



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
CITY HALL at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - [A.](#) Approval of Minutes - September 5, 2023 City Council Meeting
 - [B.](#) Approval of Clams List - General Disbursement No. 23-15 - \$635,229.03
 - [C.](#) Contractor's Request for Payment no. 3 - Final - Allied Blacktop - \$4,192.56
 - [D.](#) Approve Amendment to Statement of Values Policy
 - [E.](#) Contractor's Licenses
- 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Police Report
 - [B.](#) Recreation Report
- 8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**
 - [A.](#) Resolution 2023-33, Adopting Proposed 2023 Tax Levy Collectable in 2024
 - [B.](#) Resolution 2023-24, Cancelling or Reducing Bond Levies - 2023/24
 - [C.](#) Resolution 2023-35, Approving Tentative Agreement between the City of Spring Lake Park and LELS Local #7, Representing the Patrol Officers Bargaining Unit for Calendar Years 2024-2025
- 9. NEW BUSINESS**
- 10. REPORTS**
 - A. Attorney Report
 - [B.](#) Engineer's Report
 - C. Administrator Report
- 11. OTHER**
 - [A.](#) Correspondence
 - B. Motion to Close City Council Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.03(1) to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies
- 12. 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 September 5, 2023 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

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks
Councilmember April Moran
Mayor Bob Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Josh Antoine, Building Official Jeff Baker, Attorney John Thames, Engineer Phil Gravel,
Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

VISITORS

George Linngren, 7735 156th Ave NW, Ramsey MN
Congresswoman Ilhan Omar

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

A. Congresswoman Ilhan Omar

Congresswoman Omar gave an update on the Congressional happenings in Washington, D.C. over the past year.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 21, 2023 City Council Meeting
- B. 3rd Quarter Assessor Billing – Ken Tolzmann, City Assessor
- C. Resolution 2023-32, Accepting Monetary Donation from Sarah McNiff
- D. Contractor's Licenses

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Public Works Report

Report accepted as presented.

B. Code Enforcement

Building Official Baker stated that progress is being made on the 8064 Garfield Street Project. He noted that two vehicles and some personal belonging were removed from the home, and that demolition has started.

Building Official Baker reported that 15 Administrative Offense tickets were issued for the month of August.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Conditional Offer for Public Works Director Position

Administrator Buchholtz reported that he is recommending George Linngren for the Public Works Director position. He stated that Linngren's 27 years of Public Works utility experience will make him a great fit for the City's Public Works Department. Mr. Linngren introduced himself to the City Council.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Approve a Conditional Offer of Public Works Director to Mr. Linngren.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

B. Approve Master Services Agreement – Stantec

Administrator Buchholtz stated the City received a request from Stantec to update the Master Services Agreement. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Approve Master Services Agreement with Stantec.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

C. Schedule September Work Session

Administrator Buchholtz requested a City Council work session for September 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Consensus of the Council was to schedule the work session.

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report

None

B. Engineer's Report

Engineer Gravel stated that there will be a Preconstruction Conference on September 21, 2023 for the 2023 Sewer Lining Project.

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz gave an update on 8064 Garfield Street. He gave an update on the recent legislation governing School Resource Officers.

11. OTHER

A. Schedule Administrator's Performance Evaluation

City Council scheduled the Administrator's Performance Evaluation during the September 18, 2023 City Council meeting.

B. Motion to Close City Council Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.03(1) to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to Close the City Council Meeting Pursuant to M.S. 13D.02(1) to Discuss Labor Negotiation Strategies.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm for closed session

City Council Meeting resumed at 8:28 pm.

Attorney Thames summarized the closed session actions. He said that the City Council discussed labor negotiation strategies. He stated that staff and the negotiation team were given direction on how to proceed.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Wendling, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Councilmember Moran, Mayor Nelson. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

are proper.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that the City Council directs and approves the payment of the aforementioned disbursements this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed: _____

Mayor

Councilmembers:

ATTEST:

Daniel Buchholtz, Admin/Clerk-Treasurer

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| <u>VOUCHER</u> | <u>VENDOR</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----------------|--|--|----|---------------|
| 74337 | A HARD DAYS NIGHT TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES | MUSIC IN THE PARK 08.09.23 | \$ | 800.00 |
| 74338 | ALLEGRA PRINT & IMAGING | PD PENS & TABLE THROW | \$ | 580.10 |
| 74339 | AMERICAN MESSAGING | PW PAGER | \$ | 5.26 |
| 74340 | ASPEN MILLS | UNIFORM ALLOWANCE-ANTOINE | \$ | 91.69 |
| 74341 | AWWA MINNESOTA SECTION | AWWA CONF 2023--RANDALL | \$ | 330.00 |
| 74342 | BATTERIES PLUS BULBS | BATTERIES | \$ | 100.60 |
| 74343 | BCA BTS | CRIME REPORTING CLASS--KILEY/MURPHY | \$ | 100.00 |
| 74345 | CENTERPOINT ENERGY | MONTHLY UTILITIES | \$ | 130.75 |
| 74346 | CINTAS | FLOOR MATS | \$ | 126.79 |
| 74347 | CITY OF CIRCLE PINES | CAPITAL NOTES, SERIES, 2016A | \$ | 13,214.88 |
| 74348 | CIVICPLUS LLC | WEB OPEN PLATFORM MIGRATION & PREMIUM | \$ | 450.00 |
| 74349 | CONNOR MOLL | YOUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRE CONTRACTOR | \$ | 147.00 |
| 74350 | COORDINATED BUSINESS SYSTEMS LTD | PD COPIER | \$ | 510.39 |
| 74351 | COTTENS INC | PARTS | \$ | 7.29 |
| 74352 | DARY MASON | JERSEY BOYS WITHDRAW X2 | \$ | 214.00 |
| 74353 | DERRICK SMITH | YOUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRE CONTRACTOR | \$ | 84.00 |
| 74354 | ECM PUBLISHERS, INC. | TAX INCREMENT ANNUAL DISCLOSURE | \$ | 118.25 |
| 74355 | EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES | 2023 SQUAD SETUP | \$ | 221.78 |
| 74356 | LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MANAGEMENT INST | ONLINE-SUPERVISOR LIABILITY CLASS-KRAMER | \$ | 150.00 |
| 74357 | LORENZ BUS SERVICE | GIRLFRIENDS GETAWAY BUS DEPOSIT | \$ | 1,552.50 |
| 74358 | MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY | UNLEADED FUEL | \$ | 1,124.77 |
| 74359 | MARA OLDEN | 3K PLANTERS--SPRUCE TIPS CLASS | \$ | 184.17 |
| 74360 | DEANNA MILLER | 500 CARD TOURNEY ASSIST/KNITTING CLASS | \$ | 160.00 |
| 74361 | MINNEAPOLIS SAW | PARTS | \$ | 86.85 |
| 74362 | MINNESOTA GFOA | 2023 MNGFOA CONF REGISTRATION | \$ | 250.00 |
| 74363 | MN PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY | SEMI-ANNUAL LOAN REPAYMENT | \$ | 248,453.28 |
| 74364 | NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT | SUPPLIES | \$ | 21.39 |
| 74365 | ON-TARGET SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC | CONFERENCE--ANTOINE, KRAMER, FISKE | \$ | 900.00 |
| 74366 | SPRING LAKE PARK LIONS | CONCESSION--REIMB. FOR UPMIRE MEALS | \$ | 9.00 |
| 74367 | STEVE MOLL | YOUTH SOFTBALL UMPIRE CONTRACTOR | \$ | 42.00 |
| 74368 | STREICHER'S | UNIFORM ALLOWANCE--LEMKE/ RANGE EQUIP | \$ | 360.96 |
| 74369 | THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES | CC PMNT | \$ | 677.89 |
| 74370 | TOWMASTER | PARTS | \$ | 2,927.20 |
| 74371 | ULINE | SUPPLIES | \$ | 284.40 |
| 74372 | XCEL ENERGY | MONTHLY UTILITIES | \$ | 1,511.83 |
| 74373 | AMERITAS | PAYROLL | \$ | 37.42 |
| 74374 | CENTRAL PENSION FUND | PAYROLL | \$ | 1,040.04 |
| 74375 | DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY | PAYROLL | \$ | 146.51 |
| 74376 | HEALTH PARTNERS | PAYROLL | \$ | 14,989.51 |
| 74377 | L.E.L.S. | PAYROLL | \$ | 337.50 |
| 74378 | LOCAL 49 | PAYROLL | \$ | 105.00 |
| 74379 | METLIFE | PAYROLL | \$ | 927.22 |
| 74380 | MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PMNT CENTER | PAYROLL | \$ | 235.50 |
| 74381 | NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS | PAYROLL | \$ | 16.00 |
| 74382 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ | 74.53 |
| 74383 | ASPEN MILLS | UNIFORM ALLOW-FISKE/ EQUIP REPAIR | \$ | 129.90 |
| 74384 | AT & T MOBILITY | CELL PHONE SERVICES | \$ | 1,035.31 |
| 74385 | BIO-TEC EMERGENCY SERVICES | AUTO EQUIP & REPAIR | \$ | 150.00 |

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| 74386 | BLAINE LOCK & SAFE INC | RIM HOUSING & TAILPIECE | \$ | 37.00 |
| 74387 | CAROUSEL MOTOR GROUP | AUTO SERVICE & REPAIR | \$ | 1,430.69 |
| 74388 | CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY | PARTS | \$ | 188.28 |
| 74389 | CENTRAL WOOD PRODUCTS | STUMP DISPOSAL--MAIN BREAK 8338 HWY 65 | \$ | 400.00 |
| 74390 | CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATRES | JERSEY BOYS FINAL & 2024 DEP / BEAUTIFUL DEI | \$ | 3,322.65 |
| 74391 | CHERYL KARPINSKI | GIRLFRIENDS GETAWAY WITHDRAW | \$ | 1,070.00 |
| 74392 | CINTAS | FLOOR MATS | \$ | 253.58 |
| 74393 | CITY OF MOUNDS VIEW | 50% SHARE OF LAKESIDE PARK BUDGET | \$ | 12,500.00 |
| 74394 | CONNEXUS ENERGY | STREET LIGHTS | \$ | 9.47 |
| 74395 | CORE & MAIN LP | OMNI REGISTER | \$ | 1,577.76 |
| 74396 | COTTENS INC | PARTS | \$ | 204.87 |
| 74397 | DERING PIERSON GROUP | ABLE PARK SHELTER | \$ | 30,608.52 |
| 74398 | DETECTACHEM INC. | OPERATING SUPPLIES | \$ | 85.77 |
| 74399 | DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 2,665.15 |
| 74400 | ECM PUBLISHERS, INC. | ANOKA CTY SHOPPER TD AD | \$ | 25.50 |
| 74401 | FASTENAL COMPANY | PARTS | \$ | 72.36 |
| 74402 | FLEETPRIDE | PARTS | \$ | 13.06 |
| 74403 | GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL INC | LOCATES | \$ | 79.65 |
| 74404 | INSTRUMENTAL RESEARCH INC | JULY WATER TESTING | \$ | 88.00 |
| 74405 | JOSH ANTOINE | CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT | \$ | 50.00 |
| 74406 | KORTERRA | KORWEB SERVICE FEE 07.28.23-07.27.24 | \$ | 2,695.00 |
| 74407 | LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES | INTERPRETATION SERVICES | \$ | 118.45 |
| 74408 | LINDSAY NAGEL | REIMB FOR 2023 PLAYGROUND PRGRM SUPPLIE | \$ | 42.85 |
| 74409 | MACKENZIE WINGE | REIMB FOR 2023 PLAYGROUND PRGRM SUPPLIE | \$ | 110.17 |
| 74410 | MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY | UNLEADED FUEL | \$ | 1,710.81 |
| 74411 | MARIE RIDGEWAY LISS, LLC | SLP POWER PROGRAM | \$ | 400.00 |
| 74412 | METRO-INET | DATA SERVICES | \$ | 152.00 |
| 74413 | METROPOLITAN COUNCIL | WASTE WATER SERVICES DEF REV | \$ | 48,236.75 |
| 74414 | MN DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY | PRESSURE VESSELS | \$ | 60.00 |
| 74415 | M-R SIGN CO INC | SUPPLIES | \$ | 725.48 |
| 74416 | NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT | SUPPLIES | \$ | 21.39 |
| 74417 | ON SITE SANITATION INC | STD CONSTRUCTION RESTROOMS | \$ | 361.46 |
| 74418 | SCHAAF FLORAL | FLORAL ARRAGEMENT--SUSAN SWEET | \$ | 115.00 |
| 74419 | SMITH & LOVELESS, INC. | ARTHUR LIFT PARTS | \$ | 4,971.56 |
| 74420 | SMITH SCHAFFER & ASSOCIATES | AUDITING SERVICES | \$ | 1,575.00 |
| 74421 | SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION | FIRE SPRINKLER SERVICE | \$ | 1,020.00 |
| 74422 | TRUST IN US, LLC | DOT RANDOM--T. HELLER | \$ | 57.00 |
| 74423 | VISU-SEWER INC | FINAL PMNT 2021 SANITARY SEWER LINING | \$ | 9,837.72 |
| 74424 | WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV | MONTHLY RECYCLING SERVICES | \$ | 10,137.27 |
| 74425 | WENDEL | ABLE PARK SHELTER | \$ | 4,350.00 |
| 74426 | WESLEY GOLDBERG | MILEAGE REIMB. 04/23-08/23 | \$ | 234.82 |
| 74427 | AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING | SLP 2024 SANBURNOL IMPROVEMENTS | \$ | 14,093.10 |
| 74428 | BARBARA GOODBOE-BISSCHOFF | MILEAGE REIMB. 04/23-08/23 | \$ | 292.65 |
| 74429 | BILL NEISS | MEDICAL SERVICES FOR TOWER DAYS | \$ | 750.00 |
| 74430 | CADY BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES | PHONES | \$ | 821.65 |
| 74431 | CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER | ATTORNEY SERVICES | \$ | 9,103.63 |
| 74432 | CENTERPOINT ENERGY | MONTHLY UTILITIES | \$ | 212.53 |
| 74433 | COMCAST | MONTHLY UTILITIES 8251 ARTHUR | \$ | 112.92 |

