Street tower (MS52XC144).** Equipment removal project (from Qualtek Wireless - fall of 2020). City Building Permit Number for this project is 2020-00449. Plans have been reviewed by engineering/public works - all equipment (including ground equipment) shall be removed. Precon was on March 20, 2021 (minutes sent on 4/2/21). Construction started on April 28, 2021. Removal work on tank has been completed. Work on the ground is not complete. *Mark Rolfs visited the site on 6/11/21 – slab is still on-site - no restoration yet. 7/13/21: Tom Slack has completed his paint touch-up work. Clearwire said that they planned to remove concrete pad and finish site restoration. Site will be inspected this week.*

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

CORRESPONDENCE

EVICTIION MORATORIUM IS ENDING!

- ▶ There is time to apply! Go now to www.RentHelpMN.org to see if you qualify.
- ▶ Know the important dates for the off ramp and how you may be impacted.
- ▶ See how applications are processed.
- ▶ **Informational fliers are available here in 4 languages:**
 - ▶ [English](#)
 - ▶ [Hmong](#)
 - ▶ [Somali](#)
 - ▶ [Spanish](#)

Dated Timeline Off Ramp

The Eviction Moratorium Is Ending

Review these dates and know your rights and responsibilities. Between June 30 and October 12, all lease terminations and eviction protections are lifted except for eligible renters with pending COVID-19 rental assistance applications.

The eviction moratorium is ending



Know your rights. Mark these dates. Learn what you can do to stay in your home.



Your lease could be terminated if you materially violate your lease agreement (does not include nonpayment of rent).

You could be evicted if you qualify for rental assistance but refuse to apply.



You could be evicted if you materially violate your lease agreement (does not include nonpayment of rent).



Your lease could be terminated if you have not paid your rent and are not eligible for COVID-19 rental assistance.



You could be evicted if you have not paid your rent and are not eligible for COVID-19 rental assistance.



All lease termination and eviction protections are lifted except for eligible renters with pending COVID-19 rental assistance applications.



All lease termination and eviction protections are lifted.

Know your rights and responsibilities



15-day notice

Between now and Oct. 12, property owners must give tenants a 15-day notice before they file an eviction for nonpayment.



Apply for help

You might be eligible for rental assistance. Go to RentHelpMN.org or call 211.



Refuse to apply?

Tenants who are behind on rent and eligible for help but refuse to apply can be evicted starting June 30.



Have legal questions?

Visit LawHelpMN.org for additional information and legal resources.



PHASE ONE

▼ NOW

People with past due rent

If you owe back rent, you are invited to apply for all available assistance now:

- Past due rent
- Past due utilities
- Upcoming rent

PHASE TWO

All invited to apply

All eligible renters may apply for all available assistance:

- Past due rent
- Past due utilities
- Upcoming rent

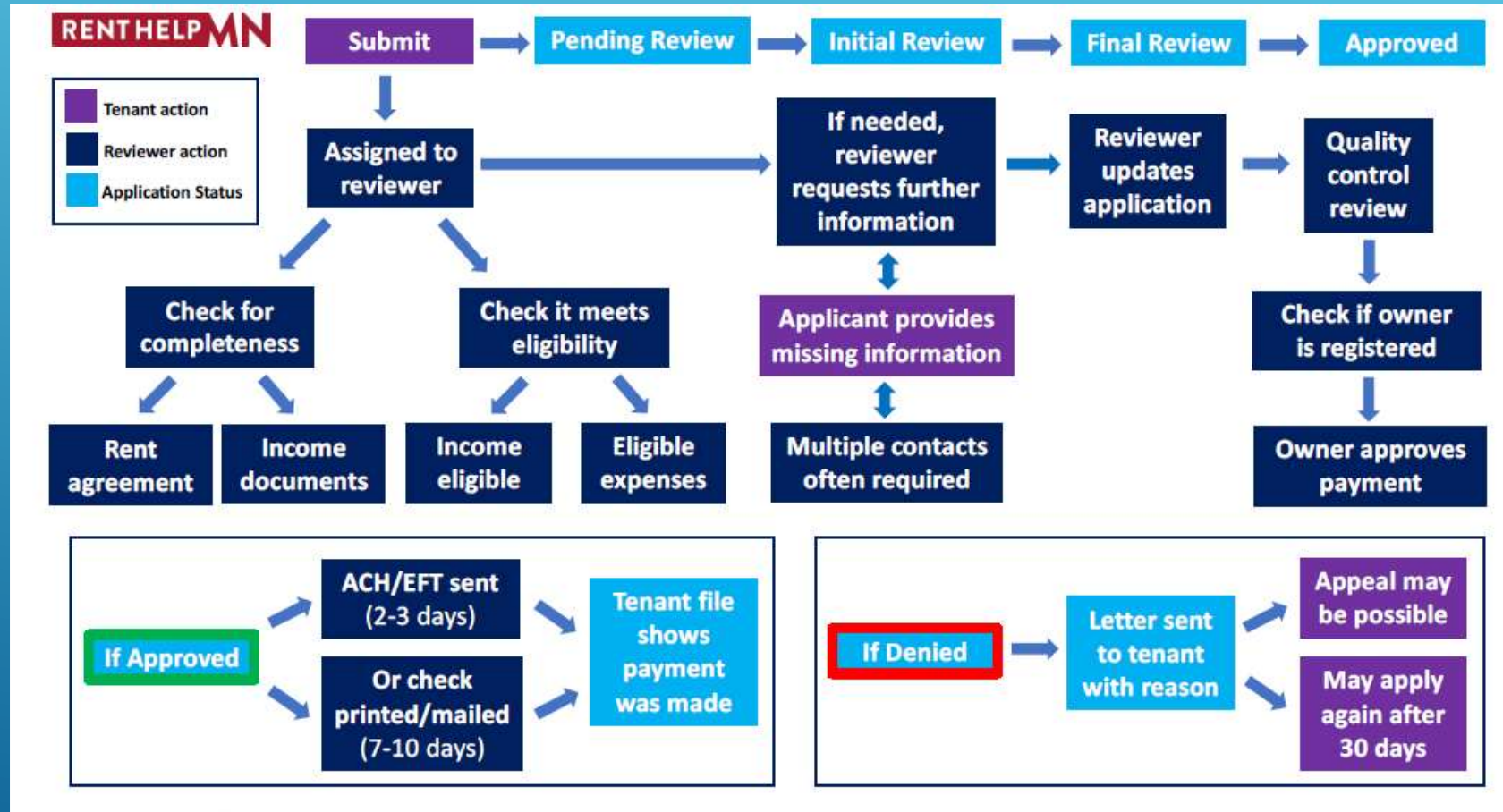
ANOKA COUNTY - USEFUL LINKS AND LEGAL RESOURCES

