



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
CITY HALL at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - [A.](#) Approval of Minutes - January 3, 2022 Council Meeting
 - [B.](#) Approval of Claims - General Disbursements - \$359,058.04
 - [C.](#) Contractors License
 - [D.](#) Business Licenses
- 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - [A.](#) Police Report
 - [B.](#) Recreation Report
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - [A.](#) Process for Rental License Revocation
 - B. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 814 Sanburnol Drive NE
 - C. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 603 81st Avenue NE
 - D. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 7827 Quincy Street NE
 - E. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 530 82nd Ave NE
 - F. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 738 84th Ave NE
 - G. Hearing on Revocation of Rental Housing License - 7864 Tyler St NE
- 9. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS**
 - [A.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX, Approving Rental License Revocation for 814 Sanburnol Drive NE
 - [B.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX, Approving Rental License Revocation for 603 81st Avenue NE
 - [C.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX Approving Rental License Revocation for 7827 Quincy St NE
 - [D.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX, Approving Rental License Revocation for 530 82nd Ave NE
 - [E.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX, Approving Rental License Revocation for 738 84th Ave NE
 - [F.](#) Resolution No. 22-XX, Approving Rental License Revocation for 7864 Tyler St NE
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - [A.](#) Consider Expanding Membership Eligibility for Park and Recreation Commission

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

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

11. REPORTS

- [A.](#) Engineer Report
- B. Attorney Report
- C. Administrator Report

12. OTHER

- [A.](#) Correspondence

13. ADJOURN

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 January 03, 2022 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Ken Wendling
Councilmember Brad Delfs
Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff
Councilmember Lisa Dircks

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Bob Nelson

STAFF PRESENT

Building Official Jeff Baker, Public Works Director Terry Randall, Police Chief Josh Antoine, Recreation Director Kay Okey, City Engineer Phil Gravel, City Attorney John Thames, Administrator Daniel Buchholtz

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA -- None

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Dave Peterson, 7917 Central Avenue NE, stated that he received a letter in the mail regarding his rental property renewal. He stated that he noticed the application process had changed significantly. He said he called the Code Enforcement Inspector to discuss the new process. He expressed his concern about safety in the community and stated his opinion that the City needs to address small problems right away in order to avoid more difficult problems later on. He asked what the community can do to improve public safety in the community.

Acting Mayor Wendling stated that the City Council approved new rental housing regulations to improve the quality of the rental housing stock within the community, thereby enhancing the health, safety and welfare of the community. He said the Police Department is diligently working to address the increase in crime, though noting that Spring Lake Park hasn't seen as great an increase as other suburbs. Chief Antoine encouraged residents to establish neighborhood watch groups to help prevent crime from happening and create an enhanced sense of safety in the community. Acting Mayor Wendling also noted that the Police Department has worked with Ring on a program to allow residents to submit door bell video to the Police Department to assist with solving crime.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes - December 20, 2021 Council Meeting
- B. Resolution 22-04, Amending 2022 General Fund Budget
- C. Resolution 22-05, Accepting Monetary Donation

Administrator Buchholtz requested that the resolution number for Item 6.C. be amended to Resolution 22-03.

Motion made by Acting Mayor Wendling to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTSA. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Randall stated that the Department has done a lot of tree trimming in the Parks. He said the ice rinks are ready. He noted that they have been performing snow removal as needed.

B. Code Enforcement Report

Building Official Baker stated that for the 2021 license year there are 4 property owners who have not requested inspection of their rental property and 22 property owners who have not requested reinspection. He said for the 2022 license year, 30 property owners have not submitted or fully completed their application for rental property. He said letters were sent out and a hearing will be held on January 18. He said that the City Moving and Storage project is moving forward.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONSA. Resolution 22-01, Approving 2022 Appointments

Administrator Buchholtz stated that the Mayor's recommendations for committee appointments are incorporated into Resolution 22-01. He noted that the appointment to the Public Works Negotiation Committee would take effect after current negotiations with Local 49 are complete for the 2022-2023 contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to approve Resolution 22-01, Approving 2022 Appointments.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

B. Resolution 22-02, Approving the Tentative Agreement Between the City of Spring Lake Park and LELS Local #265, Representing the Patrol Sergeants Bargaining Unit, for Calendar Years 2022-2023

Administrator Buchholtz presented the tentative agreement between the City and LELS Local #265, Representing the Patrol Sergeants Bargaining Unit. He stated that the negotiation team recommends approval.