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| 74434 | COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES | RETAINERS/RENEWALS/THERMAL PRINTER | \$ | 10,664.00 |
| 74435 | CONNEXUS ENERGY | MONTHLY UTILITIES 8500 CENTRAL/ 8463 TERR | \$ | 344.17 |
| 74436 | CONNIE FLANNAGAN | GIRLFRIENDS GETAWAY REFUND | \$ | 1,070.00 |
| 74437 | COTTENS INC | PARTS / PART CR | \$ | 115.48 |
| 74438 | DELTA DENTAL | COBRA PMNT | \$ | 159.42 |
| 74439 | DIAMOND VOGEL PAINTS | SUPPLIES | \$ | 168.17 |
| 74440 | GREEN LAMPS RECYCLING LLC | HOLIDAY STRING LIGHTS RECYCLING | \$ | 80.45 |
| 74441 | HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT | WATER CHEMICALS | \$ | 6,145.05 |
| 74442 | MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY | DIESEL & UNLEADED FUEL | \$ | 1,940.06 |
| 74443 | MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT | CC PMNT | \$ | 1,942.32 |
| 74444 | NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES, INC. | 2022 TIF REPORTING/ UTILITY STUDY SERVICES | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| 74445 | REVOLUTIONARY SPORTS, LLC | SUMMER SESSION II CLASSES | \$ | 682.50 |
| 74446 | SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY | 2ND HALF ASSESSMENT 2023 MEMBERSHIP | \$ | 479.00 |
| 74447 | WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV | ORGANICS & TRASH SERVICES | \$ | 587.03 |
| 74448 | WILLIE MCCRAY | ADULT SOFTBALL UMPIRE | \$ | 680.00 |
| 74449 | AMERITAS | PAYROLL | \$ | 37.42 |
| 74450 | CENTRAL PENSION FUND | PAYROLL | \$ | 1,040.04 |
| 74451 | DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY | PAYROLL | \$ | 172.01 |
| 74452 | HEALTH PARTNERS | PAYROLL | \$ | 14,989.51 |
| 74453 | L.E.L.S. | PAYROLL | \$ | 337.50 |
| 74454 | LOCAL 49 | PAYROLL | \$ | 105.00 |
| 74455 | METLIFE | PAYROLL | \$ | 927.22 |
| 74456 | MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PMNT CENTER | PAYROLL | \$ | 235.50 |
| 74457 | NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS | PAYROLL | \$ | 16.00 |
| 74458 | ASPEN MILLS | UNIFORM ALLOWANCE--LEMKE | \$ | 87.15 |
| 74459 | CITY OF BLAINE | UPDATED 2ND HALF 2023 CAPTIAL BUDGET | \$ | 35,657.00 |
| 74460 | WANDA BROWN-MCGRECK | MILEAGE REIMB FOR 08.18.23 ATHENIAN DIALO | \$ | 214.98 |
| 74461 | CAR WASH PARTNERS INC (dba: MISTER CAR W | CAR WASHES | \$ | 96.00 |
| 74462 | CINTAS | FLOOR MATS | \$ | 126.79 |
| 74463 | COTTENS INC | PARTS | \$ | 253.96 |
| 74464 | ECM PUBLISHERS, INC. | ORDINANCE NO. 488 | \$ | 69.87 |
| 74465 | FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2518 | PARTS | \$ | 412.72 |
| 74466 | HAWKINS WATER TREATMENT | WATER CHEMICALS | \$ | 50.00 |
| 74467 | HEARTLAND TIRE CO | AUTO SERVICE & REPAIR | \$ | 145.00 |
| 74468 | JUSTINE GROW | MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET @ OLD LOG WITHDR | \$ | 105.00 |
| 74469 | MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY | UNLEADED FUEL | \$ | 1,041.30 |
| 74470 | MCFOA REGION IV | OPIOID ED, NARCANT, ETC. CONF-W.BROWN | \$ | 20.00 |
| 74471 | MICHAEL LEDMAN | ADULT YOGA SESSION | \$ | 438.75 |
| 74472 | MINNESOTA COACHES, INC | LAKE MINNETONKA CRUISE-FINAL BUS | \$ | 847.47 |
| 74473 | MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH | QTRLY WATER CONNECTION FEE | \$ | 5,530.68 |
| 74474 | OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES | FIBER OPTICS | \$ | 44.60 |
| 74475 | RDO EQUIPMENT CO. | PARTS / PARTS CR | \$ | 299.45 |
| 74476 | SHRED-IT USA | SHREDDING SERVICES | \$ | 104.93 |
| 74477 | TASC | COBRA ADMIN FEE | \$ | 33.28 |
| 74478 | USS MINNESOTA ONE MT LLC | SOLAR | \$ | 16,596.21 |
| 74479 | XCEL ENERGY | MONTHLY UTILITIES | \$ | 3,585.85 |
| 74480 | ANOKA COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | 2004 BUICK LESABRE SALE | \$ | 104.85 |
| 74481 | ANOKA COUNTY TREASURY | USED OIL CLASS 1 APP & LICENSE FEE | \$ | 210.00 |

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| 74482 | BOO MILLS | MYSTERY TRIP WITHDRAW | \$ 100.00 |
| 74483 | CINTAS | FLOOR MATS | \$ 126.79 |
| 74484 | CITYWIDE SERVICE CORP | 2004 BUICK LESABRE TOWING & STORAGE | \$ 190.75 |
| 74485 | COMM-WORKS, LLC | PARK CAMERA MONITORING | \$ 125.00 |
| 74486 | COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES | AGREEMENT MANAGED BACKUP & SERVICES | \$ 4,528.00 |
| 74487 | COTTENS INC | PARTS | \$ 29.94 |
| 74488 | DAVE'S SPORT SHOP | BASKETBALL NET | \$ 19.98 |
| 74489 | MARILYNN FORSBERG | IM DREAMING OF A LOONEY XMAS WITHDRW X | \$ 194.00 |
| 74490 | GRAND OAKS HOTEL | DEPOSIT FOR BRANSON HOLIDAY LODGING | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 74491 | INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC | SUPPLIES | \$ 37.37 |
| 74492 | J. BECHER & ASSOCIATES, INC | 8502 CENTRAL GENERATOR / GFCIS @ ARTHUR \ | \$ 5,299.80 |
| 74493 | KENNETH A. TOLZMANN, SAMA | 3RD QTR ASSESSMENT SERVICES PMNT | \$ 9,425.63 |
| 74494 | MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY | UNLEADED FUEL & DIESEL | \$ 1,849.41 |
| 74495 | MARCO | COPIER | \$ 822.32 |
| 74496 | MCFOA REGION III | MCFOA TRAINING & MEETING 09.21.23--BARKEI | \$ 20.00 |
| 74497 | MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT | CC PMNT | \$ 311.73 |
| 74498 | MINNESOTA COACHES, INC. | JESSIE JAMES THEATER DAY TRANSPORTATION | \$ 724.20 |
| 74499 | NYSTROM PUBLISHING CO | 2023 PARK & REC FALL CATALOG | \$ 7,222.80 |
| 74500 | ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC | SUPPLIES | \$ 184.98 |
| 74501 | RIVARD COMPANIES | PLAYGROUND MULCH | \$ 1,885.00 |
| 74502 | SIR LINES-A-LOT, INC. | 2023 RESTRIPE PROJECT | \$ 13,573.56 |
| 74503 | SOULO COMMUNICATION | BUSINESS CARDS & ENVELOPES | \$ 1,165.93 |
| 74504 | STATE OF MN DEPT OF FINANCE | 2004 BUICK LESABRE SALE | \$ 52.43 |
| 74505 | T.A. SCHIFSKY & SONS, INC. | HOT MIX PURCHASES FROM 08.06-08.12.23 | \$ 148.96 |
| 74506 | THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES | CC PMNT | \$ 685.04 |
| 74507 | VALLEY-RICH CO., INC. | 8338 HWY 65 WATER MAIN BREAK | \$ 11,356.74 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | | \$ 635,229.03 |



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
733 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1000
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Tel: (612) 712-2000

September 8, 2023

Mr. Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Re: 2023 Street Seal Coat And Crack Repair Project
Project No. 193806041
Contractor's Request for Payment No. 3-FINAL

Dear Dan:

Attached for city approval is Contractor's Request for Payment No. 3-FINAL for the 2023 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair project. The prime Contractor on this project was Allied Blacktop Company.

This request includes release of the 5% retainage that has been withheld until all final project cleanup work was completed and until the contractor submitted final project closeout documents. The final documents (lien waiver and proof of tax withholding form) are attached to the payment request. Save these documents for your audit.

We have reviewed the contractor's payment request and found it to be in order. We recommend approval. **If the City wishes to approve this request, then payment should be made to Allied Blacktop Company in the amount of \$4,192.56.**

Please execute the payment request documents. Keep one copy for your records, forward a copy to Allied Blacktop, and return one copy to me.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,
STANTEC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Gravel".

Phil Gravel
City Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Terry Randall, Public Works Director



| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Owner: City of Spring Lake Park, 1301 81ST. Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 | Date: September 8, 2023 |
| For Period: 7/7/2023 to 9/8/2023 | Request No: 3/FINAL |
| Contractor: Allied Blacktop Company, 10503 89th Ave. N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 | |

CONTRACTOR'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT
 2023 STREET SEAL COAT AND CRACK REPAIR PROJECT
 STANTEC PROJECT NO. 193806041

SUMMARY

| | | | | |
|----|--|----|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Original Contract Amount | | \$ | 92,770.00 |
| 2 | Change Order - Addition | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 3 | Change Order - Deduction | \$ | 0.00 | |
| 4 | Revised Contract Amount | | \$ | 92,770.00 |
| 5 | Value Completed to Date | | \$ | 83,851.30 |
| 6 | Material on Hand | | \$ | 0.00 |
| 7 | Amount Earned | | \$ | 83,851.30 |
| 8 | Less Retainage 0% | | \$ | 0.00 |
| 9 | Subtotal | | \$ | 83,851.30 |
| 10 | Less Amount Paid Previously | | \$ | 79,658.74 |
| 11 | Liquidated damages - | | \$ | 0.00 |
| 12 | AMOUNT DUE THIS REQUEST FOR PAYMENT NO. <u>3/FINAL</u> | | \$ | <u>4,192.56</u> |

Recommended for Approval by:
STANTEC

Phil Gravel

9/8/23

Approved by Contractor:
ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY

Per invoices 9928 and 9989

Approved by Owner:
CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Specified Contract Completion Date:

Date:

| No. | Item | Unit | Contract Quantity | Unit Price | Current Quantity | Quantity to Date | Amount to Date |
|-----------------|--|------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| BASE BID | | | | | | | |
| 1 | MOBILIZATION | LS | 1 | 5000.00 | | 1 | \$5,000.00 |
| 2 | TRAFFIC CONTROL | LS | 1 | 5000.00 | | 1 | \$5,000.00 |
| 3 | ROUTE AND SEAL CRACK REPAIR | LBS | 3000 | 2.70 | | 2028 | \$5,475.60 |
| 4 | CLEAN AND SEAL CRACK REPAIR | LBS | 3000 | 2.70 | | 3040 | \$8,208.00 |
| 5 | SEAL COAT AGGREGATE, FA-2 (MOD) | TN | 490 | 40.00 | | 426 | \$17,040.00 |
| 6 | BITUMINOUS MATERIAL FOR SEAL COAT, CRS-2 | GAL | 12200 | 3.85 | | 11202 | \$43,127.70 |
| | TOTAL BASE BID | | | | | | \$83,851.30 |
| | TOTAL BASE BID | | | | | | \$83,851.30 |
| | WORK COMPLETED TO DATE: | | | | | | \$83,851.30 |

PROJECT PAYMENT STATUS

OWNER CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
 STANTEC PROJECT NO. 193806041
 CONTRACTOR ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY

CHANGE ORDERS

| No. | Date | Description | Amount |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|--------|
| | | | |
| Total Change Orders | | | |

PAYMENT SUMMARY

| No. | From | To | Payment | Retainage | Completed |
|---------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 06/01/2023 | 06/19/2023 | 17,749.42 | 934.18 | 18,683.60 |
| 2 | 06/20/2023 | 07/06/2023 | 61,909.32 | 4,192.56 | 83,851.30 |
| 3/FINAL | 07/07/2023 | 09/08/2023 | 4,192.56 | | 83,851.30 |

Material on Hand

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Total Payment to Date | | \$4,192.56 | Original Contract | \$92,770.00 |
| Retainage Pay No. | 3/FINAL | | Change Orders | |
| Total Amount Earned | | \$4,192.56 | Revised Contract | \$92,770.00 |



Contractor Affidavit Submitted

Thank you, your Contractor Affidavit has been approved.

Confirmation Summary

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Confirmation Number: | 1-992-287-840 |
| Submitted Date and Time: | 7-Sep-2023 1:20:57 PM |
| Legal Name: | ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY |
| Federal Employer ID: | 41-0827871 |
| User Who Submitted: | N10503 |
| Type of Request Submitted: | Contractor Affidavit |

Affidavit Summary

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Affidavit Number: | 1638486016 |
| Minnesota ID: | 8606387 |
| Project Owner: | CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK |
| Project Number: | 2023 STREET SEAL COAT AND CRACK REPAIR PROJECT |
| Project Begin Date: | 12-Jun-2023 |
| Project End Date: | 10-Aug-2023 |
| Project Location: | VARIOUS ROADS AND STREETS |
| Project Amount: | \$83,851.30 |
| Subcontractors: | No Subcontractors |

Important Messages

A copy of this page must be provided to the contractor or government agency that hired you.

Contact Us

If you need further assistance, contact our Withholding Tax Division at 651-282-9999, (toll-free) 800-657-3594, or (email) withholding.tax@state.mn.us. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

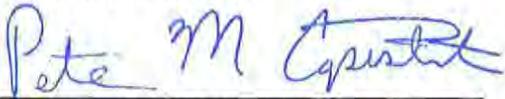
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RECEIPT AND WAIVER OF MECHANICS LIEN RIGHTS

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that payment has been received in full of Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-One and 30/100 dollars (\$83,851.30) from City of Spring Lake Park for 2023 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project by the undersigned delivered or furnished to (or performed at) City of Spring Lake Park, MN and for value received hereby waives those rights which may have been acquired by the undersigned to file mechanics liens against said premises on account of the above described labor and/or materials delivered and furnished by the undersigned, to the extent only of the amount of the aforesaid payment: and the undersigned hereby expressly reserves the right to assert, without prejudice to it's heretofore existing priority, mechanics lien rights against said premises for labor and/or materials delivered and/or furnished to said premises payment for which is not included in the aforesaid payment.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2023

Allied Blacktop Company

By 
Peter M Capistrant, President
10503 89th Avenue North
Maple Grove, MN 55369

City of Spring Lake Park

Statement of Values

Preamble:

The proper operation of democratic government requires that decision-makers be independent, impartial and accountable to the people they serve. The City of Spring Lake Park has adopted this Statement of Values to promote and maintain the highest standards of personal and professional conduct in the City's government. All elected and appointed officials are required to subscribe to this statement, understand how it applies to their specific responsibilities and practice its 9 core values in their work. Because we seek public confidence in the City's services and public trust of its decision-makers, our decisions and our work must meet the most demanding ethical standards and demonstrate the highest levels of achievement in following this statement.