- ▶ [Anoka County Basic Needs](#) – Access to listings and locations for basic needs: food, shelter, housing, clothing, transportation and healthcare.
- ▶ [Law Help MN](#) - Helping Minnesotans solve legal problems
- ▶ [HOMELine](#) - 612-728-5767 Free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems.
- ▶ [Judicare](#) - 763-783-4970 Free legal representation in non-criminal matters to low income residents of Anoka County.
- ▶ [Central Minnesota Legal Services](#) - 612-332-8151 Free legal help to low-income individuals and families to assist with civil legal issues. CMLS does not charge for legal services.
- ▶ [Volunteer Lawyers Network](#) - 612-752-6677 Connecting volunteer lawyers with clients in need.
- ▶ [Mediation and Restorative Services](#) in Anoka County - 763-422-8878 Low-cost or no-cost peaceful dispute resolution alternatives, landlord/tenant services and more.
- ▶ [Minnesota State Law Library](#) - General information and resources for landlords and tenants.

MEDIATION SERVICES -TWIN CITIES AND GREATER MN

- ▶ Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc. - <https://cmrsmn.org/>
- ▶ Conflict Resolution Center - <http://crcminnesota.org/>
- ▶ Dispute Resolution Center - <http://disputeresolutioncenter.org/>
- ▶ Mediation & Conflict Solutions - http://volunteer.uwolmsted.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=54238
- ▶ Restorative and Mediation Practices - <https://ramp-mn.org/>

FOR LANDLORDS – VIDEO LINK

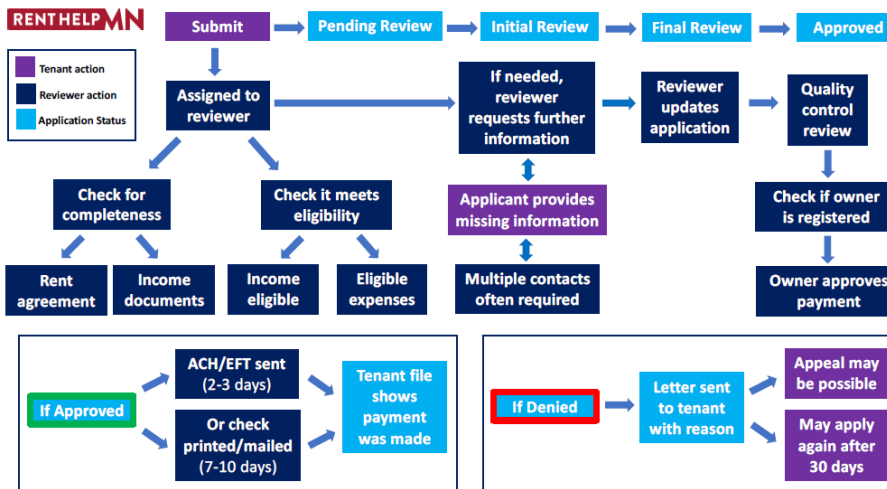


Eviction Moratorium Resources Or Tenant Resources

RentHelpMN

If someone has experienced hardship due to the pandemic and need assistance to pay rent or utility bills, they may be eligible for COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance.

- <https://www.renthelpmn.org/>
- <https://www.renthelpmn.org/learn-more>
 - Application: <https://apply.renthelpmn.org/mnera#/>



HOME Line provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems.

612-728-5767

Toll-free from Greater Minnesota: [866-866-3546](tel:866-866-3546)



<https://www.lawhelpmn.org/>

<https://www.lawhelpmn.org/providers-and-clinics>

Mediation Resources

Community Mediation Minnesota consists of several member organizations across the state with staff and volunteers to help resolve disputes. Community Mediation Minnesota has a centralized intake and referral system so anyone in Minnesota can call a single phone number and be connected to a mediator who can provide services via video conferencing.

Community Mediation Member Organizations:

- Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc. - <https://cmrsmn.org/>
- Conflict Resolution Center - <http://crcminnesota.org/>
- Dispute Resolution Center - <http://disputeresolutioncenter.org/>
- Mediation & Conflict Solutions - http://volunteer.uwolmsted.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=54238
- Mediation and Restorative Services - <https://www.mediationservice.org/> (Anoka County)
- Restorative and Mediation Practices - <https://www.mediationservice.org/>

Contact:

<https://communitymediationmn.org>

1-833-266-2663

info@CommunityMediationMN.org

Additional Legal services to add:

- Central Minnesota Legal Services - <https://www.centralmnlegal.org/>
- Judicare of Anoka County - <http://www.anokajudicare.org/>
- Volunteer Lawyers Network - <https://www.vlnmn.org/>

Has COVID-19 made it hard for you to pay your bills?

GET RENTHELPMN **TODAY**



If you are experiencing a financial hardship because of the pandemic, **RentHelpMN** may just be your answer.

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance is available to all Minnesotans who qualify. You could receive up to 15 months total assistance for:

- Rent payments
- Utility payments (gas, electric, water/sewer, garbage/recycling and other utilities as approved by RentHelpMN)

We care about getting you the help you need, when you need it most.



Apply today. Visit renthelpmn.org or call **211**.

ANOKA COUNTY

NEWS

Volume 2-2021

HOW WE
Serve you



The background of the page is a photograph of the Anoka County Government Center and Courthouse, a large brick building with multiple stories and large windows. The image is partially obscured by a large white circular graphic that contains the text. The text is arranged in a central white circle, with the title at the top, followed by three paragraphs of text, and a final line of text at the bottom. The overall design is clean and professional, with a focus on the county's services to the public.

Serving the Public

Residents of Anoka County are probably familiar with some of the services the county offers — during the wintertime they see plows clearing county roads, maybe they visit county parks near their homes throughout the year, and they've likely stopped by one of the county's license centers to renew a driver's license.