Motion made by Councilmember Delfs to approve Resolution 22-02, Approving the Tentative Agreement Between the City of Spring Lake Park and LELS Local #265, Representing the Patrol Sergeants Bargaining Unit, for Calendar Years 2022-2023

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Able Park Basketball Court Reconstruction

Recreation Director Okey stated that the Able Park Basketball Court is in need of reconstruction due to significant cracking of the playing surface. She stated that she obtained three quotes for the work:

Bituminous Roadway, Inc.	\$37,650.00
Plehal Blacktopping LLC	\$48,500.00
North Valley, Inc	\$76,073.60

Director Okey stated that the project is included in the Parks Master Plan and the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. She recommended accepting the low quote from Bituminous Roadway, Inc.

Councilmember Delfs asked if the City had any history working with Bituminous Roadway, Inc. City Engineer Gravel stated that Bituminous Roadway was capable of completing this project.

Motion made by Councilmember Delfs to award the Able Park Basketball Court reconstruction quote to Bitumionous Roadway, Inc.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

B. Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications - 2022 Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project

City Engineer Gravel presented the proposed project area for the 2022 Seal Coat and Crack Repair project which includes the County Road 10 Service Drive, Middletown Road NE, 81st Avenue NE and Arthur Street. He stated that Garfield Street, Hayes Street and 80th Avenue would be removed from this project due to their proposed reconstruction in 2022. He stated that Sanburnol Drive also would be removed from this project as it would not benefit from further sealcoating. He stated that the city would work with the City of Blaine on a more comprehensive repair solution for this roadway.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to authorize preparation of plans/specifications and bidding for the 2022 Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney Report -- No report

B. Engineer Report – No additional report

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz reported that contract negotiations are continuing with the IUOE Local 49, which represents the Public Works employees. He also noted that the City is recruiting candidates for the Accounting Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator position, with an application deadline of January 18.

11. OTHER

A. Correspondence

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

Voting Aye: Councilmember Delfs, Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff, Councilmember Dircks, Acting Mayor Wendling. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Ken Wendling, Acting Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

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<u>VOUCHER</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
71090	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	29.08
71091	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	1,040.04
71092	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	254.99
71093	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	1,504.04
71094	L.E.L.S.	PAYROLL	317.50
71095	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	105.00
71096	MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	PAYROLL	205.81
71097	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	40.00
71098	PREFERREDONE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	15,936.98
71099	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,723.00
71100	AT & T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	343.18
71101	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	BATTERIES	170.78
71102	GLENN BAUER	GYM REIMBURSEMENT	300.84
71103	BIO-TEC EMERGENCY SERVICES	AUTO SERVICES/PARTS	150.00
71104	CARSON, CLELLAND & SCHREDER	ATTORNEY FEES	9,053.77
71105	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	1,347.98
71106	CINTAS	OPERATING SUPPLIES - MATS	92.23
71107	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	DATA SERVICES	144.96
71108	CLEARSTREAM RECYCLING INC	ZERO WASTE STATIONS	2,220.00
71109	COMM-WORKS, LLC	CAMERA MONITORING	500.00
71110	COTTENS INC	AUTO SERVICES/PARTS	119.88
71111	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION	43.00
71112	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	SUPPLIES	4,603.94
71113	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL INC	LOCATES	58.05
71114	GRANT HUTTON	UTILITY REFUND	66.40
71115	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1,350.95
71116	MARCO	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	714.00
71117	MARIE RIDGEWAY LISS LLC	SLP POWER PROGRAM	460.00
71118	MBPTA	2022 MEMBERSHIP	100.00
71119	MED COMPASS	OSHA CONFERENCE	1,010.00
71120	MINNESOTA DEPT OF HEALTH	WATER CONNECTION FEE QTRLY	5,350.00
71121	MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL	MATRUE DRIVING CLASS	23.00
71122	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES ON PARK RENTAL & REGISTRATIC	868.90
71123	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	57.48
71124	OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	114.09
71125	RECYCLE TECHNOLOGIES	NOVEMBER RECYCLING EVENT	3,458.10
71126	SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC.	2022 SAFETY CONSUTLING AGREEMENT	6,801.66
71127	SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON	ARTHUR STREET REHAB	457.41
71128	SLP FIRE DEPARTMENT	DECEMBER FIRE PROTECTION	20,521.00
71129	KENNETH A. TOLZMANN, SAMA	4TH QTR ASSESSMENT PAYMENT	9,403.75
71130	TRUST IN US, LLC	MEMBERSHIP/TESTING	355.00
71131	TWIN CITIES BMEU WEST	POSTAGE	1,200.15