The Values:

As a representative of the City of Spring Lake Park,

1. I serve the public interest.
2. I fulfill the duties and responsibilities of holding public office.
3. I am ethical.
4. I am professional.
5. I am fiscally responsible.
6. I am conscientious.
7. I communicate effectively.
8. I am collaborative.
9. I am forward thinking.

Value examples/expressions:

- 1. I serve the public interest. In practice this value means that:**
 - a. I provide courteous, equitable, and prompt service to everyone.
 - b. I am attuned to, and care about, the needs and issues of citizens, public officials, and city workers.
 - c. I am interested, engaged, and responsive in my interactions with constituents.
 - d. I recognize and support the public's right to know the public's business.

- 2. I fulfill the duties and responsibilities of holding public office. In practice this value means that:**
 - a. I observe the highest standards of integrity in my official acts and undertake my responsibilities for the benefit of the greater public good.
 - b. I faithfully discharge the duties of my office regardless of my personal considerations, recognizing that the public interest is my primary concern.
 - c. I uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state, and municipality and thus foster respect for all government.

- d. I comply with both the letter and the spirit of the laws and policies affecting operations of the City.
- e. I recognize my obligation to implement the adopted goals and objectives of the City in good faith, regardless of my personal views.
- f. I conduct myself in both my official and personal actions in a manner that is above reproach.
- g. I do not use my position to secure for myself or others special privileges or exemptions that are different from those available to the general public.
- h. I understand and abide by the respective roles and responsibilities of elected and appointed officials and city staff and will not undermine them in their work.
- i. I am independent, impartial, and fair in my judgment and actions.

3. I am ethical. In practice this value means that:

- a. I am trustworthy, acting with the utmost integrity and moral courage.
- b. I am truthful, do what I say I will do, and am reliable.
- c. I am accountable for my actions and behavior and accept responsibility for my decisions.
- d. I make impartial decisions, free of influence from unlawful gifts, narrow political interests, and financial and other personal interests that impair my independence of judgment or action.
- e. I am fair, distributing benefits and burdens according to consistent and equitable criteria.
- f. I oppose all forms of harassment and unlawful discrimination.
- g. I extend equal opportunities and due process to all parties in matters under consideration.
- h. I show respect for confidences and confidential information.
- i. I avoid giving the appearance of impropriety and of using my position for personal gain.

4. I am professional. In practice this value means that:

- a. I apply my knowledge and expertise to my assigned activities and to the interpersonal relationships that are part of my job in a consistent, confident, competent, and productive manner.
- b. I approach my job and work-related relationships with a positive attitude, contributing to a supportive, respectful, and non-threatening work environment.
- c. I keep my professional knowledge and skills current and growing.
- d. I am respectful of all city staff, officials, volunteers, and others who participate in the City's government.

5. I am fiscally responsible. In practice this value means that:

- a. I make decisions after prudent consideration of their financial impact, taking into account the long-term financial needs of the City, especially its financial stability.
- b. I demonstrate concern for the proper use of City assets (e.g., personnel, time, property, equipment, funds), follow established procedures, and do not use public resources for personal gain.
- c. I make decisions that seek to preserve the financial capacity of the City to provide programs and services for City residents.
- d. I provide full disclosure of any potential financial or other private conflict of interest. I abstain from participating in the discussion and vote on these matters.
- e. I prevent misuse of public funds by establishing, maintaining, and following strong fiscal and management controls.
- f. I report any misuse of public funds of which I am aware.

6. I am conscientious. In practice this value means that:

- a. I act in an efficient manner, making decisions and recommendations based upon research and facts, taking into consideration short and long term goals.
- b. I follow through in a responsible way, keeping others informed, and responding in a timely fashion.
- c. I am respectful of established City processes and guidelines.
- d. I prioritize my duties so that the work of the City may move forward.
- e. I prepare for all meetings by reviewing any materials provided ahead of time. When I have materials to contribute, I make sure all others involved have ample time to review these materials prior to the meeting.
- f. I attentively listen to the discussions and presentations that are taking place during the City Council meetings, and will present my opinions in a respectful and constructive manner.
- g. I commit to abstaining from substances that impair my judgment and cognitive functions during and immediately before official city events and meetings.

7. I communicate effectively. In practice this value means that:

- a. I convey the City's care for and commitment to its citizens.
- b. I communicate in various ways that I am approachable, open-minded, and willing to participate in dialog.
- c. I engage in effective two-way communication by listening carefully, asking questions, and responding appropriately which adds value to conversations.
- d. I do not interfere with the orderly conduct of meetings by interrupting others or making personal comments not germane to the business at hand.
- e. I follow up on inquiries in a timely manner.
- f. I encourage and facilitate citizen involvement in policy decision-making.
- g. I am respectful in disagreements and contribute constructively to discussions on the issue.

8. I am collaborative. In practice this value means that:

- a. I act in a cooperative manner with groups and other individuals, working together in a spirit of tolerance and understanding to accomplish common goals.
- b. I share information with others in a timely manner so that, together, we can make informed decisions.
- c. I work towards consensus building and gain value from diverse opinions.
- d. I accomplish the goals and responsibilities of my individual position, while respecting my role as a member of a team.

9. I am forward thinking. In practice this value means that:

- a. I promote intelligent, proactive, and thoughtful innovation in order to advance the City's policy agenda and provide City services while considering the broader regional, state-wide, national, and international implications of the City's decisions and issues.
- b. I maintain consistent standards, but am also sensitive to the need for compromise, creative problem solving, and making improvements when appropriate.
- c. I am open to new ideas and processes, adopting them as they conserve resources and provide efficient and effective service.
- d. I consider the potential long-term consequences and implications of my words, actions and inactions.

Adopted by the Spring Lake Park City Council on this 16th day of January, 2018.

Amended by the Spring Lake Park City Council on ~~this 6th day of March, 2023~~ March 6, 2023 and September 18, 2023.



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer
Date: September 13, 2023
Subject: Statement of Values

At its September 11, 2023 work session, the City Council reviewed a proposal by Councilmember Moran to update Expression #6 of the Statement of Values policy to add the following sentence:

I commit to abstaining from substances that impair my judgment and cognitive functions during and immediately before official city events and meetings.

After discussion, the City Council recommended adoption of the policy amendment at its next official meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

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

Contractor's Licenses

September 18, 2023

Mechanical Contractor

Logan Companies

Plumbing Contractor

Logan Companies

Metropolitan Companies



Police Report

August 2023

Submitted for Council Meeting: September 18, 2023

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded seven hundred and fifty-two calls for service for the month of August 2023. This is compared to responding to seven hundred and seventy-five calls for service in August 2022.

The police department would like to remind residents that school is back in session. We will be having school buses driving on our streets, along with students driving and walking to and from school. The police department would like to remind everyone to allow extra time for traveling to and from your destinations to help prevent any unfortunate incidents happening and to help keep our roadways and those utilizing them safe! On behalf of the police department, I would like to thank everyone in advance for your attention with this matter. Working together, we can help each other keep everyone safe. For further information on bus safety please see the **Minnesota Department of Public Safety website and navigate to the Commercial Vehicle section for School Bus Safety.**

The Spring Lake Park Police Department participated in "Night to Unite" again this year on August 1, 2023. It was great for all of us to get out and connect with the individual neighborhoods again this year. The officers, reserves, and myself attended 10 parties throughout the city. We look forward to next years events on August 6, 2024.

Investigator Bennek reports handling thirty-two cases for the month of August 2023. Twenty-eight of these cases were felony and four were misdemeanor cases. Investigator Bennek also continues to monitor five forfeiture cases. For further details, see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

We want to thank HyVee for hosting another Coffee with a Cop on August 23rd. We were thankful to have several council members and State House Representative Erin Koegel in attendance. We look forward to scheduling our next event.

The month of August 2023 kept me busy with the operations of the police department along with the below meetings and trainings:

- Department assigned Anoka County Attorney meeting (Laura Coss)
- I demoed our robot for Councilmember Dirks and County Commissioner Meisner
- Language Line services meeting

- Several CLEO meetings in regards to the SRO
- Several Spring Lake Park School District meetings in regards to SRO.
- Records Management committee meeting
- North Metro Mobile Field Force committee meeting
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course training
- Coffee with a Cop

This will conclude my report for the month of August 2023. I will take any questions there may be.



Investigator

Tony Bennek

Spring Lake Park Police Department

Monthly Report

August 2023

Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 32

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Felony | 28 |
| Gross Misdemeanor | 0 |
| Misdemeanor | 4 |

Case Dispositions:

| | |
|--------------------------|----|
| County Attorney | 26 |
| Juvenile County Attorney | 0 |
| City Attorney | 6 |
| Forward to Other Agency | 0 |
| SLP Liaison | 0 |
| Carried Over | 0 |
| Unfounded | 0 |
| Exceptionally Cleared | 0 |
| Closed/Inactive | 0 |

Forfeitures:

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Active Forfeitures | 5 |
| Forfeitures Closed | 1 |

Parks and Recreation Department

August 2023 Report

Recreation Programs

Playgrounds Programs finished in August. Registered Munchkins (Ages 4-5): 11, Panthers (ages 6-12): 63, Free program 38. Youth junior leader volunteers: 9

Youth Field Trips on Wednesday: 9 Total events for summer, 111 participants

Other programs offered in August:

Music Together

Dungeons a& Dragons

Bird Hike

Thinking about buying a home seminar

Mature Drivers Bean Bag Toss League

Yoga

Pickleball Clinic

QC Dance Programs

International Tours Travel Show

International upcoming Tour Registrations: 30

Adult Fall Softball

Adult Pickleball Ladder League

Sandy Volleyball League

Parks

- Able Park Building – Rentals during August
- Rental Reservations Form for rentals located at <https://slprec.org/parksrec/page/facility-use-permit-application>
- Adopt-a-flower Garden- Lakeside Park – Sierra Steiner, Able Park – Sandy Tykeson, Sanburnol Park – Nancy Lee Litt and Garden Club
- Adopt-a-drain Program-register at www.slprec.org

Tower Days - 2024

- Next planning meeting will be held in October 2023.

Parks & Recreation Commission

- The Commission next meeting will be on October 3 at 6:00pm.

Department Activity

- Recreation Fall Catalog for September – October mailed to residents mid-August.
- November – December program offerings will be mailed mid-October
- Program Coordinator Wesley Goldberg met with cities of New Brighton, Fridley, and Mounds View on coordination of youth break activities, adult sports and youth sports
- Program Coordinator Anne Scanlon met with local 55 and older apartment buildings to coordinate on site art classes.

- Director Okey attended the following meetings and events during the month:
 - City Council session
 - Department Head meeting
 - Music in the Park
 - Employee Health Insurance

Upcoming Activities

Music in the Park: Wed Sept 20 5:30-7:00pm Everett Smithson Band

NEW - Chair Yoga with Dawn

Yoga - September Session

Music Together - Demo (Ages 0 - 5)

Jersey Boys - Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Nordic Walking

Pickleball Live Play Coaching (Ages 18+)

RevSports Flag Football - Fall Session (Ages 3-9)

RevSports Soccer - Fall Session (Ages 3-9)

North Metro Soccer League (Ages 18+)

Step Trek to Door County with Mounds View

Intro to Pickleball Clinic (Ages 18+)

Dungeons & Dragons Classes (Ages 10 & up)

Kidcreate Studio

Nordic Walking

QC Dance - One Day Dance Camp Offerings

Kayaking Day Trip

Uber for Transportation & Independence

Prepare Wisely: Estate Strategy Essentials

Knitting & Crocheting Classes

Grandparent & Me "You are my Sunshine"

North Metro Volleyball League - Fall Season (Ages 18+)

Art Classes with Jill

Medicare 101

NEW Online Cooking Classes with Chef Tess



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: September 13, 2023

Subject: Resolution Adopting Proposed Levy for Taxes Collected in 2024

The City Council, at its August 14 and September 11, 2023 workshops, reviewed the proposed 2023 Administrator's budget proposal. As the preliminary levy is required to be submitted no later than September 30, 2023, it is necessary for the City Council to take action to set the preliminary levy.

Resolution 2023-33 establishes the proposed 2023, pay 2024, tax levy at \$4,113,290. This is an increase of 3.74% from the 2022, pay 2023, tax levy. The increase is due to a number of factors including employee salary and benefits, funding to respond to the Emerald Ash Borer threat, increases in the City's share of the SBM Fire Department contract, and other inflationary increases.

The Resolution sets the date of the annual Truth-in-Taxation (TNT) public hearing for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm at City Hall.

The preliminary tax levy establishes the maximum tax levy for 2023, collected 2024. The final tax levy, which will be set on December 18, 2023, can be the same or lower than the preliminary tax levy.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2023-33.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED 2023 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2024, upon the taxable property in said City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| General Revenue | \$3,823,887 |
| Capital Improvement Plan Levy | \$ 185,325 |
| 2022 Street Improvement Project Levy | \$ 24,078 |
| 2021A G.O. Improvement Refunding Bonds | \$ 80,000 |
| TOTAL LEVY: | \$4,113,290 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Spring Lake Park is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditors of Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual Truth in Taxation Public Hearing is scheduled to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 4, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Spring Lake Park City Hall.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by .

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of September, 2023.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

State of Minnesota)
Counties of Anoka and Ramsey)ss
City of Spring Lake Park)

I, Daniel R. Buchholtz, duly appointed and qualified City Administrator in and for the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-33, A Resolution Adopting Proposed 2023 Taxes Collectible in 2024, adopted by the Spring Lake Park City Council at their regular meeting on the 18th day of September 2023.

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

(SEAL)

Dated: _____



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer
Date: September 13, 2023
Subject: Cancel Bond Levies

State Law requires the County Auditor to levy the amount of debt service originally certified unless the City passes a resolution cancelling the levy. Resolution 2023-34 would cancel two debt service levies and reduce a third due to the City having funds on-hand to make the debt service payment.