Anoka County certainly has some very visible services that are utilized by many residents, but the county also aids residents in a variety of ways with important programs and services that are perhaps a little less noticeable. Did you know Wargo Nature Center offers homeschool programs for kindergarten through 12th grade children? Some residents might not be aware that county public health nurses can provide families with education and support for healthy pregnancies and babies through the Family Home Visiting Program. Perhaps you just moved into a home with a well — did you know the county has a well water testing program to help you protect your drinking water?

Anoka County has more than 40 departments, and employees within many of these departments dedicate their time to overseeing, administering, and even creating programs that serve county residents. The following pages will detail several of these programs and services.

For more information on Anoka County offerings, visit the Anoka County website: anokacounty.us.

Anoka County
Government Center and Courthouse

Report a Pothole, Other Road Hazards to Highway Department

Say a motorist is driving on one of the more than 400 miles of county-owned roadway in Anoka County, and that driver experiences a somewhat common occurrence: they hit a pothole with their vehicle.

That driver might think, "That could have really damaged my car. I should report that to somebody."

The good news is that there is a way to report potholes, and other highway hazards, directly to the Anoka County Highway Department.

By visiting anokacounty.us/362/Report-a-Concern-or-Request-a-Service, Anoka County drivers can report the location of potholes, dead animals, damaged or missing traffic signs, damaged mailboxes, malfunctioning or damaged traffic signals, or other issues along a thoroughfare.

All a person must do is click on one of the three green tabs on the page, select what they're reporting, provide a location, and supply their contact information. Someone from the Anoka County Highway Department will then work to address the concern and possibly contact the person who reported the issue if more information is needed.

This page also has useful information what to do if a mailbox or garbage can is damaged by a county snowplow, how to remove road striping paint from a vehicle, and it notes that residents should call the Highway Department at 763-324-3100 during normal business hours to report illicit discharges (any discharge that enters the municipal storm sewer system that is not entirely composed of stormwater).

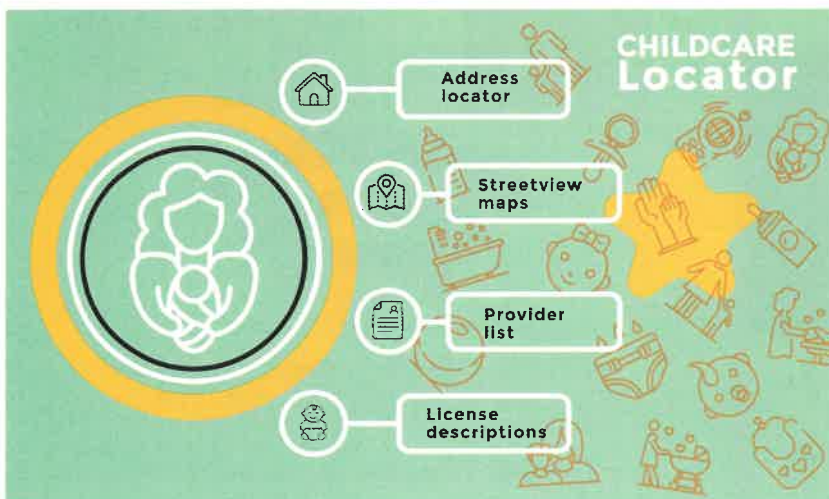
Residents can also call the Highway Department to report signal outages and sign knockdowns during business hours. Outside of business hours, they should call 763-427-1212.

"If there are potholes or other problems along county roadways, our Highway Department wants to know about them," said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. "We want to ensure travel along Anoka County roadways is as smooth as possible, and when drivers report concerns to us, it helps our Highway Department quickly address those issues."



Child Care Locator Helps Residents Find Caregivers

Parents with young children know all too well how difficult it can be to find quality, reliable childcare, especially near their homes or places of employment.



Anoka County has a resource that can help with this search. The Licensed Child Care Provider Search Tool, accessible by visiting gis.anokacountymn.gov/childcare, has several useful features, including an address locator; a list of child care providers; street view maps; a function to find nearby providers; a search function that allows people to search by a child care provider's name; and descriptions of license types.

The information posted on the site is updated monthly, which means a provider's license status may have changed since the last update. Before selecting a provider, users of this site should confirm a provider's license status with Anoka County Child Care Licensing at: childcarelicensing@co.anoka.mn.us.

"Searching for affordable, dependable childcare providers can certainly be a time-consuming experience, but that search can be made easier with the Licensed Child Care Provider Search Tool," said District 3 Anoka County Commissioner Robyn West. "This is a resource that's easy to use, and it offers several features for connecting parents with childcare providers."

Well Water Testing Helps Residents Protect Drinking Water

Perhaps you just moved into a house with a well, or maybe you've been living in a home for a while that derives its drinking water from a well, and you've always wondered about what might be in that drinking supply other than H₂O.

Anoka County offers a well water testing program that helps inform residents about the possible substances in their water. To take part in the program, residents must do the following:

- Sample kits (sample collection bottle and blue sampling sheet with instructions) must be obtained ahead of time. No kits will be available on the drop-off days.
- A drop-off appointment at Anoka County Environmental Services must be made by calling ahead and paying in advance with a credit card over the phone. Call (763) 324-4260 to make an appointment and pay.
- The blue sampling sheet must be completed ahead of time.
- Specific water-related questions can be directed ahead of time to Abby Shea at (763) 324-4207.
- Only samples for sanitary analysis (bacteria and nitrates) will be accepted at this time. If other testing is desired, it can be performed at a later date or a private laboratory can be recommended.

Well Water Testing Kit PICKUP LOCATIONS



- Andover
- Blaine
- Centerville
- East Bethel
- Ham Lake
- Oak Grove
- Ramsey
- St. Francis
- Blaine Public Works
- Linwood Township

Water testing kits are available at the Andover, Blaine, Centerville, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, Ramsey and St. Francis city halls. They are also available at the Blaine Public Works building and the Linwood Township Hall. Call these locations to check on the availability of tests and manner of pickup.

For updates on this program, visit anokacounty.us/2009/Well-Water-Testing.

"High levels of bacteria and nitrates in water can be dangerous to people drinking that water," said District 2 Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad. "Anoka County's well water testing program helps residents determine the safety of their drinking water, which is essential in maintaining good health."