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	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
71132	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WI-MN	NOVEMBER RECYCLING SERVICE	7,861.02
71133	WSB & ASSOCIATES INC	PARK IMPROVEMENT	1,448.00
71134	ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC	TRACKLESS BROOM	425.70
71135	AMERITAS	PAYROLL	29.08
71136	CENTRAL PENSION FUND	PAYROLL	1,040.04
71137	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	250.74
71138	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	1,456.11
71139	L.E.L.S.	PAYROLL	285.75
71140	LOCAL 49	PAYROLL	105.00
71141	MINNESOTA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTE	PAYROLL	205.81
71142	NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS	PAYROLL	40.00
71143	PREFERREDONE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	15,729.94
71144	4IMPRINT INC	TRAVEL MUGS	314.08
71145	AID ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC	ELECTRIC WORK	520.99
71146	ALLIED 100 LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES - DEFIB PARTS	614.91
71147	ALLISON CURTIS	RECREATION INSTRUCTOR	360.00
71148	ANOKA COUNTY TREASURY	NOVEMBER LANGUAGE LINE	15.45
71149	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	1,630.95
71150	AT & T MOBILITY	PHONE SERVICE	592.30
71151	BARBARA GOODBOE-BISSCHOFF	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	51.74
71152	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS	BATTERIES	351.62
71153	CITY OF BLAINE	SLP FIRE BONDS	33,281.75
71154	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITY	1,042.99
71155	CHAMPION YOUTH	RECREATION CLASS	1,394.40
71156	CINTAS	OPERATING SUPPLIES - MATS	184.46
71157	COMCAST	MONTHLY UTILITY	105.92
71158	COMPUTER INTERGRATION TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER AGREEMENTS	384.00
71159	CONNEXUS ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITY	348.54
71160	COON RAPIDS CHRYSLER	AUTO SERVICES/PARTS	1,074.68
71161	COORDINATED BUSINESS SYSTEMS LTD	MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT	940.81
71162	COTTENS INC	AUTO SERVICES/PARTS	22.99
71163	DAVE PERKINS CONTRACTING INC	HYDRANT REPLACEMENT	3,784.00
71164	DELTA DENTAL	COBRA PAYMENT	95.65
71165	ESTATE OF JAMES A WEBER	UTILITY REFUND	109.54
71166	HEALTH PARTNERS	MEDICAL EXAM - NEW HIRE	677.00
71167	HEARTLAND TIRE INC	AUTO SERVICES/PARTS	592.00
71168	HOTSY EQUIPMENT OF MN	SUPPLIES	2.35
71169	IDC AUTOMATIC	GARAGE DOOR REPAIR	1,885.00
71170	INDIGITAL	SCANNING	4,618.14
71171	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	52.45
71172	INSTRUMENTAL RESEARCH INC	NOVEMBER WATER TESTING	72.00
71173	JSB SURVELLIANCE	CAMERA	2,490.00
71174	LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	261.68