The following debt service levies would be reduced by the proposed resolution:

| <u>Issue</u> | <u>Original</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2013A GO Improvement Refunding Bond (Blaine) | \$ 48,757.28 | \$ 0.00 |
| 2016A GO Capital Note (NMTV cable upgrade) | \$ 13,214.88 | \$ 0.00 |
| 2021A GO Improvement Refunding Bond (streets) | \$262,771.87 | \$ 80,000.00 |

The following bonds are reduced due to a combination of Local Government Aid, Special Assessments, Municipal State Aid funds, and General Fund budget allocations.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34

RESOLUTION CANCELLING OR REDUCING BOND LEVIES – 2023/2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, that there is irrevocably available and on-hand funds for the following General Obligation bonds:

1. The sum of \$48,757.28 for the 2024 installment of the 2013A G.O. Improvement Refunding Bond (Blaine)
2. The sum of \$13,214.88 for the 2024 installment of the 2016A GO Capital Note
3. The sum of \$182,771.87 for the 2024 installment of the 2021A G.O. Improvement Refunding Bond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 475.61, as amended from time to time, the County Auditors of Anoka and Ramsey Counties are hereby authorized and directed to reduce by the amounts above mentioned the tax that would otherwise be included on the rolls for 2023, collectable in 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk of the City of Spring Lake Park is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditors of Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of September, 2023.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

State of Minnesota)
Counties of Anoka and Ramsey)ss
City of Spring Lake Park)

I, Daniel R. Buchholtz, duly appointed and qualified City Administrator in and for the City of Spring Lake Park, Anoka and Ramsey Counties, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2023-34, A Resolution Cancelling Bond Levies – 2023/2024, adopted by the Spring Lake Park City Council at their regular meeting on the 18th day of September 2023.

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator

(SEAL)

Dated: _____



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

Date: September 13, 2023

Subject: LELS Local #7 – Patrol - Union Contract

This is to inform you that on August 28, 2023, the LELS Local #7 – Patrol - Union employees accepted the offer outlined in Resolution 2023-35.

The Negotiation Committee is recommending that the City Council approve the 2024/2025 union contract as outlined in the Resolution.

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

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK AND LELS LOCAL #7, REPRESENTING THE PATROL OFFICER BARGAINING UNIT FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024-2025

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Spring Lake Park and representatives of LELS Local #7, representing the Patrol Officer bargaining unit of the City have negotiated a 2 year labor agreement for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the attached document summaries the substantive agreement between the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota that the City Council approves and ratifies the tentative agreement and that the appropriate individuals designated by the City are authorized and directed to execute the original contracts.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by .

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

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 18th day of September, 2023.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator

APPENDIX A

**TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
AND LELS LOCAL #7**

- 1. Article #26: Two year contract for 2024 and 2025 calendar years
- 2. Appendix A: Implementation of following compensation table

| CLASSIFICATION (Patrol Officer) | 4.0% <u>1/1/2024</u> | 3.25% <u>1/1/2025</u> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Patrol Officer – Beginning | \$6,250.67 | \$ 6,453.82 |
| Patrol Officer – 6 months service | 6,469.44 | 6,679.70 |
| Patrol Officer – 1 year service | 6,695.87 | 6,913.49 |
| Patrol Officer – 2 years service | 6,930.23 | 7,155.46 |
| Patrol Officer - 3 years service | 7,172.79 | 7,405.90 |
| Patrol Officer – 4 years service | 7,423.84 | 7,665.11 |
| Patrol Officer – 5 years service | 7,683.67 | 7,993.39 |
| Patrol Officer – 7 years service (Longevity) | 7,914.18 | 8,171.39 |
| Patrol Officer – 9 years service (Longevity) | 8,151.61 | 8,416.53 |
| Patrol Officer – 11 years service (Longevity) | 8,396.15 | 8,669.03 |

| CLASSIFICATION (Investigator) | 4.0% <u>1/1/2024</u> | 3.25% <u>1/1/2023</u> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Patrol Officer – Beginning | \$6,625.70 | \$6,841.04 |
| Patrol Officer – 6 months service | 6,857.60 | 7,080.48 |
| Patrol Officer – 1 year service | 7,097.62 | 7,328.29 |
| Patrol Officer – 2 years service | 7,346.04 | 7,584.78 |
| Patrol Officer - 3 years service | 7,603.15 | 7,850.25 |
| Patrol Officer – 4 years service | 7,869.26 | 8,125.01 |
| Patrol Officer – 5 years service | 8,144.68 | 8,409.39 |
| Patrol Officer – 7 years service (Longevity) | 8,389.02 | 8,661.67 |
| Patrol Officer – 9 years service (Longevity) | 8,640.69 | 8,921.52 |
| Patrol Officer – 11 years service (Longevity) | 8,899.91 | 9,189.16 |

- 3. Appendix A: Field Training Officer

All employees performing Field Training Officer duties to receive either one hour compensatory time or one hour overtime per shift worked, or pro rata portion thereof.

4. Appendix B: Uniform Allowance Increase to \$950 in 2024 and \$1,000 in 2025

5. Appendix B: Insurance Continue same health care language; increase City's contribution to health insurance by \$100.00/month starting January 1, 2024; increase HSA contribution to \$3,500/year

6. Appendix B: Education Clarify existing language permitting one department member to attend MPPOA Annual Conference and MPPOA Legislative Conference



City of Spring Lake Park
Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 09.18.23 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2023 MS4 Permit and SWPPP Update (193805251). Pond, structural BMP, and outfall inspections due by July 31st. Program analysis and annual training is due in December. The next Annual Report is due by June 30, 2024. Per 5-15-23 message: MPCA has put their requested review/audit of the city's 2022 information on hold until further notice.

2023 Sewer Lining Project (193805871). This project includes lining the remaining sanitary sewers in the city that have not been lined (approximately 35,710-feet). Terry Randall will watch this project. The Contractor is Visu-Sewer Inc with a low bid amount of \$1,047,746. Construction Contracts have been signed and sent to the contractor (Visu-Sewer Inc.). *Preconstruction Conference with contractor set for September 28, 2023.*

2023 Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (193806041). Project included maintenance on the streets in the area north of 81st Avenue and east of Able Street. The Contractor was Allied Blacktop (bid amount of \$97,770). Construction complete. *Final payment can be processed (see separate letter with final payment request).*

City Hall Building (193806049). Design Phase started in January 2023. The schedule calls for obtaining construction bids and consideration of award of construction contract in late 2023. Council updated at spring 2023 workshops. Public Open House was held on May 8th. Bids are anticipated later this fall with contract award to be considered in December. *Plan preparation and staff meetings continue. Update for council occurred on September 11th.*

Geographic Information System (GIS) and Mapping (19380----). The city has a need to update the mapping and records system for public works documents. Staff has been discussing implementing an online AcrGIS system maintain documents and mapping of infrastructure.

Suite Living Spring Lake Park (Hampton Cos. project at 525 Osborne). A site work and landscaping inspection needs to be completed in 2023. *The remaining financial surety will be held until a final inspection (including landscaping) and CCWD sign off in 2023 (not done as of 9-6-23).*

2024 Sanburnol Drive NE, Elm Drive NE, and 83rd Avenue NE (193806347). Sanburnol Drive (SAP 183-103-001) and Elm Drive (SAP 183-104-001) were reconstructed in 1998. 83rd Avenue NE (SAP 183-107-002) was last paved in 1994. Sanburnol Drive is a shared road between the cities of Spring Lake Park and Blaine. Spring Lake Park will be the lead agency on this project, but it will be a cooperative project between Blaine and Spring Lake Park. Geotechnical work has been completed. Feasibility Report has been prepared. *Public improvement hearing is scheduled for October 2nd.*

Please contact Phil Carlson, Peter Allen, Bruce Paulson, or me if you have questions or require additional information.

CORRESPONDENCE

**CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Spring Lake Park City Council will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 7:00pm, or as soon thereafter, on Monday, October 2, 2023 to consider the making of the 2024 Street Improvement Project, the improvement of 83rd Avenue NE between the centerline of University Avenue Service Drive to its terminus at Terrace Road NE, Sanburnol Drive between the centerline of University Avenue Service Drive to its terminus at Elm Drive NE and Elm Drive between the centerline of Able Street to its terminus at Sanburnol Drive by rehabilitating said streets, along with any needed sanitary sewer, storm sewer, sidewalk and water system repairs discovered during the project, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The area to be assessed for such improvement is all properties abutting the project area. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,118,800. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons who desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.



Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

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ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITIES

Dear City Official:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your membership in the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities (Metro Cities).

Metro Cities represents the shared interests of cities in the metropolitan region at the Legislature, Executive Branch and Metropolitan Council. This includes advocacy on issues such as transportation, housing, economic development, state aids, grant funding, regional fees, water supply, fiscal disparities, comprehensive planning requirements, and many others. Metro Cities alerts city officials on pending legislation of note, and lobbies state and regional policymakers on matters of importance for metropolitan cities.

Many bills of significance for metropolitan cities were considered, and some enacted, during the 2023 legislative session. Enclosed are highlights of Metro Cities' recent work and accomplishments.

Legislative policies serve as the foundation of Metro Cities' representation of metropolitan city interests at the Capitol and Metropolitan Council. Participation by city officials in this work is paramount to ensure that legislative policies reflect the shared objectives of cities in the region.

As the association gears up for its legislative policy setting process this summer, I encourage your involvement. Your participation gives your city a direct voice on policies. Policy committees allow city officials to get to know each other, to learn from each other, and to find common ground on issues.

Metro Cities is committed to providing high quality service for your dues. As your President, I will continue to advance Metro Cities' values of stewardship, partnership, quality, integrity, and leadership. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.



Jay Stroebel

City Manager, City of Brooklyn Park

2023 HIGHLIGHTS OF METRO CITIES' WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Metro Cities opposed legislation that would impose one size fits all **statewide development land use policy on cities** and require local fiscal tools and policies to be immediately consistent with uses in long range comprehensive plans, regardless of timing, for metropolitan cities.

Metro Cities opposed legislation **requiring cities to allow natural landscapes**. This legislation passed into law.

Metro Cities supported legislation, now law, to allow local officials to participate in a meeting using interactive technology if medically advised, three times per year.

STATE AIDS AND TAXES

Metro Cities supported formula updates for the **Local Government Aid (LGA) program** to reflect current city needs, and an appropriation increase. These changes are now law.

Metro Cities continued to support legislation addressing the **construction sales tax exemption process**, which did not pass the Legislature.

Metro Cities supported modifications to clarify certain **tax increment financing (TIF)** statutes, which became law.

Metro Cities opposed **legislation expanding the 4d classification**. As this legislation advanced, Metro Cities argued for a sunset, transition aid and reporting to ensure property re-investment. The enacted legislation includes transition aid and a reporting process.

ELECTIONS

Metro Cities supported **funding for local elections administration** and legislation **protecting election workers** from intimidation and interference, both were enacted. Metro Cities opposed language, now enacted, that mandates **overly rigid requirements for local hours of operation** during an 18-day early voting period.

METROPOLITAN INFLOW-INFILTRATION FUNDING

Metro Cities supported a **\$12 million capital appropriation for metropolitan inflow-infiltration (I/I)** mitigation to assist metropolitan cities with mitigating I/I on public systems. This appropriation is now law.

Metro Cities participated on a task force of city and regional officials to make recommendations for private property I/I mitigation using regional funding and will provide further information as a program is set.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL RELATED LEGISLATION

Metro Cities opposed proposed legislation to make the Metropolitan Council an elected body. This legislation did not pass, but the Legislature established a task force to examine the **governance of the Council**. Metro Cities was given appointing authority for a city official to serve on the task force and will closely monitor this work.

Metro Cities opposed legislation to impose one-size-fits-all requirements for metropolitan cities on **climate mitigation and adaptation content** in local comprehensive plans. The enacted law includes new regional requirements under which the Metropolitan Council and local governments can work collaboratively on plan content.

TRANSPORTATION

Metro Cities supported funding for the **Local Road Improvement Program and Local Bridge Replacement Program** as well as funding for **Corridors of Commerce, Safe Routes to School, and Active Transportation** programs. All were funded this year.

Metro Cities supported **increases to Municipal State Aid Street funding**, reliable funding for the **Small Cities Assistance Account**, and the **creation of a Larger Cities Assistance Account**, all of which were included in the Transportation bill.

Metro Cities supported appropriations for matching federal dollars from the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**. New laws include matching funds in addition to technical assistance grant programs.

Metro Cities supported **state and regional funds for transit** operations and capital improvements. The legislature passed a 0.75% sales tax in the metropolitan region for transit funding, with revenue allocated to the Metropolitan Council and the seven metropolitan counties.

Metro Cities supported legislative proposals to ensure local **deputy registrars can function and meet evolving needs**.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS OF METRO CITIES' WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Funding was enacted to provide payments to deputy registrars based on transactions as well as a \$1 surcharge on filing fees. A report on the financial sustainability of registrars is due in January of 2025.



WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

Metro Cities supported state **funding to address PFAS/PFOS** included in the Environment omnibus bill. Metro Cities supported ongoing **funding included** in the bill to address emerald ash borer (EAB).

Metro Cities supported **funding for climate resiliency and water infrastructure improvements** in both the Environment bill and the Legacy bill passed this session. Metro Cities supported **funding for the local climate action grant program**, which also passed as part of the Environment bill.

Metro Cities supported **funding for regional parks and trails**, which received funding in the Environment bill, Legacy bill, and Capital Investment bill.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Metro Cities supported **flexible funding for cities to deliver public safety services**. The Tax bill included **\$300 million** in one-time funding, distributed on a per-capita basis.

Metro Cities supported **resources for local law enforcement** including crime prevention and crisis response grant programs, funding for equipment purchases, and training reimbursement funds, all of which passed as part of the Public Safety bill.

Metro Cities supported legislation making it illegal to possess, sell, and buy **catalytic converters** without appropriate documentation. This legislation is now law.

Metro Cities supported a change in law **establishing carjacking as its own offense**, which is now law.

Metro Cities actively supported legislative efforts led by the League of MN Cities for the public safety duty disability bill.

HOUSING

Metro Cities **supported state funding to meet local housing needs**, including funding for the Challenge program, housing infrastructure, the creation of a grant program to support naturally occurring affordable housing, and funding for local trust fund matching grants.