Visit renthelpmn.org

If you have experienced hardship due to COVID-19 and need assistance to pay for your rent or utility bills, you may be eligible for **RentHelpMN**.

Logos for Anoka County, Duluth, Hennepin, Minneapolis, Ramsey County, Saint Paul, and Washington County.



The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service.
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

See if you qualify and apply.

📞 833-511-0311

🌐 fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Home Records Maintained on County Website

Anoka County provides access to all property records on its website, prtpublicweb.co.anoka.mn.us, including ownership and assessed value.

So when it's time to buy, visiting this site can be helpful to learn information about homes on the market. Anoka County keeps records on more than 140,000 properties and it processes about 75,000 real estate documents annually. Features available on this site include:

- A property overview, which includes information such as the address, lot size, tax district, commissioner district, year built and the parcel status.
- An aerial view of properties, with images taken from multiple angles.
- Property taxes due for the current tax year.
- Property transfer history.

- Property values over the last several years.
- Duplicate property tax statement.

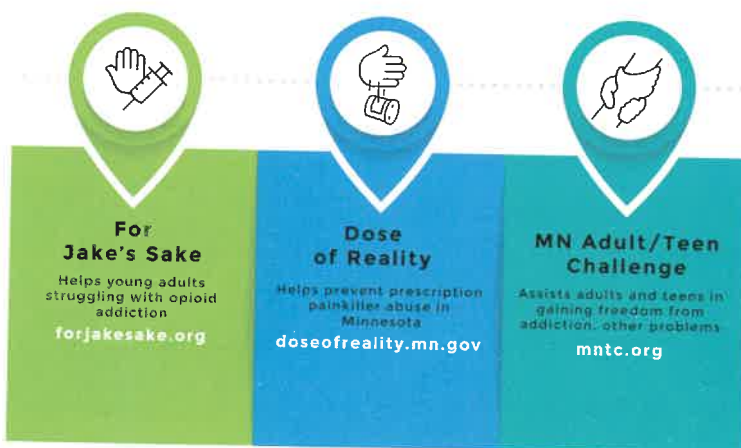
Information on residential homes and other properties is also available by calling the Anoka County Property Records and Taxation department at 763-323-5400.

Note: To use the "reports" function on the right side of the site, a browser's popup blocker needs to be turned off or configured to allow popups from the Anoka County website.

"Those who want to learn more about homes for sale in Anoka County or perhaps do a little research on their home value or taxes can use this feature on the Property Records and Taxation website," said District 4 Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner. "It's a great way to get a comprehensive overview of a home or property before taking the time to visit it in person."

Resources Available to People Battling Drug, Alcohol Addiction

ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER HELP For Recovery



People who are struggling with drug or alcohol dependence know overcoming these addictions can sometimes be a long, arduous endeavor.

In Anoka County, there are several resources available to help people break free of addiction to substances and retake control of their lives.

Anoka County's Chemical Health resources page, anokacounty.us/2488/Get-Help-with-Drugs-and-Alcohol, is a great place to start in the search for help. Under the "Get Help Now" tab, there's information available about how to connect to services. For people with health insurance, the best way to seek treatment is to go through their health insurance providers. Those who don't have insurance or who have inadequate coverage can call Anoka County at 763-324-1270 to find out if they're eligible for funding. They can also have other questions

about chemical health services answered by calling this number.

The Chemical Health Collaborative, anokacounty.us/2502/Chemical-Health-Collaborative, Anoka County's partner hub, contains resources and a list of programs and initiatives in Anoka County, such as drug and alcohol awareness series events, links to organizations that focus on educating the public and offering help, and even information on tobacco reduction strategies.

Properly disposing of prescription medications can lessen the impact of drugs in the community. Both the Chemical Health Resources and Chemical Health Collaborative pages have a link on the righthand side to prescription drug takeback sites around Anoka County. This page includes a list with phone numbers and hours during which prescription drug takeback is available. There is no charge for this service, and people dropping off prescription drugs can remain anonymous. There's also information available on this page on how to order Stericycle envelopes, which are U.S. postage paid and pre-addressed, to mail prescriptions to takeback sites.

Anoka County Partners with Extension for Education, Opportunities

The University of Minnesota Extension brings Minnesotans together through science-based knowledge, expertise and training.

Extension's partnership with Anoka County allows residents to access education, information and programming that they can use at work, at home and in their communities. By visiting anokacounty.us/343, residents can learn more and become involved with 4-H, health and nutrition, gardening and agriculture. 4-H is America's largest youth development organization. It is a community of more than 100 public universities across that nation that provide experiences where young people learn by doing. Some Anoka County 4-H opportunities include dog training, photography, sewing, shooting sports, and at-home gardening kits.



Health and Nutrition: Extension offers a variety of educational programs about nutrition and health in Anoka County. These programs are open to families and individuals of all ages who are eligible for benefits through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or who meet Extension's program income guidelines. These free programs are offered in such settings as schools, community centers, public housing sites, and food shelves.

Gardening: Visit the Anoka County Master Gardeners website, anokamastergardeners.org, for gardening information along with a complete list of upcoming events. This program utilizes the knowledge of volunteers to deliver research-based horticultural information and practices to people in order to promote healthy living and a healthy environment.

Agriculture: Anoka County's Extension site offers information on agriculture conferences, in-person events, and online courses that are offered all year around the state. It also includes information on Extension agricultural research and news from local experts that residents can use on their farms.

"Anoka County's partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension brings many hands-on learning opportunities to our residents," said District 1 Anoka County Commissioner Matt Look. "Youth, adults and seniors can all find helpful information and programming through Extension."

Veteran Services Office Connects Former Service Members to Benefits

Anoka County Veteran Services staff assist about 4,000 people annually, which equates to more than \$170 million in total benefits paid by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Veteran Services can help people apply for a variety of benefits, from disability compensation and VA healthcare, to veterans pension and survivors pension for elderly veterans or widows who need assistance to offset some of their monthly medical expenses for assisted living, nursing home care, or in-home care.

Veterans who contact the Anoka County Veteran Services Office for help with benefits will be referred to a service officer for assistance. County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) are highly trained, professional advocates that share an understanding of the challenges veterans and their dependents face.