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	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
71175	MICHAEL LEDMAN	RECREATION INSTRUCTOR	297.00
71176	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	FUEL	2,372.67
71177	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	WASTE WATER SERVICE	93,194.64
71178	MINNEAPOLIS SAW	SUPPLIES	36.74
71179	MN CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION	DUES	320.00
71180	MURPHY CREATIVE DESIGN	RECYCLING FLYER	600.00
71181	NICKIE WELSH	RECREATION INSTRUCTOR	180.00
71182	NILS GRIBERG	UTILITY REFUND	123.56
71183	NORTH METRO MAYORS ASSOC	2022 MEMBERSHIP FEE	2,746.00
71184	NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	450.00
71185	OFFICE OF MN.IT SERVICES	FIBER OPTICS	44.60
71186	QC DANCE	RECREATION CLASS	1,232.00
71187	REVOLUTIONARY SPORTS	RECREATION CLASS	1,374.45
71188	STANTEC	ENGINEERING SERVICES	19,359.91
71189	STEVEN & BRITTA BRUNO	UTILITY REFUND	37.56
71190	TOPWASH.COM	AUTO REPAIR/SERVICE	240.00
71191	ULINE	GLOVES	385.18
71192	USS MINNESOTA ONE MT LLC	MONTHLY UTILITY	4,759.73
71193	VADIM MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE	EBILLING FEES	102.72
71194	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	COMPOST HAULING & DISPOSAL	7,901.31
71195	XCEL ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITY	3,410.03
71196	YELLOW DOG UPHOLSTERY	AUTO REPAIR/SERVICE	100.00
71197	AISHA ALI	PLANNING STIPEND	150.00
71198	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OPERATING SUPPLIES	81.69
71199	ASPEN MILLS	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	171.58
71200	ANOKA CO. HWY DEPT./ATTN: CINDY KRIESEL	REIMBURSEMENT	21,794.08
71201	CHRIS LAMMERS	RECREATION STIPEND	420.00
71202	CINTAS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	184.46
71203	COMM-WORKS, LLC	PARK CAMERAS	125.00
71204	COON RAPIDS CHRYSLER	AUTO REPAIR/SERVICE	101.92
71205	COTTENS INC	AUTO REPAIR/SERVICE	31.98
71206	CUSTOMIZED TRAINING CENTER	SCHOOL - KRAMER	970.00
71207	DOUG EISCHENS	PLANNING STIPEND	210.00
71208	ECM PUBLISHERS, INC.	PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION	48.38
71209	ERIC JULIEN	PLANNING STIPEND	210.00
71210	FASTENAL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	24.84
71211	FAYE MURPHY	RECREATION STIPEND	150.00
71212	GREENHAVEN PRINTING	RECYCLING FLYERS	3,129.13
71213	HANS HANSEN	PLANNING STIPEND	180.00
71214	BARBARA HARLAN	RECREATION STIPEND	450.00
71215	INDIGITAL	SCANNING	2,515.11
71216	JAMIE CASSIDY	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	144.48
71217	JEFF BERNHAGEN	PLANNING STIPEND	210.00

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71218	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	FUEL	986.76
71219	MARK HOARD	RECREATION STIPEND	330.00
71220	JILL MASON	RECREATION INSTRUCTOR	376.00
71221	MENARDS-CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	105.40
71222	METROPOLITAN COUNCIL	SAC DEFFERRAL PAYMENT	2,771.44
71223	MIDWEST DIESEL SERVICE INC.	SUPPLIES	10.32
71224	NASASP	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	39.00
71225	NELCO	TAX FORMS	751.55
71226	NEMEH AL-SARRAJ	RECREATION STIPEND	120.00
71227	OFFICE DEPOT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	84.21
71228	PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	342.98
71229	RICHFIELD BUS CO	BUS RENTAL	658.93
71230	RICK COBBS	PLANNING STIPEND	210.00
71231	RICOH USA INC	TONER	94.90
71232	ROBERT MENSSEN	UTILITY REFUND	91.05
71233	SAM'S CLUB # 6310	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	285.00
71234	SHAWN WEBB	RECREATION STIPEND	60.00
71235	SHRED-IT USA	MONTHLY SHREDDING SERVICE	124.89
71236	SUZANNE BOYUM	UTILITY REFUND	136.85
71237	THE HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	108.07
71238	WALTERS RECYCLING REFUSE SERV	ORGANICS/TRASH PICKUP	524.17
71239	WELLS FARGO CREDIT CARD	CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	10.00
71240	WESLEY GOLDBERG	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	135.69
71241	WIPERS AND WIPES INC	SUPPLIES	652.19
71242	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PAYROLL	6.28
71243	DELTA DENTAL	PAYROLL	8.23
71244	PreferredOne Insurance Company	PAYROLL	96.86
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	359,058.04