Metro Cities opposed a bill to establish a metropolitan regional sales tax for housing, as **state objectives such as housing should be funded using state resources**. The tax is now law.

Metro Cities opposed zoning preemption legislation that would **interfere with the ability of cities to set local land use and zoning policies**. Proposed legislation capped park dedication fees, imposed minimum density requirements, established mandatory statewide upzoning, and set limitations on a city's ability to impose aesthetic mandates and minimum square footage requirements. These proposals did not become law.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Metro Cities supported an increase in funding for the **Redevelopment Grant program**, as well as funding for the **Job Creation Fund** and the **Minnesota Investment Fund**, both of which were included in the Jobs bill.

ADULT-USE CANNABIS

Metro Cities worked with the League of Minnesota Cities and other local government partners to advocate for **local control and zoning authority, and revenue sharing for cities** as adult-use cannabis legalization was considered and enacted this year.

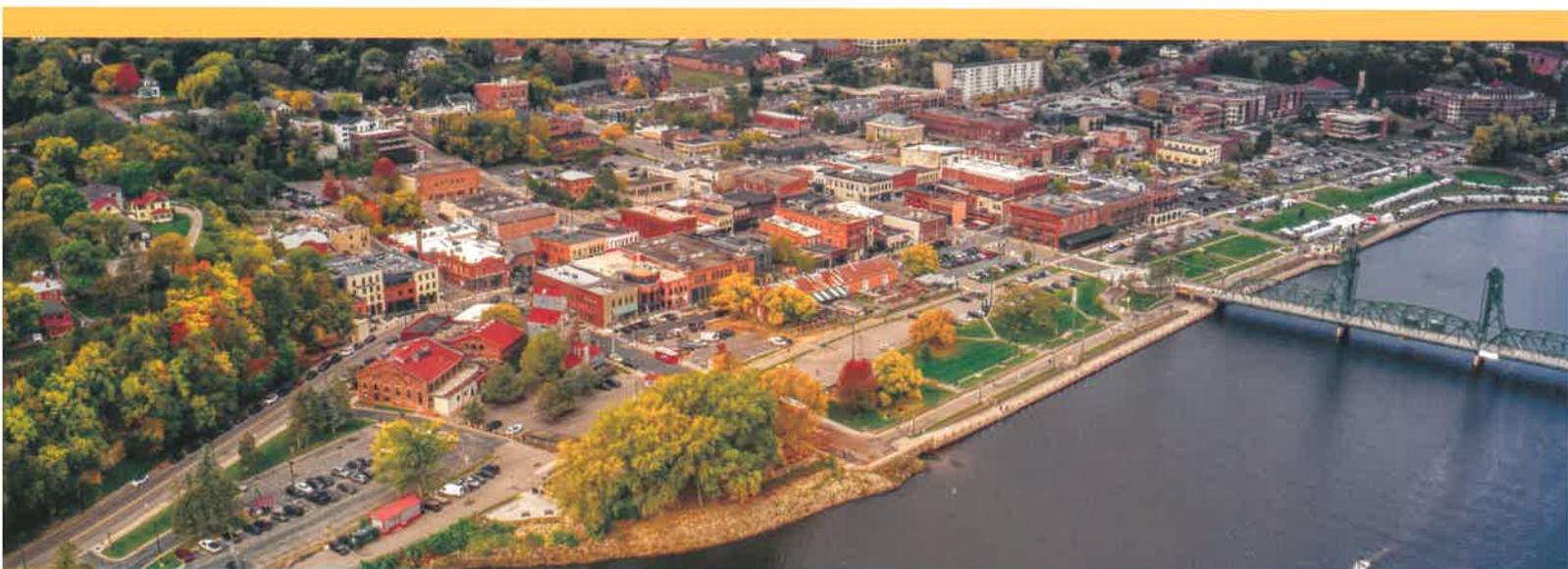
Metro Cities supported **zoning compliance requirements and population-based limits** on the number of retail locations in a given jurisdiction, which were included in the final legislation.

Metro Cities supported the creation of the **Local Cannabis Aid Account**, which will direct 20% of the 10% gross receipts tax on cannabis products to local governments.

2023 METRO CITIES MEMBERSHIP

| | | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Andover | Hopkins | Plymouth |
| Anoka | Hugo | Prior Lake |
| Apple Valley | Independence | Richfield |
| Arden Hills | Inver Grove Heights | Robbinsdale |
| Bayport | Lake Elmo | Rogers |
| Blaine | Lakeville | Rosemount |
| Bloomington | Lauderdale | Roseville |
| Brooklyn Center | Lilydale | St. Anthony Village |
| Brooklyn Park | Little Canada | St. Francis |
| Burnsville | Long Lake | St. Louis Park |
| Carver | Mahtomedi | St. Paul |
| Centerville | Maple Grove | St. Paul Park |
| Chanhassen | Maple Plain | St. Paul Port Authority* |
| Chaska | Maplewood | Savage |
| Circle Pines | Marine on St. Croix | Shakopee |
| Columbia Heights | Medicine Lake | Shoreview |
| Coon Rapids | Mendota Heights | Shorewood |
| Cottage Grove | Minneapolis | South St. Paul |
| Crystal | Minnetonka | Spring Lake Park |
| Dayton | Minnetonka Beach | Spring Park |
| Eagan | Minnetrissa | Stillwater |
| Eden Prairie | Mounds View | Sunfish Lake |
| Edina | New Brighton | Vadnais Heights |
| Elko New Market | New Hope | Victoria |
| Excelsior | Newport | Waconia |
| Falcon Heights | Northfield* | Watertown |
| Forest Lake | North St. Paul | Wayzata |
| Fridley | Nowthen | West St. Paul |
| Golden Valley | Oak Park Heights | White Bear Lake |
| Greenwood | Oakdale | Woodbury |
| Hanover * | Orono | |
| Hastings | Osseo | |

*=Affiliate Member



BOARD AND STAFF

Metro Cities is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors of city officials from across the metropolitan area. Association staff include an Executive Director, two Government Relations Specialists and an Office Manager.

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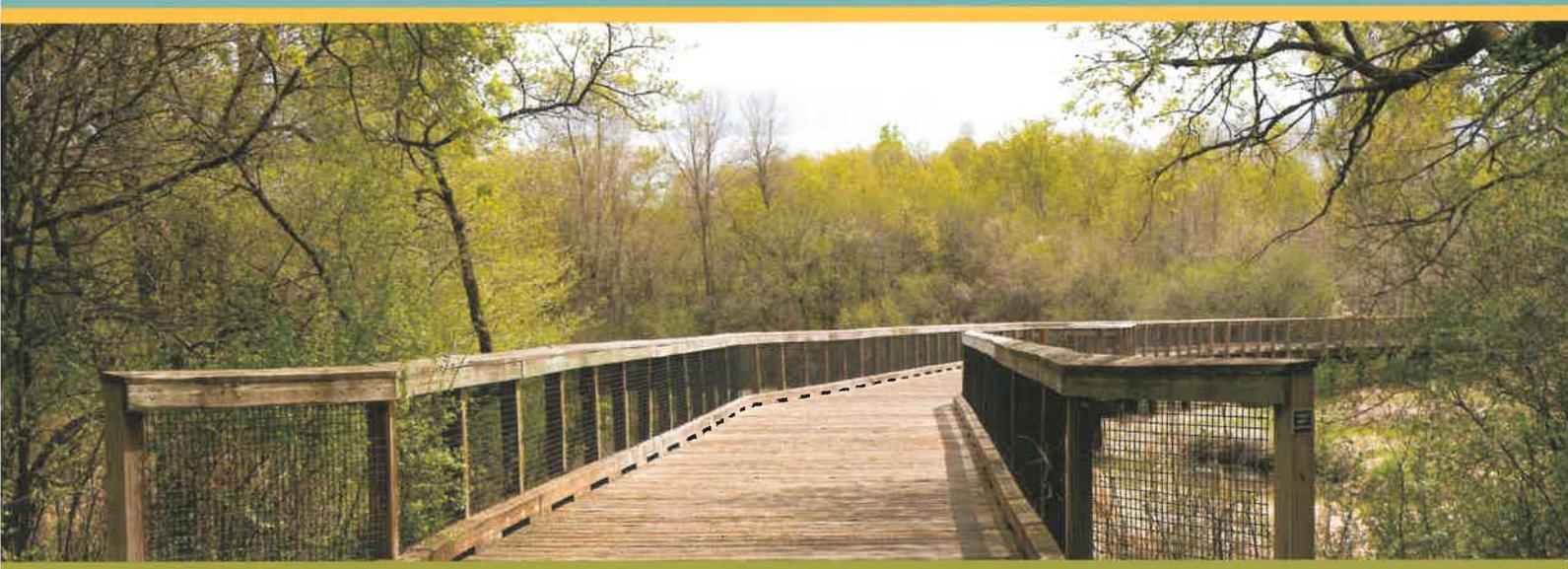
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HISTORY AND MISSION

Metro Cities is a lobbying association established in 1974 as the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities. The association’s mission is to represent the shared interests of cities in the metropolitan area at the state and regional levels of government.

Metro Cities is unique in its role in representing the shared interests of metropolitan cities at the Metropolitan Council. The association’s representation of city interests at the Council was a key reason for the formation of the association. The Metro Cities Board of Directors appoint city officials to the regional Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).



COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Metro Cities publishes an electronic newsletter and issues legislative alerts and other communications to inform metropolitan city officials of pending legislative and regional policy and funding activity.

Metro Cities’ website includes published newsletters, legislative policies, and upcoming meetings and materials. The website also includes information and resources on specific key topics of interest to metropolitan cities. See our Policies and Resources page for information.

See our website at: MetroCitiesMN.org
Follow us on Twitter: @MetroCitiesMN



LEGISLATIVE POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Policies are developed and recommended by four standing committees that meet each year to review and recommend the association’s policies, based on input from member city representatives. Metro Cities serves as a forum by which metropolitan city officials can come together to share ideas, build consensus, and develop an understanding of other cities’ problems, concerns, and points of view.

Policy recommendations are transmitted to the Board of Directors and then to the general membership. Adopted legislative policies serve as the foundation of Metro Cities’ work at the State Capitol and Metropolitan Council. The 2023 policy adoption meeting will be held in November. Watch for details.



OTHER ASSOCIATION SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Metro Cities provides staff support to the Metropolitan Area Management Association (MAMA).

Metro Cities holds periodic forums on pertinent topics of interest for its members.

Metro Cities convenes an annual in-person meeting in April for Board of Directors elections and an annual virtual Legislative Policy Adoption Meeting in the fall.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Sept. 7, 2023

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A statement from League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust Administrator Dan Greensweig regarding coverage for school resource officers

ST. PAUL, Minn. – “I was recently made aware of misinformation that has been circulating within the legislative arena regarding the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust’s (LMCIT) position on and involvement in last session’s legislation affecting school resource officers (SROs). The misinformation alleges LMCIT is threatening to withdraw coverage of SROs and that LMC failed to bring forward concerns while the bill was advancing through the legislative process.

“LMCIT has not at any time suggested that coverage for SROs will be withdrawn or limited and LMCIT has no intention of doing so. We issued risk management guidance to our members based on our staff attorneys’ interpretation of the law as written. The guidance was later revised following the issuance of an opinion by Attorney General Keith Ellison.

“The guidance was intended to provide information so our members can make decisions at the local level that best meet their community’s needs. Our goal is to support our members in local policy decisions.

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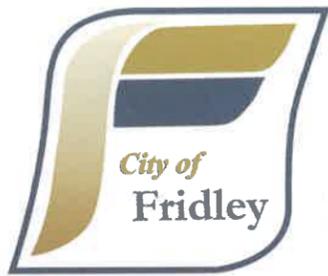
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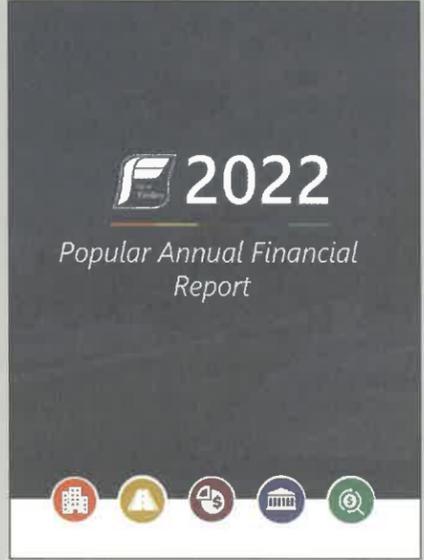
 

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Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

The City recently completed its first-ever Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The PAFR is intended to increase knowledge of the City's financial condition in a simple, easy-to-read format. It contains valuable, summarized financial information and showcases various City programs and services. Through more user-friendly financial reporting, the PAFR exemplifies Fridley's commitment to the community to maintain transparent communication and preserve public confidence. The PAFR can be found at FridleyMN.gov/2022PAFR.





Mississippi River Corridor and Critical Area Updates

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) includes land along each side the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area that has been granted special protection by the State of Minnesota. In Fridley, the MRCCA includes all properties west of East River Road. Fridley properties in the MRCCA have been regulated by additional zoning standards since the adoption of the Critical Area Overlay District in 1983. These local zoning standards include structure height and setbacks from the river and bluffs, vegetation management, land alteration, and subdivision of land to preserve the corridor’s unique natural, recreational and cultural values. In 2017, the State of Minnesota adopted new state rules governing the MRCCA. The rules more consistently protect habitat, scenic views and water quality, and allow redevelopment to address contemporary needs such as higher density and mixed uses. The City of Fridley (City), along with the other jurisdictional communities along the river have been in the process of updating their local zoning codes to be compliant with the new State rules. At the July 24 City Council meeting, the updated Critical Area Overlay District Chapter language was adopted. While many of the zoning standards remain the same, a new Critical Area permit was created for projects in the MRCCA that are subject to Critical Area Overlay District rules but are not otherwise covered by a building or land alteration permit.

New Terms

The Critical Area District Chapter includes the following new terms which are helpful for understanding MRCCA regulations. More information and maps of these areas can be found at FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea:

- **Bluff impact zone:** The bluff and land within 20 feet of the bluff. The definition of a bluff was changed from areas with slopes of 12 to 18 percent.
- **Intensive vegetation management:** The removal of all or a majority of the trees or shrubs in a contiguous patch, strip, row or block.
- **Shore impact zone:** 50 percent of the required structure setback from the river.

- **Significant existing vegetation stands:** Largely intact and connected plant communities that contain a sufficient representation of the original native plant community.