An important benefit Anoka County CVSOs can help veterans apply for is the Disabled Veterans' Homestead Property Tax Exclusion. This program reduces the market value of a veteran's home that is subject to property taxes. There are two exclusion levels: Up to \$300,000 of market value is excluded from property taxes for:

- Veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent permanent and total.
- Surviving spouses of qualifying veterans and service members.
- Qualifying primary family caregivers of permanently and totally disabled veterans.



Up to \$150,000 of market value is excluded from property taxes for:

- Qualifying primary family caregivers of permanently and totally disabled veterans.
- Veterans with a 70 percent or higher service-connected disability rating.
- Qualifying primary family caregivers of veterans with a 70 percent or higher service-connected disability rating.

Learn more about benefit eligibility by contacting Anoka County Veteran Services at 763-324-4500, by emailing veterans@co.anoka.mn, or by visiting anokacounty.us/veterans.

Wargo offers

Interactive Homeschool Programs

The Joseph E. Wargo Nature Center, located in Lino Lakes, is part of the 5,000-acre Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park Reserve.

Wargo's interpretive center, which is nestled on a beautiful peninsula overlooking George Watch Lake, is a resource for the public to learn about the species of animals and plants that live in the area. From October to May, Wargo also serves another useful function: it offers homeschool programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Each topic is created to be age appropriate, and topics change each year. Anoka County prides itself on having staff who are experienced and well educated in the field of environmental learning. They offer quality environmental, recreational and natural history programs. These topics may help homeschoolers meet standards and fill in areas that require outdoor learning and science skills. Children can discover the natural environment by having fun learning about nature through hands-on activities.

The cost for each program is \$5 plus tax. Preregistration is required. For more information on the homeschool programs, including a link to register when classes are available, visit anokacountyparks.com/classes-camps.

Wargo is also looking for volunteers to assist with K-2 classes. Those who are interested in volunteering can fill out a volunteer application on the classes and camps site.

"Wargo is an outdoor learning center designed to be used by the entire community, and its homeschool programs are particularly interesting and interactive," said District 5 Anoka County Commissioner Mike Gamache. "Children who visit Wargo will certainly enjoy the variety of learning experiences available at the center."

Commute Solutions Offers Options to Travelers

Whether a person is traveling to and from work, running errands or going to activities with friends and family, having options makes traveling a whole lot better.



If a resident decides that regular alternative traveling options are not for them, they can still take part in special events offered by Commute Solutions and its regional partners, such as Anoka County's Bike to Work Week in June every year or Carpool to Work month in October. Special events are a good way to try a new option or even commit to a different option temporarily.

To find out more about Commute Solutions' services, visit anokacounty.us/336/Commute-Solutions, call 763-324-3240 or email the Commute Solutions Coordinator at commutesolutions@co.anoka.mn.us.

"The mission of Commute Solutions is to reduce traffic congestion in Anoka County and improve air quality by promoting sustainable transportation options," said District 6 Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. "Commute Solutions offers information on many alternatives to single-occupant vehicle commuting."



Anoka County's Commute Solutions is a free resource that helps residents determine sustainable alternatives to driving by themselves in a motor vehicle such as carpooling, biking, walking, teleworking or taking the train.

Commute Solutions' services include connecting residents with an online carpool commute account through Metro Transit; rides to clinics and Anoka County buildings through Medlink; information on how to sign up for a Metro Vanpool program; and information on how to obtain bus and train go-to cards and transit passes. Commute Solutions can also set residents up with the Guaranteed Ride Home program, which gets people home from work or school if they have an emergency or have to work late unexpectedly. To be eligible for this program, a resident must ride the train, bus, carpool, vanpool, bicycle or walk to work or school at least three times per week.



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(MEET THE PARKS)

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FOOD**



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**MÚSICA
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Los Parques del condado de Anoka realizan el primer evento, Ven a conocer el parque el Domingo 22 de Agosto. Este evento gratuito está organizado por los parques del Condado de Anoka, Ciudad de Fridley, Outdoor Latino Minnesota, y la Comunidad Latina. El evento espera comprometerse con la comunidad Latina y animarlos a visitar los parques. Todos son bienvenidos a participar en las actividades del evento (recreación al aire libre y educación ambiental) música, y Puestos de comida. ¡Si aún no has venido, ven y conoce los parques!

The Anoka County Parks are hosting the first ever Meet the Parks event Sunday, Aug. 22. This free event is planned by the Anoka County Parks, City of Fridley, Outdoor Latino Minnesota, and the Latino community. The event hopes to engage with the Latino community and encourage them to visit parks. Everyone is welcome to participate in the event activities (outdoor recreation and environmental education stations), music, and food trucks. If you haven't yet, come and Meet the Parks!

**PREGUNTAS SOBRE EL EVENTO
(QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT)**

info@outdoorlatinominnnesota.com

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Anoka County News



PADDLE ON

Introduction to Kayaking

4 – 6 p.m. July 27
Rice Creek Chain of
Lakes, Centerville Beach

4 – 6 p.m. Aug. 2
Coon Rapids Dam
Regional Park

6 – 8 p.m. Aug. 31
Rum River South

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

3 – 4:30 p.m. July 21
2 - 3:30 p.m. Aug. 30
Rice Creek Chain of
Lakes, Centerville Beach

Womens Summer Workshop

1 - 3 p.m. Aug. 18
(Canoeing)
Wargo Nature Center

Canoe and Kayak Rental at Wargo

Rental for all boats is
\$20 for 2 hours or \$30 per day
Wargo Nature Center
(Must reserve boat rental online)
ANOKACOUNTYPARKS.COM



NATURE PRESCHOOL

Forest Kids Club

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wargo Nature Center

Ages 4-5 Join us for a season, or register for the school year! We will spend Wednesday mornings adventuring and learning out on Wargo's wooded peninsula, exploring different nature topics and seasonal changes along the way. In addition to guided activities, each week will include a free-explore time where participants will be encouraged to follow their senses and create their own adventure with new friends! This is a great hands-on experience for young children.