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

Contractor Licenses

January 18, 2022

General Contractor

SAC Wireless, LLC.

Plumbing Contractor

Jayhawk Mechanical

2022-2023 Garbage Haulers

Ace Solid Waste

Aspen Waste Systems of Minnesota

Curbside Waste, Inc.

LePage & Sons, Inc.

Republic Services

Walters Recycling & Refuse, Inc.

Waste Management of MN, Inc.

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Business Licenses

January 18, 2022

On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License

Don Goyo Restaurant

8492 Central Avenue NE



Police Report

December 2021

Submitted for Council Meeting January 18, 2021

The Spring Lake Park Police Department responded to seven hundred and one calls for service in December 2021. This is compared to responding to seven hundred and eleven calls for service in December 2020.

Our School Resource Officer, Officer Imig reports handling seven calls for service in December 2021 at our local schools, along with conducting twenty student contacts and twenty-six escorts. Officer Imig also attended several staff meetings at the High School. I want to thank Officer Imig for covering several patrol shifts in December. Without his assistance, our patrol officers would have had to cover many more shifts. For further details see Officer Imig's attached report.

Investigator Bennek reports handling twenty-six cases in December 2021. Twenty-three felony, two gross misdemeanors, and one misdemeanor case. Investigator Bennek continues to monitor five forfeiture cases, along with his monthly caseload. Investigator Bennek also ran the department's adverse weather and low light qualification shoot in December. I want to also thank Investigator Bennek for continuing to assist by covering patrol shifts throughout December. Without him, our patrol officers would have had to cover many more shifts. For further details see Investigator Bennek's attached report.

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Administrative Office Staff continues to remain busy daily. I and our administrative staff were able to attend the administrative professional appreciation lunch hosted by the Anoka County Chiefs Association on December 15th. I am grateful to our administrative staff at the Spring Lake Park PD. We could not run this police department without them. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

The month of December has been a busy month for me as well, besides handling the day-to-day operations of the police department, I have continued to monitor the hiring process and attended several meetings throughout December.

With 2021 in the rearview mirror I want to personally thank my officers and Sergeants for all of the work they did during 2021. 2021 was a year of change and challenges for the police department. Through

the officer's and Sergeants' perseverance, we were able to continue to offer the high standard of service the residents of Spring Lake Park have come to expect. We in the police department will continue to strive to make the City of Spring Lake Park one of the best cities to live in, in the future.

This will conclude my report for December 2021, are there any questions?

Spring Lake Park Police / School Resource Officer Report

December 2021

Incidents by School Location	Reports (ICRs)	Student Contacts*	Escorts/Other	Follow Up Inv.
Spring Lake Park High School	6	20	26	
Discovery Days (pre-school)				
Lighthouse School				
Park Terrace Elementary School	1			
District Office				
Able and Terrace Parks (School Related)				
School Related				
Miscellaneous Locations				
Totals:	7	20	26	

*refers to consultations with students not requiring a police report

Breakdown of Reports (ICRs)	
Theft reports (cellphones, iPods, bikes, etc...)	
Students charged with Assault or Disorderly Conduct	
Students charged with other crimes	1
Non-students Charged	
Warrant Arrests	
Miscellaneous reports	6