Additionally, the Critical Area in Fridley has been divided into three districts, a map of the districts can be found at FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea:

- **Separated from River District:** Properties in the Critical Area but that do not contain river frontage and are north of 61st Way NE.
- **River Neighborhood District:** Properties in the Critical Area that contain river frontage and are north of 61st Way NE.
- **Urban Mixed District:** Properties in the Critical Area that are south of 61st Way NE.

Building and Construction

Structures, impervious surface, and facilities must meet the following design requirements:

| | Separated from River District | River Neighborhood District | Urban Mixed District |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Setback from Bluff | 40 feet | 40 feet | 40 feet |
| Setback from River | 100 feet | 100 feet | 50 feet |
| Setback from Tributary | 50 feet | 50 feet | 50 feet |

Some exemptions exist for access paths, stairways, water-oriented accessory structures, patios and decks, and other infrastructure. To learn more, visit [FridleyMN.gov/ CriticalArea](http://FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea).

Land Alteration Standards (Grading & Filling)

Land alteration in areas near water and on steep slopes increases the risk of soil erosion. Land alteration permits will continue to be required for any project in the bluff impact zone or that disturb more than 10 cubic yards or 1,000 feet of soil within 50 feet of a public water, wetland or natural drainage route.

The new rules state that:

- Erosion control projects, habitat restoration, repair and maintenance of existing structures, and water access paths are allowed with a permit in the bluff impact zone. All other activities are prohibited in the bluff impact zone.
- Riprap, retaining walls or other erosion control structures to correct an established erosion problem are allowed with a permit. There are specific design standards and conditions for constructing these structures. The construction of structures below the ordinary high water level will continue to require a DNR permit or approval.

Vegetation Management Standards

Retaining vegetation along the river, its tributaries, and on slopes is important to stabilize soil and to slow, absorb, and filter stormwater before it runs into the river. Vegetation is also important for retaining the scenic qualities of the river. A permit is required for intensive vegetation management in bluff impact zones, shore impact zones, significant existing vegetative stands, and areas within 50 feet of a wetland or tributaries, except for the following activities:

- Maintenance of existing lawns, landscaping and gardens.
- Removal of vegetation in emergency situations as determined by the City.
- The removal of isolated individual trees or shrubs that are not in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block and that does not substantially reduce the tree canopy or understory cover; however, all trees over four inches in diameter that are removed from these areas need to be replaced.

For more information, please visit FridleyMN.gov/CriticalArea. To discuss how your project may be impacted by the Critical Area Overlay District or Shoreland Overlay District contact Rachel Workin, Environmental Planner at 763-572-3594 or email Rachel.Workin@FridleyMN.gov.

53rd Avenue and 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project Updates

53rd Avenue Trail and Walk Improvements Project

The 53rd Avenue Trail and Walk Improvements Project was awarded to Park Construction Company of Spring Lake Park in June. Construction is currently underway with completion anticipated in October 2023. This project adds new trail connectivity to surrounding areas by adding a 10-foot bituminous shared-use trail on the south side of 53rd Avenue from Main Street to Central Avenue (Trunk Highway 65) and a 6-foot concrete walk on the north side of 53rd Avenue from University Avenue (Trunk Highway 47) to Monroe Street. Other improvements will include bituminous rehabilitation, concrete curb and gutter replacement, and miscellaneous utility repairs.

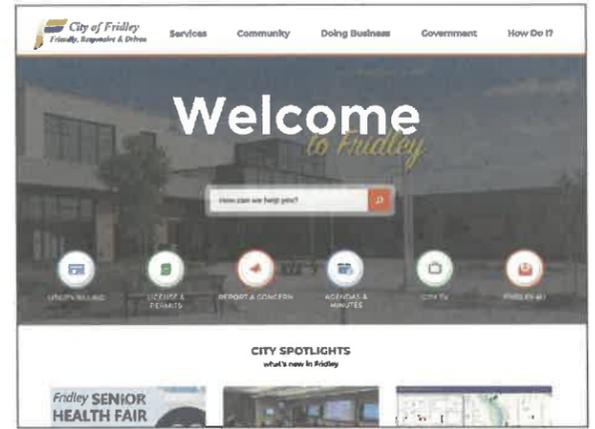
2023 Street Rehabilitation Project

The 2023 Street Rehabilitation Project includes pavement rehabilitation, concrete curb and gutter spot replacement, and miscellaneous utility repairs across four distinct project areas: Cheri Lane-Fillmore Street east of Trunk

Highway 65 and south of I-694, 51st Way and the East River Road East Service Drive in the southern industrial center, the East River Road West Service drive north of I-694 accessing the Georgetown Apartments, and Stinson Boulevard from 73rd Avenue (County Road H2) to Osborne Road (County Road I). In May, the project was awarded to T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc. of North St. Paul, Minnesota. Construction is currently underway with completion anticipated in October 2023.

53rd Avenue Roundabout Safety Project

This project was awarded to Forest Lake Contracting in June. The project includes street rehabilitation and safety improvements on 53rd Avenue from Central Avenue (Trunk Highway 65) to 1,200 feet to the west. The total project length is approximately a quarter mile. Construction for this project started in August. This project includes pavement rehabilitation, concrete roundabout, concrete median and minor utility work. Completion is anticipated for fall 2023.



Help Create a Better City Website!

Are you interested in helping create a better City of Fridley website? We are looking for resident feedback to make the website more user-friendly. Please visit FridleyMN.gov to learn more and take a quick survey.

Recodification Update: Health, Safety and Welfare Complete, Work Begins on Public Nuisance

The City is updating the City Code to better reflect the needs of residents, business owners and City government. It will also create vibrant neighborhoods through our community for current and future residents.

In 2021, the City Council authorized the City Manager to begin a full review and update to the entire City Code, a process known as recodification. The project is led by the City Manager's Office and facilitated by the City Clerk's Office. Staff from every department at City Hall have been working together to review the Code to see what areas can be updated to make the Code easier to navigate.

The Council has approved the 20 chapters that make up the third title of the Code (Health, Safety and Welfare). The updated title was published at the end of April.

Staff have now started work on Title 4, Public Nuisance. This grouping of chapters deals with ways the City government works to mitigate any conduct that interferes with the rights of the public. Examples include abatement of exterior public nuisances, management of clandestine drug sites, chemical dumps and houses of prostitution, and rules for noise.

The City Council held a public hearing and first reading of Title 4 on August 14 with publication expected at the end of August 2023. Staff will then move on to Title 5, Lands and Buildings.

The City has created a webpage for the project where all supporting documents may be viewed. Any questions on the project may be directed to CityClerk@FridleyMN.gov.

Thank You for Another Successful Citywide Garage Sale!

This year nearly 160 people registered to host a garage sale during Fridley's Citywide Garage Sale on July 23-24. From antiques and furniture to tools and games, there was something for everyone! Residents were able to navigate to the many sales via an interactive digital map or a printed copy.

Thank you to all who hosted a sale and to those who spent the weekend shopping!



CIVIC CAMPUS FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION + TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Join us as we celebrate five years of our Civic Campus location!

- Unveiling of new medallion designed by a Fridley artist
- Center Ice designation of the former Columbia Arena
- Live music
- Food trucks
- Games & activities for all ages
- Touch-A-Truck event in partnership with Fridley ECFE



FREE EVENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
CIVIC CAMPUS PLAZA



Join the Organics Recycling Program

Join your neighbors in the curbside organics recycling program that picks up food scraps and other compostable materials from your home each Wednesday. Each household participating in the program diverts an average of over 500 pounds from the landfill each year. Common products that go in the landfill but could be commercially composted instead include: food waste, egg shells, coffee grounds, paper towels, fruit and vegetable pits and peels, and more.

To learn about the benefits of curbside organics recycling, we checked in with Fridley resident Beth LaBreche who has lived with her family in Fridley for 45 years. She began bringing her organics for commercial composting in 2016 and signed up for the curbside organics recycling program when it became available in 2018. She says, "I participate in the recycling program because I feel I can throw away food with a more clear conscience. It helps the environment and also helps our water supply not to use a garbage disposal." When asked what she would like other Fridley residents to know about organics recycling, Beth replied "I would like people to know how easy it is to recycle your organics if you freeze your meat items (no maggots), spray your cart with pepper spray (no squirrels eating the container) and use the little container offered by the city under your sink (no smell)." Thank you to Beth and other recyclers who are helping the City meet our recycling goals!

Learn more and sign up for curbside organics recycling at your home at FridleyMN.gov/Organics. The curbside organics recycling program costs \$11.36 per month through Republic Services and includes weekly pick up on Wednesday, free compostable bags at Fridley City Hall or Springbrook Nature Center, and a kitchen pail.

Get ready for low-waste holidays!
Sign up by September 30 and receive three free months on your second billing cycle.



Plan now for your 2024 Home Improvement Projects

If there are projects left on your home improvement "to-do" list, planning ahead for the next construction season could save you money and time.

1. Prepare a list of possible projects. If you are considering energy efficiency upgrades, this is a great time to contact the Home Energy Squad to schedule a visit. For general improvements, the Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority offers a free Remodeling Advisor service. Visit FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms for more information.
2. Contact professional contractors to bid the work, or begin preparing material lists and implementation timeframes for DIY projects. It is always a good idea to consider prices from 2-3 sources, as pricing will vary.
 - Some contractors – particularly for landscaping projects – will not be able to give an accurate price estimate when the ground is covered in snow, so do not wait to contact firms. Winter can be an ideal time for some types of landscaping projects, including tree trimming and removal.
 - Ask friends and neighbors for advice on finding a contractor. The City of Fridley cannot provide referrals.
3. Develop a financing plan. Once you have an idea of project costs and when they will

be incurred, it's time to plan your financing. Will you put money into savings extra each month until the project begins? Will you set aside your tax refund? Will you apply for a grant or loan?

- Applications for Fridley's Senior Deferred Loan Program and Front Door Grant are expected to be available in January (Low-interest loans are available year-round). These programs can help fund most types of permanent property improvements. Learn more about available programs at FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms.
- 4. Research permit requirements at FridleyMN.gov/1604/Permits
 - Many types of property improvements require a permit and city inspection, in order to ensure that work is completed safely. If a contractor is performing the work, they will typically be the one to apply for required permits. However, the property owner is ultimately responsible.
 - Building permits are valid for 180 days (six months) after approval, so wait until you are ready to begin work to submit an application.

With a little bit of advanced planning, you will be ready to hit the ground running in spring!

Adopt-A-Drain

Fall is a great time to adopt a drain through MN.Adopt-A-Drain.org. Drain adopters volunteer to remove leaves, trash and other pollutants from storm drains to keep our water bodies clean. Volunteers in the Twin Cities have adopted over 18,000 drains and kept more than 500,000 pounds of debris from our water bodies. Fridley is currently participating in the Anoka County Adopt-A-Drain Challenge to encourage participation in the program. Recent winners in the challenge, Fridley residents Stephen and Dolores Varichak say, "What a way to help the community by doing the Adopt-A-Drain program. To keep the drains free from debris helps the drains run better and keeps pollutants out of the water. It doesn't take much to clean around the drain. Just pick up the twigs, grass, leaves etc. that get trapped by the drain. Check it every once



in a while as you walk by or after a major rain to make sure it's clear. That's all you need to do. Think about it, you too could adopt a drain." Sign up at MN.Adopt-A-Drain.org to adopt a drain in your area!

Thank you to the Varichak family and other community members who help keep our drains clear!



A Splash of New Life: City of Fridley Paint Rebate Program Ignites Memories and Community Spirit

On the East side of Fridley, MaryAnn and Mike Gwiazdon's home stood as a testament to a different era. Built in 1958, the house held countless cherished memories, from the joyous arrival of their third daughter to the playful moments spent in the open fields surrounding their property. Reflecting on Fridley's evolution, MaryAnn nostalgically recalled the days when open fields enveloped her family's home. "It's amazing to see how Fridley has changed," she recalled. "The kids used to play and fly their kites in those fields. It's all houses now."

With a shared vision and the assistance of the Paint Rebate Program in 2022, MaryAnn and her daughter, Wendy, decided to repaint the house. After careful consideration, they decided on the Sherwin Williams 2022 and 2021 colors of the year: Evergreen Fog and Urbane Bronze. The vibrant hues breathed new life into the exterior, complementing the mature Silver Maple trees that MaryAnn's father-in-law had planted when the house was first built.

The impact of the project reached beyond the Gwiazdon home. Three neighboring families were captivated by the transformation, with

MaryAnn and Wendy's efforts inspiring them to begin their own repainting projects. Wendy beamed with pride as she shared their feedback: "Our project inspired others to update their homes. It's wonderful that Fridley has these programs; they help out a lot of people, especially seniors."

The City of Fridley's Residential Paint Rebate Program offers homeowners rebates of up to \$500 for exterior painting materials and supplies. This program enables homeowners like MaryAnn to partake in DIY projects. Taking the lead, Wendy applied for the program. After her project was approved, she maximized on the grant funds by purchasing the necessary supplies during a Sherwin Williams 40 percent off sale. Wendy then spent the next few weeks painting her childhood home. Finally, she submitted her receipts to the City and successfully claimed the rebate. The process began in June and was completed in October 2022.

For MaryAnn, the program's impact goes beyond the physical transformation of her home. It serves as a reminder of Fridley's commitment to its residents, fostering a strong sense of community and ensuring that even



WENDY (LEFT) & MARYANN (RIGHT)

long-standing homes like hers continue to be cherished and maintained.

Discover more about the Residential Paint Rebate Program at FridleyMN.gov/HomelImprovement. Funds are still available for income-qualified homeowners planning to complete projects this fall. Apply today and join the wave of transformation in Fridley!

Reminders for Your Fall Yard Clean-up

Fall is in the air, the leaves are changing colors and soon, they will be dropping from the trees. Leaves and other yard waste are not allowed to be blown into the street or deposited within 25 feet of a waterbody. Yard waste blown into the street can enter the storm sewer system and pollute downstream waterbodies such as Rice Creek, Moore Lake or the Mississippi River. If you notice a property dumping yard waste or other unauthorized materials in the street or storm drains, please call 763-572-3566 to report it as an illicit discharge.

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

-  Fridley residents can coordinate yard waste collection with their garbage hauler, drop off yard waste at Bunker Hills Compost Site or practice backyard composting.
-  Yard waste can only be stored in bags or bundles outside through your next pick-up day.
-  Bagged yard waste must be placed in compostable bags.