Pre-registration is required. \$110/session +tax

Fall Session: Sept. 8 - Nov. 14
Winter Session: Jan. 5 - March 16
Spring Session: March 30 - June 8

CALL WARGO NATURE CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION 763-324-3350



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All Anoka County Libraries Are Now Open Six Days a Week

NEW HOURS

Monday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

***Sunday:** Noon to 4 p.m.

*Northtown only



Pick up holds even when the library is closed at any locker location

Locker hours (daily): 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Northtown, Johnsville, Mississippi, St. Francis (reopens Aug. 2021)

More convenient computer and printing access

- Reserve a computer up to 24 hours in advance to ensure a spot is available when you need it.
- Send a print job to the library up to 7 days in advance.
- Download the Smart Alec app and send jobs from your device.
- Pay with a credit card directly at the printer (no minimum charge amount).



St. Francis Library is Reopening in August

The library will offer new hours, including Saturdays year round! The project will refresh the interior to create a more welcoming and comfortable space for patrons. While the footprint of the library will not change, the new layout will improve traffic flow and create improved workspaces for staff to better serve the community. During the renovation, there is no access to the lockers or the return bin.

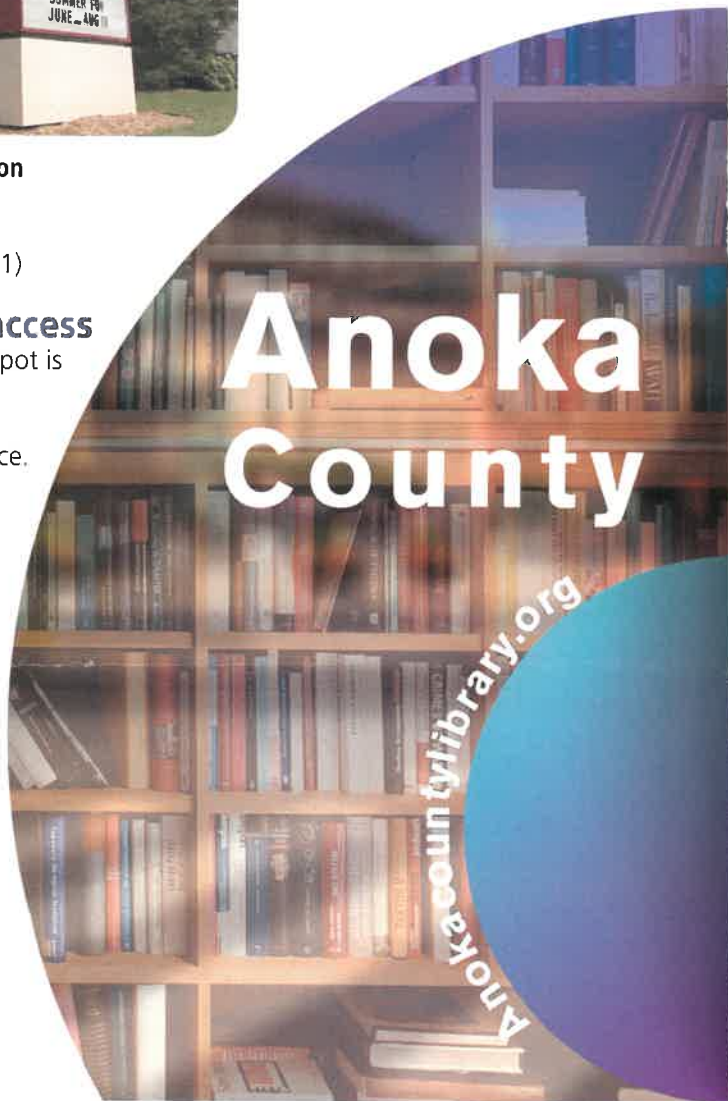
New Culinary Database

A to Z Foods America — the world's largest database of American food and culture features:

- 6,500 recipes from 50 states, six regions, 33 ethnic groups.
- Articles and videos on national cuisine, food preparation, food hacks, cooking conversions, much more.

The eLibrary is open 24/7

The Library's ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines have moved to the **Libby App**. As part of the MELSA: Twin Cities Metro eLibrary, patrons have access to more titles systemwide across the metro area. (Kindle users download the OverDrive app).



Summer Adventures Runs Through Aug. 15

All ages can make the most of summer through reading and doing activities. Complete challenges, track reading minutes, and write reviews to earn digital badges.

Download the Beanstack Tracker app on your device or visit anokacounty.beanstack.org.



In-person and Online Performers and programs

- Attend outdoor story walks.
- Pickup activities to go.
- Watch virtual programs and performers (some programs require registration).
- Family story times Mondays and Wednesdays 10:15 a.m. on Facebook.
- Performers will premiere on the Library's Facebook page @ anokacountylibrary.



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- Mobile hotspots
- Video games
- Board games
- Specialty bakeware
- Discover Kits - hobby in a box
- Book club in a bag
- Memory Maker kits
- Electricity power meters
- Car repair manuals and schematics



Services

- Study and community meeting rooms
- One-on-one technology help
- Legal aid kiosks
- Local artist exhibits
- Homework help and tutoring online
- College application and FAFSA help
- Career exploration and job skills
- Books by mail for homebound patrons
- Language learning
- Genealogy research

Stay Safe this Summer with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Summer is finally here and with life heading back towards normal, the urge to explore the area, as well as travel to other parts of the country, is stronger than ever.

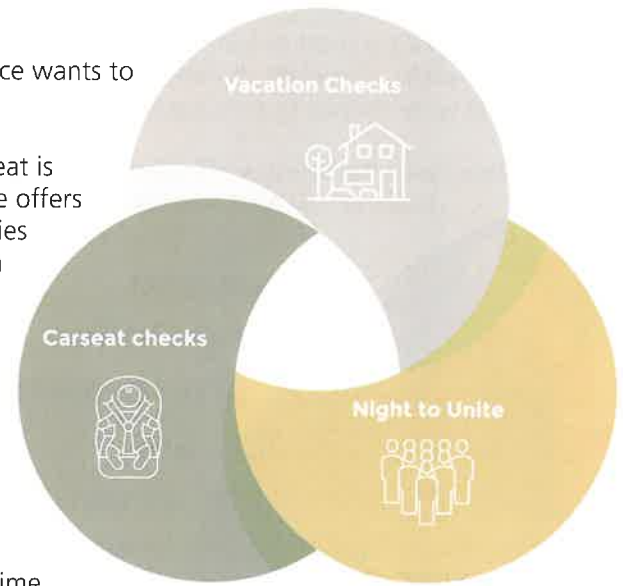
These adventures are exciting, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office wants to help keep your family, self, and property safe this summer.