Spring Lake Park Police / School Resource Officer Report

December 2021



Spring Lake Park Police Department

Investigations Monthly Report

Investigator
Tony Bennek

December 2021

Total Case Load

Case Load by Level of Offense: 26

Felony	23
Gross Misdemeanor	2
Misdemeanor	1

Case Dispositions:

County Attorney	23
Juvenile County Attorney	0
City Attorney	3
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

Spring Lake Park Police Department badge and patch changes

Since taking over the police department in August I have been working on updating our badges and patches. After working with the police department personnel on various options we have completed and started to implement the new and improved Spring Lake Park PD badges and patches. Below are images of our new badges and patch. I appreciate all of the input from the police department personnel through this process.



Recreation Department Report for the Month of December

Recreational activities which were held in December included: two theater day trips, yoga, Frauds and Schemes Presentation, Make and Take Cookie Class, several art classes, Red Cross Babysitting Course, four youth winter break day trips, Esports Program and the spruce tip pot class held at Malmborgs Garden Center.

Program Coordinator, Wesley Goldberg has also developed and coordinated an indoor volleyball league with the cities of New Brighton and Fridley. Play is at Highview Middle School in New Brighton.

Ice rinks were opened on December 30th. Able Park warming house is seeing a number of participants when the days are above 20 degrees.

I attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on December 7, at which time the commissioners reviewed the concept plans for the Parks and discussed the open house for the community.

I attended City Council sessions during the month of December.

The new website was launched and we are receiving good reviews.

The first Tower Days Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25; 6:30 pm. The committee welcomes any new community new members who wish to contribute to the annual city celebrations. If interested in joining the committee please contact me at City Hall or email recinfo@slpmn.org

All Tower Days applications and sponsorship forms are available at our website www.slprec.org Parade date is scheduled for Thursday, June 9 and the All-Day Celebration is Sunday, June 12.

Upcoming programs and activities include Jeff Sandino's cooking classes, kids dance classes, youth basketball program, snowshoeing, Esports, 55 plus driver's courses and an outdoor scavenger hunt in February.

This concludes the December Recreation Department report.

Respectfully submitted by

Kay Okey
Parks and Recreation Department



City of Spring Lake Park
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Revocation Public Hearing
DATE: January 13, 2022

November 15, 2021 rental license applications and Housing Maintenance Inspection Policies were mailed to all rental property owners and representatives.

December 16, 2021 another rental license application was mailed to all rental property owners.

January 3, 2022 Code Enforcement staff reviewed the property file and noted that the attached properties remained unlicensed. A statement of cause was mailed by regular mail to each owner at the address listed in the property records.

Public Hearings:

The resolution title will be read, it will then be turned over to the Building Official. If the City has received any information or the property has come into compliance, that will be stated.

Open public hearing. If a representative of the rental property or the tenants are in attendance, they can speak at this time.

The council may speak or ask questions at this time.

A Motion from the council to close the public hearing.

The City Council has the right to revoke or suspend the license, grant an extension, table the motion, or refuse revocation.

After Revocation:

If the license is suspended or revoked, the owner and tenants will be notified by regular and certified mail of the suspension or revocation. The property will also be posted. The posting gives 45 days to vacate.

Forty Five days after the original posting of the property, an **Unlawful to Occupy** posting will be put on the building. The Code Enforcement Division may write the owner and/or occupants an Administrative Offense Citation or begin the process with Anoka County Courts to have the occupants removed.

To re-license a revoked property, all requirements of this policy and the Housing Maintenance Code ordinance shall be met. This includes payment of all outstanding fees.

City of Spring Lake Park

Resolution NO. 2022-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 814 SANBURNOL DR NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, Danielle Jones (Hereinafter "License Holder") is the legal owner of the reape property at 814 Sanburnol Dr NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, 12.16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park written notice setting forth the causes and reasons for the proposed council action contained herein and notice of a public hearing to be held on January 18,2022 was given to the license holder on January 06, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park that, in accordance with the foregoing, and all ordinances and regulations of the City of Spring Lake Park, the City Council adopts the following.