Bunker Hills Compost and Yard Waste Drop-off Site

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

April - November, weather permitting
Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

December - March, weather permitting
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



2023 Night to Unite Recap

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Night to Unite a success! More than 85 parties were hosted throughout Fridley on August 1.

Police officers, firefighters and City staff stopped by these parties and shared information on a variety of topics. Parties received insight on projects and initiatives happening within the Public Safety

Department, ways to get involved and how the Police and Fire Divisions are working with the community to keep Fridley's neighborhoods safe.

Thank you to AAA and the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association for sponsoring this event, as well as Sam's Club, Walmart and Forgotten Star Brewing for their generous donations.



After-school Activities

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes after school at Hayes Elementary this school year. Classes are open to all: there is transportation for students enrolled at Stevenson and parents/caregivers can also drop children off for the programs. Classes take place from 4-5:15 p.m., and a snack is provided each day. The following activities are offered this fall: Soccer, Outdoor Games and Halloween Fun, Mobile Machines, Ho Ho Holiday Fun, and Track and Field. Registration is available at FridleyMN.gov/Rec.



Fridley SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

September 27, 2023
10 a.m. - noon

Fridley Fire Department
7071 University Avenue NE
Fridley, MN 55432



This health fair is open to all community members but geared towards the aging population to connect them with many referrals and services that are available to them regarding health, finances and more! We will have over 20 different vendors with a raffle and light refreshments served. No pre-registration needed and at no charge.

Ryan George: Director of Public Safety

On July 1, former Deputy Director Ryan George was promoted to Director of Public Safety for the City of Fridley.

George joined the Fridley Police Division in 2005 as a police officer. Throughout his 18 years with the department, he has served as a patrol officer, school resource officer, detective, patrol sergeant, lieutenant, captain and most recently, deputy director. He graduated from the University of Minnesota – Duluth with a bachelor’s degree in criminology and sociology and received a degree in law enforcement from the Fond du lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet. George has continued his education while working for the City of Fridley and received a master’s degree in Police Leadership from the University of St. Thomas. Additionally, he has completed School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University and the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and Command certification program through the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association. George earned his Basic Emergency Management certificate from the MN Department of Public Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. To broaden his understanding of Public Safety’s Fire Division, George successfully completed the Anoka County Fire Academy in 2021.

Since he was young, George has always had a desire to serve. This extends into his previous positions in the department, his role as Director of Public Safety and his involvement in other community organizations. He is the Board Chair of the Alexandra House, a



member of the Fridley Columbia Heights Rotary and a member of Medtronic Toastmasters. In his new position George is looking forward to continuing to build partnerships within the Fridley community.

When asked about his new role, George said, “We already have a really good internal culture. Members of Fridley Public Safety are expected to do the right thing. I want to focus on the things we’re already doing well and embrace the changes of law enforcement in general. This includes developing community partnerships to provide options and resources to community members, and leveraging changes in technology to do our jobs more efficiently and effectively.”

Outside of his career George enjoys spending time with his wife and three daughters. As a family, they enjoy traveling and camping.

George is excited to continue this chapter with the Fridley Public Safety Department and is confident his staff will continue serving the Fridley community with honor and professionalism.

BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE

for 2024 Elections

Be a valuable asset to your polling place on Election Day! Represent your community and see the democratic process in action by applying to be an Election Judge.

Election Judges learn every function of a polling place, including opening and closing the polls, registering voters, assisting voters with different visual and hearing abilities, explaining how to mark ballots and more.

There are three Election Days in 2024:

March 5 | August 13 | November 5

Requirements of being an Election Judge include:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must not be related to another Election Judge in the same polling location
- Must be able to read, write and speak English fluently
- Must not be a candidate in the election, or a family member of a candidate

Fridley Community Calendar

September

- September 4 | City offices closed for Labor Day
- September 5 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- September 7 | Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meeting
- September 11 | City Council Meeting
- September 12 | Environmental Quality & Energy Commission (EQEC) Meeting
- September 20 | Planning Commission Meeting
- September 25 | City Council Meeting

October

- October 2 | Charter Commission Meeting
- October 2 | Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- October 5 | Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Meeting
- October 9 | City Council Meeting
- October 10 | Environmental Quality & Energy Commission (EQEC) Meeting
- October 18 | Planning Commission Meeting
- October 23 | City Council Meeting

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

Upon request, accommodation will be provided to allow individuals with disabilities to participate in any City of Fridley services, programs, or activities. Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons who require auxiliary aids should contact the City at 763-572-3450.



ART IN THE PARK

Community Art Partnership with North Suburban Center for the Arts (formerly Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts)

TEEN DRAWING

AGES 12-17

Join us in the park to learn more about drawing! This weekly class will introduce you to the fundamentals of drawing as you work on perspective, shading, blending, design and composition. No experience or tools necessary—come prepared to learn and have fun!

6262 W Sep 13 - Oct 11 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. \$40
Commons Park Shelter

SKETCHES AT SPRINGBROOK

AGES 15+

You'll be lead on an artistic journey at Springbrook Nature Center! You'll immerse yourself in different areas of the park where you can slow down and create a sketch of the natural world around you. Learn how sketching is fun—and anyone can do it! This class is intended for all levels and no experience necessary.

6261 Sa Sep 16 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$25
Springbrook Nature Center

Park System Improvement Plan Update

Park improvements are coming to a park near you! Four Fridley parks are already under construction to receive new playgrounds, courts and amenities and another four will transform in 2024. The Fridley park system will continue to be revitalized over the next six years with many more parks scheduled for improvements.

In the case of neighborhood parks, staff will be holding meetings in the park the summer before construction to get input from residents on park and playground designs.

Commons Park, centrally located in Fridley, will also be redeveloped over the coming years with the addition of a pickleball court complex, splash pad, community building and destination inclusive playground.



ONE OF THREE PLAYGROUND CONCEPT PLANS CREATED FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IN FRIDLEY

Fridley received notice of the award of a State of Minnesota grant in the amount of \$500,000 for a large new playground at Commons Park

that will be designed to allow individuals of all ages and abilities to safely enjoy play features and interact with others using this inclusive play space. Public input will be a large part of the design process in partnership with project advocates from Gillette Children’s Hospital, Allina Health, Multicultural Autism Action Network, The Arc Minnesota, Autism Society of Minnesota, Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and Minnesota Autistic Alliance.

To see park design concepts, surveys and project timelines for Moore Lake Park, Commons Park or your neighborhood park, visit the Park System Improvement Plan project page at FridleyMN.gov/ParkPlan.

PLAY IN OUR PARKS!

Each month, the Recreation Division team invites you to get outside and play in our parks with a curated, FREE, family-friendly event.

TELESCOPES AND CONSTELLATIONS

Come out to Commons to take a close look at the stars in our sky! Experts from the Bell Museum will tell constellation stories and have telescopes on hand for you to explore the stars and planets that make up our night sky! Meet at Commons Park Shelter.

All ages Sat Sep 23 7 - 9 p.m. Free Commons Park

PUMPKIN CARVING

Sign up to carve pumpkins at Springbrook Nature Center! Our Community Carving events are what help make Pumpkin Night in the Park so special. Carve a pumpkin, then return to Pumpkin Night to try and find it on the trails! Sign up at SpringbrookNatureCenter.org.

All Ages October 15 noon - 4 p.m. FREE
October 16-19 4 - 8 p.m. FREE
Springbrook Nature Center



Bird Banding Program at Springbrook Nature Center Ends after 35 Years

On certain early Sunday mornings, volunteers have gathered at Springbrook Nature Center with an interest in helping capture and record scientific data about birds found throughout the park. This program, in existence for 35 years, was the brainchild of Master Bird Bander, Ron Refsnider. Following the tornado that devastated much of the forest land in the Nature Center, Ron came to then Nature Center Director, Siah St. Clair with an idea. Refsnider suggested a long-term project that would study bird recovery in the park following the 1986 tornado.

Since then, there have been more than 500 bird banding sessions run by volunteers who have accumulated more than 65,000 hours of service. Bird banding volunteers are trained to set up traps or mist nets at specific locations throughout the park. They carefully remove birds from the traps or nets and place them inside cotton drawstring bags to be brought back to a central location to be studied. Each bird is weighed and measured, identified, aged, banded and released. Data collected has documented the year-round resident birds and how they have changed over the years. It has also shown that there are some species of birds that are found here only in the winter, only in the summer or are passing through during a fall or spring migration.

In addition to valuable scientific data, the bird banding project at Springbrook has been an



outstanding hands-on learning experience for members of the public. Banding volunteers have been eager to share information about the banding process and the birds being studied, helping the public make a connection with nature in a unique way. Lucky individuals have even helped release birds back into nature with gentle instruction from one of the talented bird banding volunteers.

We are grateful for the dedication and service of our bird banding volunteers. Over the last 35 years, volunteers have captured 111 species of birds. They have banded more than 15,000 birds and re-captured more than 13,000 previously banded birds. For those of you doing the math – that’s more than 28,000 birds studied.

Thank you, bird banding volunteers, for your time and talents, dedication to the scientific study of birds within Springbrook, and your willingness to share what you know with the people around you. You have embodied our mission of connecting people with nature.

Winter Lights Tour

It’s almost time to get those lights and decorations out of storage and ready for the 2023 Winter Lights Contest! Submissions will be accepted from November 6 through December 10. All entries will be placed on a map so that residents can create their own custom light tour around town. Winners in multiple categories will be announced when maps become available December 15.





HISTORY 21



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The ACHS board positions will reflect the new Anoka County district map after the annual meeting on May 21.

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Front Cover: Group of people on the island at Lake George. Standing [L to R]: Tom Howard, Alma Kimball, Jim Tierney, [unidentified], [unidentified], Ralph Bruns. Seated: Mrs. A.S. Kimball, Addie Lou Kimball. Object id: 2075.3.4

From the President



I am thrilled to reflect on some remarkable recent city events, and we look forward to the promising ventures that lie ahead for us at the Anoka County Historical Society.

The Nowthen Threshing Show is a testament to our agricultural heritage, reminding us of the ingenuity and dedication that shaped our community. We met people from all over the county and beyond. I talked to a couple from Nebraska.

We spent a beautiful evening at the Fridley Civic Center for the Fridley Music

Series. While there, we talked about local Fridley history and learned even more from the good folks of Fridley.

In the spirit of unity and shared history, let us continue to support the Anoka County Historical Society's mission. Our collective efforts ensure that the stories of Nowthen Threshing Show, Fridley Music Series, and the upcoming Anoka Ghost Tours are not just events but bridges connecting us to our roots. Together, we kindle the flame of knowledge and heritage for future generations to cherish. Thank you for your unwavering dedication, enthusiasm, and monetary support. Here's to a future of preserving our past and fostering community bonds that will endure for years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Oxley".

Richard Oxley, ACHS President

From the Director

The pattern of life and the cycles of a year never fail to intrigue me. We've arrived at the opening end of Ghost Tour season and the rise in energy and anticipation feels palpable. The schedule shifts to accommodate different hours, the phone rings more often, the Eventbrite notifications ding consistently on my phone notifications. All other tasks take a backseat to our largest fundraiser of the year. Then, like a switch, November 1 will arrive and we will take a collective breath, sinking into the winter months. The filing and organizing, the grant writing, the coffee dates, and the back-log of emails become the focus of this season—just in time for spring to arrive and festivals and outreach to demand attention.

In some ways the predictability of this pattern brings reassurance. In others, it feels like the gateway to, "we've always done it that way." What are the rhythms of your lifetime? How have they changed through the years?



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Ebnet-Desens".

Rebecca Ebnet-Desens,
Executive Director

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BEHIND THE SCENES: EXHIBIT DESIGN

When you visit the ACHS exhibit gallery, you may spend a half hour enjoying the displays—maybe an hour if you read everything. It looks polished, logical, and arranged nicely for you to understand the information presented. You might skip something you’re not interested in, spend more time on something that catches your eye, or even look something up on your phone to bring more depth to your experience. You chit-chat with the folks at the front desk, maybe leave a donation (thank you!), and head off to the rest of your day. Hopefully, a tidbit sticks in your mind and it comes up in conversation with someone down the road and you put in a good word for us (also, thank you!)

The staff at ACHS has one goal when creating exhibits: to make the presentation of information pleasant to consume. Contrary to logical thought, a simple display takes far more staff time than a complicated one packed with textual information and items on display. We want to pull the curtain back on the process and how the current exhibit, “Take Your Place in History,” came to exist.

Let’s rewind about two years. The Anoka Chamber of Commerce has a subset of members called “Discover Anoka” that we participate in as a Main Street business. The group purchased billboard space along Highway 169, and we chipped in to have our logo flash to everyone stuck in traffic on a Friday night for several weeks. What else to include besides our logo? Whatever slogan we put on this billboard could be used in our marketing campaign and exhibitions, so it had to be perfect. Inclusive. Thoughtful. Concise. Powerful. Applicable to the wider community. *Insert lots of thinking and maybe some caffeine* SUCCESS.

“Take Your Place in History” is an action phrase that calls us to think about our legacy and how we want to be remembered and that ACHS can help in that journey. What is one thing everyone has that is shared quickly

Thank you to our partner, Benedictine Living Community of Anoka. They purchased a programming package, which earned them reduced pricing on workshops, lectures, films, and behind-the-scenes tours of ACHS. For more information about this opportunity, look at the PDF at anokacountyhistory.org/programs.



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and costs negligible money? A story. Every resident in Anoka County has a story, and ACHS can help those tales remain in family groups, organization files, or our collection at the history center. The tricky part? Effectively telling that story and preserving it for the future. That thought led us to hold a storytelling workshop series via Zoom, author presentations to dissect how they organized and translated family information into a readable product and explore other ways of telling stories that didn't involve writing.

Jolanda Dranchak works at School District 11, and over lunch one day, she explained how she would choose a word each month to mull over, do some journal writing, and finally use

her skills as a weaver of found objects to process her emotions. This new form of storytelling intrigued us, and soon, Jolanda's 13 weavings representing the death of her husband, COVID-19, and her PTSD from growing up in a Soviet bloc country came roaring back on January 6, 2021, appeared at ACHS. Holding the pieces up to the traditionally white museum wall, Jolanda asked if it could change to blue, as that background was part of the weaving story. (Thanks for supplying the paint and labor!) Next came brainstorming the title, "All That's Weft: Living a Life Interrupted,"—this admittedly took a few pages of scribble and a drive home to create, but it felt perfect when the words came together. A separate conversation brought up the idea of using a Cricut machine to make the conceptual title and labels physically appear on the wall *insert research on the machine* and upon checking the "yes" box for that, we wondered from whom we could borrow one for a test drive (thanks, Jessica!) *fast forward to staff purchasing vinyl, cutting boards, and transfer paper then reading directions and running some tests* After the words adhered to the wall, Jolanda's artist statement needed to appear on floor stands. We stood back and admired the finished product, took some pictures, and began to create the webpage (find it under "What we do" and "exhibit hall"), postcards for the opening reception (a whole separate planning schedule), and social media posts.