Get ready for a summer road trip by making sure your child's car seat is properly installed in your vehicle. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office offers this complimentary service to residents who live in the areas deputies patrol. Give the Sheriff's Office a call at 763-324-5179 to set up an appointment.

Residents who live in the areas patrolled by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office can request a free "vacation check" service where a deputy will periodically stop by and observe the property for any suspicious activity. To sign up for this service, visit anokacounty.us/2399/Vacation-Check to submit a request online.

Finally, make sure to mark Tuesday, Aug. 3 on the calendar for Night to Unite! This event is a fun way to meet neighbors, share crime prevention and safety information, and interact with local law enforcement agencies. Residents in the cities/townships patrolled by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office (Andover, Bethel, Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Linwood, Nowthen, and Oak Grove) can register their party with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office by going to anokacounty.us/crimewatch or calling 763-324-5179. Residents in other cities should contact their police departments for more information.

While enjoying time with family and friends this summer, remember if you notice anything suspicious or concerning, please do not hesitate to call 911. Have a wonderful summer — the Sheriff's Office can't wait to see community members at local events and parades!



Job Training Center Offers Free Resources, Referrals

Finding a new career path or getting started in the workforce for the first time can be challenging prospects, but by utilizing Anoka County Job Training Center (JTC) resources, career seekers can find employment that's right for them.

A great resource for career seekers is the one-page interest form available on the JTC's website, anokacounty.us/jtcapply. Those who fill out this form will be contacted by a JTC staff member within one business day and be provided with resources and referrals at no cost. If a career seeker is interested in applying for a program to get help from a vocational counselor, the staff member will connect them to the JTC intake team.

The Anoka County JTC has programs available that can help youth as young as 14 find their first job, help laid off workers get back to work, help seniors find part-time employment — and everything in between. Services available vary depending on program eligibility, but may include:

- Individualized job search assistance from a career counselor.
- Assessments to help decide on a career path.
- Assistance with the cost of training, including on-the-job training.
- Employment for youth, adults and seniors to gain work experience and build their resumes.

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Additional career resources can be accessed by visiting careerforcemn.com/blaine. This site contains a broad range of information and services, including career guidance, job postings, help with job loss, and more. Career seekers can also be connected to CareerForce resources by calling 763-324-2300.

Anoka County Participates in First Time Homebuyers Program

Buying a home for the first time can be an expensive endeavor, especially when a down payment and closing costs are figured into the equation.

In Anoka County, up to \$17,000 per qualified applicant can be accessed through the state's MN Housing Start Up Program to help defray some of those costs.

Income guidelines apply and the current maximum home price is \$352,200. Interest rates, income limits and home purchase prices are subject to change during the program year.

Per MN Housing, a first-time homebuyer is someone who has never purchased a home or hasn't purchased one within the last three years. Potential buyers need to use a lender who is approved by Minnesota Housing. Their lender list, available at mnhousing.gov/sites/np/findalender, includes many well-known banks and mortgage companies.

Results of the 2020 Start Up Program Year

- A total of \$77,660,950 in mortgage funding was spent to purchase property in Anoka County.
 - A total of 349 loans were issued in 18 of the county's 21 municipalities. This is the highest number of loans committed in the last 20 years of Anoka County's participation in this program.
- For more "Start Up" information and guidelines visit: anokacounty.us/161/Home-Buyers.



WHEN BUSINESSES RECYCLE, WE ALL WIN!

Anoka County offers resources to encourage business recycling.

Grants
The county provides up to \$10,000 for equipment and supplies to help a business recycle more.

FREE Technical Assistance
An expert will visit a site to help find ways to reduce waste, design a new or improved recycling program, or get started with organics recycling.

FREE Labels
Labels are an essential part of an effective recycling program. The county offers a variety of label types to fit a business's need.

Call **763-324-3481** or visit **AnokaBizRecycle.com** for more details

AnokaBizRecycle

Appointments, Drop Boxes to Continue at License Centers

The COVID-19 pandemic required all Anoka County Departments to change how they did business, and much of that change was temporary until the effects of the virus waned and statewide restrictions were lifted.

Some changes, however, resulted in business being conducted in a more efficient manner and will be in practice at the county into the future. At the Anoka County License and Passport Centers, one of those changes is the continued ability for customers to make appointments for transactions that require face-to-face interaction.

To ensure their business is conducted in a prompt manner, customers can sign up for appointments by visiting anokacounty.us/3900/Schedule-Appointment. Walk-in customers will be served by available staff who are not working on appointments.

Another efficiency-enhancing change that will be kept are the secure License Center drop boxes, located at five locations around Anoka County. For more information about the drop boxes, including locations, visit anokacounty.us/3897/Drop-Box-Services. Drop boxes are primarily designed for customers to submit their license tab renewals but can be used for other business, such as DNR registration renewals, duplicate stickers and plates, adding or removing vehicle liens, or duplicate plates. For tab renewals, License Center Staff process the drop box documentation the same day and mail the tabs directly to the address on record, or customers can select hold for pickup. If all information required to process the transaction and proper payment is provided, pickup will be available for tabs within one to two business days. If the tabs are not picked up within four business days, they will be mailed to the address on file.

Foster Families Provide Needed Care for Children

Anoka County plays an integral role in licensing and connecting residents interested in becoming foster parents with children who need stable homes.

Foster parents are asked to take someone else's child into their home, care for them and treat them as a family member. Foster care is more than having a child stay in your home temporarily — it is an opportunity to possibly work with a child's biological parents to help build a better future for them. Children often continue to visit their family while living in foster care until they can be reunited with their family or other relatives. Anoka County often licenses family members or people who have a significant relationship with a child to become their foster parent.

In addition to providing food, housing and clothing, foster parents also provide emotional support, guidance, and above all, hope.

Foster parents receive reimbursement to support the child in their home. The placing social worker and foster parent work together to complete an assessment of the child's needs.

One of the most common questions potential foster

parents have is "How do we learn to be foster parents?" Anoka County provides all the needed training to help with this endeavor. Several trainings are even available on Anoka County's website, including initial training on prudent parenting standards, children's mental health and car seat training resources.