While ACHS staff worked through this process, we brainstormed how the rest of the exhibit hall could reflect storytelling differently. We knew our National Register area would feature the Linwood Grange next—a story of place—but in researching the building and location, we realized that it



Installing labels created on the Cricut.

remained inextricably tied to the people of Linwood and their desire to found an agricultural community on education and innovation.

More thinking What if we displayed information about the building and some artifacts



“All That’s Weft” opening reception, 2023.

from the charter members? *Realization dawning* We could connect the Veteran Voice project--stories from our more recent veterans--by displaying the military uniform of one of the charter members. *Excitement builds as the phone rings, and Kay Bauer offers her Vietnam mess dress uniform and oral history. * What about the fan fiction project the eighth graders did using the James Groat diaries from the collection? That is a different way of telling stories and investigating history and legacy (also available on the ACHS website). We have some Civil War artifacts that would complement that, right? Suddenly, the ideas ran freely, and the hall felt alive with activity. The staff made lists and lists of elements necessary to complete the displays—graphics, printing, research, transcription, cleaning cases, writing labels, and publicity.

Concurrently, the Adopt an Artifact program had brought in many donations and exciting conversations with people. As we listened to people describe their families and hobbies to discover a perfect adoption match, it became clear that the artifact selection process told a story about values and perspectives. The Civil War historian felt drawn to a gun of the era. The government-minded chose the County Commissioner table. The granddaughter wanted to support their family artifact. Someone with a sense of humor wanted to adopt the oldest pickle for fun. The exhibit hall now became a place for adopters to explain why they felt drawn to this object and its story—what connection they felt.

Head scratch We decided to leave the desk representing Charles Horn and the first class of Federal Cartridge employees as the story of a corporation surviving into its second century. What about those who didn’t? *Lightbulb flash* A recent donation of labels from the St. Francis Canning Company spurred more research and a dive into our archives to find photos. Perfect. A little mylar around the artifacts and some staples in the wall, print those display panels, buy some more Command Strips, and poof. It is a story

that could quickly disappear from memory if it wasn't preserved in the ACHS collection.

During this past year (seriously, all of this is happening simultaneously), we worked to digitize the Olson Family Collection using a grant from the Legacy Funds. Being from the Ham Lake area, the collection not only filled a geographic void in our collection but also filled the void of women's stories through the generations. It's a story of the location, the ever-changing landscape of ground the family owned, of changing technology and personal artifacts, of homosexuality before it was legal, and the transferability of this story to provide information on other rural Anoka County families. We selected one image of men by a sod house to print on a large fabric wrap as a background for the other text panels and display case. The book *On the Go All the Time: The Unusually Usual Lives of Two Midwestern Women* by Daryl Richard Lawrence, lay on the nearby table as a testament to how to corral "too much" family information into a readable source for the public.

One other big piece of the exhibit puzzle stood in our way before we could open officially in July at Anoka's Riverfest—what we call the "splash wall" had to be designed, printed, and, most importantly, arranged on the wall. We spent some time sitting on the floor sketching ideas using photos, maps, and the billboard design (screaming into the void occasionally). We finally brought a draft layout to our printer (thanks, Church Offset Printing!) and waited to see if what we saw in our mind's eye would work.

It did. After a day of work, the elements clung to the wall with only a few air bubbles that Sara quickly popped with a pin and smoothed down. We popped a slideshow of images into the TV monitors Don had shifted to the right place and clinked cookies to celebrate a job well done.

We welcome everyone to the History Center for research, socializing, volunteering, and, of course, to see the exhibit. We hope our skills have created a professional-looking space for you to enjoy!

Now for the next one...



Installing the "splash wall" in the exhibit hall, 2023.

The ACHS collection acquired a couple of objects that are not only rare but also connected to a family story deeply rooted in Anoka County. Frances Megarry (nee' Grant) and her daughter Heather delivered an early 20th-century wall-mounted telephone and a kerosene lamp complete with its original reflection mirror mounted on the back. Our collections manager, Kassandra, talked with descendants of Linwood's Grant family about the heirlooms they donated. The question in the back of everyone's mind at the museum was how she managed to keep these objects in such pristine condition. She said that her father, Thomas Grant, son of founding Linwood Grange member John Grant, told her to take good care of them — so she did for nearly 50 years!

"My father told me that I'd never find another one like it [the lamp], said Frances. "By the time I inherited it most people had broken the mirror that came with them, so my father told me to treat it with the utmost care. I did this with the telephone to because I had never seen another one in working condition like my own."

This personal and long-lasting connection the family maintained with the items seemed evident, which made their donation to ACHS even more meaningful.

"I wanted to make sure they were in a place where they could be properly taken care of for



*The donated oil lamp with intact mirror
(Object ID: 2023.2018.002)*

generations to come," said Frances.

Frances recalled her family using the lamp in the original farmhouse on the homestead when she was young. Before electricity arrived in rural Linwood in the 1940s, they used the lamp for decades.

Although the reflection mirror on the lamp was the most delicate piece of the items donated, the telephone posed a considerable collection conundrum. The phone came with batteries, which created a storage problem due to the liquid contained within them. We can take high-resolution digital pictures of the telephone with the batteries still nested inside and then safely remove them to store them separately.



The Grant family telephone with batteries. (Object ID: 2023.2018.001)

We have hung both items in the exhibit hall instead of storing them immediately because of their connection to our National Registry Property Exhibit that features the Linwood Grange and the Grant family. The donation of these items had exceptional timing for us to add to the existing display — we are often not that lucky! Not only did this donation fit in perfectly with our exhibit hall themes, but it also filled gaps in our collection. Since our collection is donation-based, smaller communities, like Linwood, Bethel, and East Bethel, are often represented disproportionately. So, we are constantly looking for objects and histories to add to our collection to fill those geographical gaps.



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words — Maybe More

Many photographs in the ACHS collection show the long-gone details of Anoka County, whether posed portraits or just impromptu moments. But often, the image becomes just the starting point. The story comes with the information you can glean from the photo and the connections you can tease out.

The photograph above shows a “Poverty Party” held at Mary and Irving Caswell’s home (now the Mad Hatter Restaurant) on Ferry St. in Anoka. Poverty Parties were popular in upper-class circles around 1900. Hosts invited their guests to wear their “worst” clothing, rags preferred. The “poorest” costume earned prizes, and the guests played games and received meals of bread or mush and water. Through our lens today, the theme feels insensitive, and it is in poor taste to pretend to live an impoverished life for entertainment.

Society circles considered the Caswells a prominent local family. Irving owned and edited the *Anoka Herald* Newspaper. Mary sat on the City Library board, helped her husband run the paper during his deployment with the National Guard, and was a published author in national children’s magazines. Unsurprisingly, their party was attended by the “who’s who” of Anoka. Unfortunately, the photograph is only partially identified and undated. We can make an educated guess that the image belongs to the early 1900s from the style of the picture and clothing. In 1900, the Caswells lived in the home with Mary’s mother and two brothers, their son, and a 17-year-old servant named Ellen Anderson.

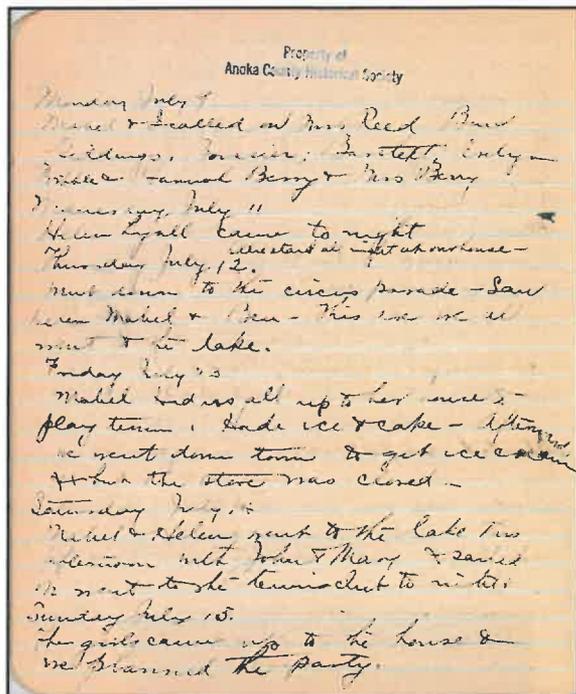
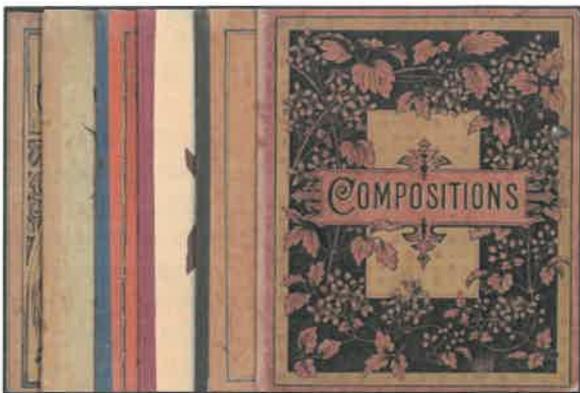
What else can we discover about the photograph and the people in it? Mary Woodbury and another person, Alice Starrett, kept diaries, and we transcribed them for the collection. Unfortunately, the years do not overlap (Alice’s diaries cover 1887-1895, while Mary’s are dated 1914-1918), but the women appear in each other’s writing.

Alice noted that “Irving Caswell took Ed & I boating one day,” while on another day, a group including Mary and Irving played tennis with her before having “ice and cake” on a “lovely day” in June. Her diary also accounts that she attended Mary’s Ghost

Party in July (no more details besides the name) and sometimes just that "Mary Woodbury called." It is a snapshot of the friend's relationship before Mary Woodbury's marriage to Irving, and she became Mrs. Caswell.

On the other side, Mary's diary can tease details about their relationship nearly 20 years later. Both live in the same homes, but Mary has married and had a son, while Alice has remained single. Mary's diary contains notes like "Alice and Carrie Starret...were at dinner with us" or that Alice came to Irving's birthday party. The two ventured to St. Paul together to hear *Rigoletto* and have dinner at the Fredric Hotel -- and even accompanied the family on a trip to Europe in 1914.

Someone can have more than one Alice in their life, and Mary's sister-in-law, who appears in Mary's diary, was also called Alice. So careful reading and context are needed to know whom she is writing about. Thankfully, Mary often uses last names or last initials. In other cases, how she writes the list of those attending gives a clue. Alice Caswell was married to Arthur, and we can assume that any list Mary wrote placing those two together does not refer to Alice Starrett.



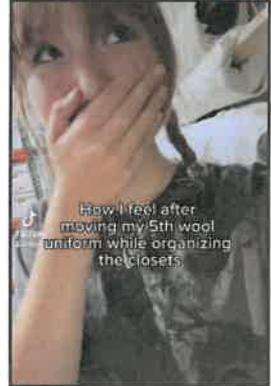
Facing page: Poverty Party at the Caswell home with: A. Caswell, T.T. Geddes, Alice Starrett, L. Greenwald, Mrs. S. Bend, Thad Giddings, Dr. Hagaman. Front: Mrs. Warnes, Mrs. Hagaman, Cora Lukkason, Mrs. A. Giddings.

Above: Alice Starrett diaries, outside cover and inside page.

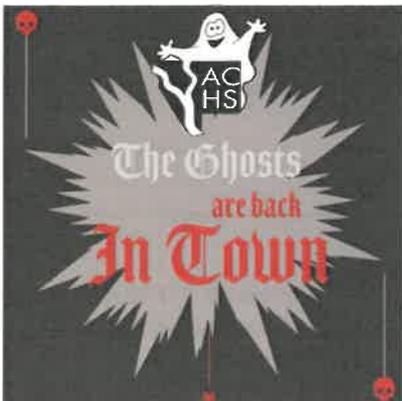
My Internship at the Anoka County Historical Society

By: Kassidy Schwartz-Eckhardt

I remember going to the Minnesota Historical Society in 2nd grade and stumbling upon the WWI exhibit they had open then. I didn't know much about what the signs or plaques said, but I knew I needed to learn more. I think this was the first time my interest in history bloomed; it's been about seven years since I saw that exhibit, and my interest is still as strong as ever. I decided to intern at the Anoka County Historical Society over the summer because I was looking for a summer job or at least something to familiarize me with a work setting. I thought there was no better place to start that part of my life than a historical society! I didn't know what to expect, but I wasn't disappointed in the slightest. On my first day, I helped give a bus tour and held up pictures when the time was right. Soon after, I was taught how the organizing system of artifacts worked and what each number on the boxes meant. It was a very simple first thing, but it felt amazing to be a part of what people with my dream job do daily. I entered objects into the database, helped make videos for social media, and moved many a number of clothes from closet to closet, and I am so glad I applied for this internship. This was my first step in becoming a historian once I'm older, and I hope to come back and intern here again eventually! Thank you to the Anoka County Historical Society for giving me this opportunity; it was such an amazing experience.



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It has been a whirlwind summer that flew by too quickly. Thank you to all the friends and volunteers who took time out of their day and helped bring ACHS into the world.

Specifically, thank you to interns Leo and Kassidy for spending time weekly throughout the summer doing whatever the collections and museum needed that day.

Not to mention those who sacrificed buckets of sweat at the Anoka County Fair. Special shout-outs to Tammy, Andi, Erin, the other Andy, Jan, Jane, Griffen, Sandy, Orville, Dan, Maddie, Kenny, different Tammy, and Linda. It was lovely to break in the new front porch together.

Finally, the pickle and candy crew at the Nowthen Threshing Show! (see pictures on the right) With your help, we helped satisfy people's sugar and salt cravings as they stepped into the 1920s in our General Store. In total Lotus, Becky, Rich, Jessica, Peyton, Steve, Jamie, James, Andy, Dennis, Riley, Emilia, and Moyo sold a total of 22 HUGE jars of pickles.

If you don't want to miss out on the fun next year, send me a note to get on the list.

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