To take the next step, complete Anoka County's online orientation. Those who have finished this preparation will have the option to request an in-home orientation with an Anoka County Social Worker. Anoka County is in particular need of families who have room for sibling groups and families who are able to help teenagers transition to adulthood.

For more information, visit anokacounty.us/3212/Become-a-Foster-Parent or call 763-324-1230.



Victim/Witness Services Met Challenges of Pandemic

The Victim/Witness Services unit of the Anoka County Attorney's Office met the challenges of 2020 with agility and resourcefulness, ensuring clients received the same level of attention and guidance as ever.

The Victim/Witness staff remained mindful of the stress and mental health issues of victims and their own colleagues. They focused on connection work and

Advantages of Remote Technology

Per Minnesota law, crime victims have the right to be notified of court events, to participate in the prosecution process, and to protection from harm. The Victim/Witness specialists in the Attorney's Office make certain those rights are upheld while guiding victims through the criminal justice system.

This is no easy task under the best of circumstances, as the criminal justice process is inherently fraught with trauma and stress. But the Victim/Witness Services staff rose to the occasion and didn't let the pandemic or lockdowns get the upper hand.

Under the direction of Division Manager Emily Douglas, the Victim/Witness team was an early adopter of new technologies. While working remotely, staff not only worked with prosecutors and courts to coordinate virtual witness testimony, they also helped victims navigate the remote hearing software.

As a result, the Attorney's Office has seen a significant increase in victim participation. For many, attending a hearing remotely is more comfortable because they don't have to be in the same room as the offender. For others, like those who live out of state or who have accessibility challenges, they've been able to attend remote hearings when, under pre-pandemic circumstances, they may not have otherwise been able to participate. Likewise for people who have kids at home because of school closures.



teambuilding exercises to bolster support and morale, despite the physical distance while working remotely.

They also took advantage of the slowdown at court to attend more trainings. The nine-person staff participated in 319 separate webinars, podcasts, and documentary viewings. Most of the trainings focused on underserved populations. Topics included racial justice, immigration, homelessness, trafficking, elder abuse, gender bias, victimization of indigenous people, impact of crime on historically marginalized communities, and LGBTQ advocacy.

As courts slowly reopen and social restrictions are lifted, it's unclear whether the remote accessibility options implemented in 2020 will remain, posing concerns for those victims who may lose their ability to participate. The insightful Victim/Witness Services team will, no doubt, keep advocating for expanded access and inclusive practices.

Anoka County Hires New Economic Development Director

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners at its March 23 meeting approved the hiring of Samantha Markman as the county's new economic development director.



Markman comes to Anoka County with a background in economic development and planning. She holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies from the

University of Minnesota, and she was most recently the economic development coordinator for the City of Faribault.

Commissioners, said Markman is poised to continue the important work that has made Anoka County an economic leader in the region.

"Anoka County and our regional partners identified the need to have a dedicated employee in an economic development role just over three years ago, and since that time we've realized just how important this position is when it comes to helping businesses and the overall local economy, especially during this difficult time when so many people have been impacted by the pandemic," he said. "My fellow board members and I are confident Ms. Markman will fit seamlessly into this position, she will be an important contact for established and new businesses, and will help guide the growth of our regional economy."

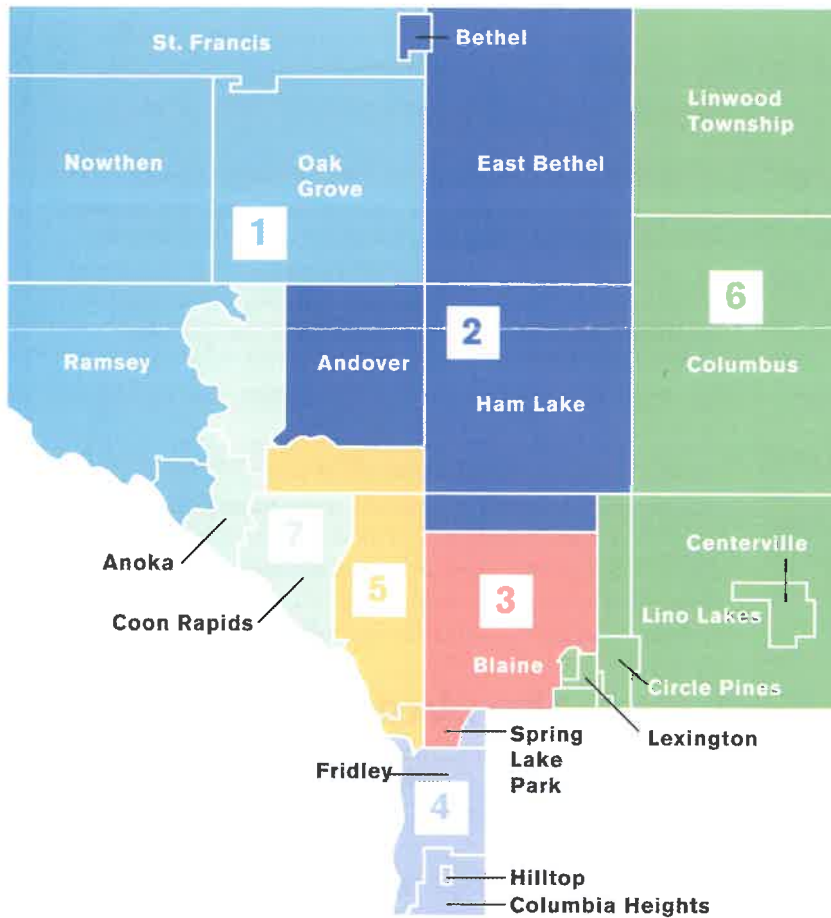
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City of Spring Lake Park
Attention: City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer
1301 84st Avenue, N.E.
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: Site Lease Agreement dated October 24, 2019 between City of Spring Lake Park and Verizon Wireless(VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless for property located at 8249 Arthur Street NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve as notification that Verizon Wireless will terminate this agreement effective December 31, 2025 as per paragraph 2 b of the agreement.

I trust the foregoing is clear, but should you have any questions now or in the future regarding this lease, please contact the Network Real Estate Department at 866-862-4404.

Sincerely,


Verizon Wireless-Network Real Estate

Site Name: MIN HAYES-A
Contract # 191629