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 - a. Failure to submit renewal rental license application and fees prior to 01-01-2022
5. That all parties, including the license holder and any occupants or tenants, have been given the appropriate notice of this hearing according to the provisions of the City Code, Chapter 12 Article 16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park.

Order of Council

1. The rental license belonging to the license holder described herein and identified by Danielle Jones is hereby revoked;
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City of Spring Lake Park

Resolution NO. 2022-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 603 81st AVE NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, Rozanne Slater-Olson (Hereinafter “License Holder”) is the legal owner of the reap property at 603 81st Ave NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code, 12.16.140 of the City of Spring Lake Park written notice setting forth the causes and reasons for the proposed council action contained herein and notice of a public hearing to be held on January 18,2022 was given to the license holder on January 03, 2022

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City of Spring Lake Park

Resolution NO. 2022-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7827 QUINCY ST NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, FYR Borrower LLC (Hereinafter “License Holder”) is the legal owner of the reap property at 7827 Quincy St NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

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City of Spring Lake Park

Resolution NO. 2022-XX

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WHEREAS, FYR SFR Borrower LLC (Hereinafter “License Holder”) is the legal owner of the reap property at 530 82nd Ave NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

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City of Spring Lake Park

Resolution NO. 2022-XX

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WHEREAS, HPA Borrower 20180-1 (Hereinafter “License Holder”) is the legal owner of the reap property at 738 84th Ave NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

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Resolution NO. 2022-XX

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENTAL LICENSE REVOCATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7864 TYLER ST NE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 12.16.140 OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK CODE

WHEREAS, RESI SFR SUB, LLC (Hereinafter “License Holder”) is the legal owner of the reap property at 7864 TYLER ST NE Spring Lake Park MN, 55432; and

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Memorandum



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Kay Okey, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: January 3, 2021
Subject: Amending Parks and Recreation Commission Residency Requirements

Overview: The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of seven (7) members and one City Council liaison. Commission advises the city on matters relating to recreation programs and park development. The members serve 3-year terms(staggered).

Limitations: Historically, it has been difficult to get and maintain an adequate number of qualified professionals to fill the Parks and Recreation Commission vacancies. City residency requirements, size of the city population and lack of professionals with interests in recreation severely limits the pool of applicants.

Proposal: Restructure the Commission to consist of:

- Five (5) SLP resident members.
- Two (2) at Large Members with residency in Spring Lake Park School District or active member in our recreation program(s).
- All Park Commission members must maintain this residency/requirement for the duration of their term of office.
- If qualified SLP residents wish to fill all seven (7) positions that would be allowed if no other at large candidates apply.

The Spring Lake Park and Recreation Department has no residency requirements to take part in the recreation programs or to visit our parks. We market our programs to multiple cities and our direct mailing list is for the SLP school district. In addition, we jointly operate one park with the neighboring city of Mounds View. Several long serving volunteer coaches live outside the city limits and have expressed interest in the past to serve on the commission but were unable to due to the residency requirement. It is the hope that by broadening the residency requirement, we will be able to increase our pool of qualified citizens to serve on the commission.

If approved, we would start a marketing campaign to announce the changes to fill the three vacant seats. Methods used would be social media, letters to volunteers and flyers posted in city parks.

Respectfully submitted by

Kay Okey
Parks and Recreation Director



City of Spring Lake Park
Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff

Re: **Status Report for 01.18.22 Meeting**

From: Phil Gravel

File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

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

Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) – Water System (193805314). This is an assessment and evaluation of the water system based on requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ERP completion by 12/30/21. The RRA was certified by the EPA at the end of June. The Emergency Response Plan was submitted in December 2021.

Suite Living Spring Lake Park (Hampton Cos. project at 525 Osborne). Site work (including parking lot) complete for 2021. Finish work in 2022. Developer has completed parking lot restoration at Spring Crest Estates but needs to resolve issues with irrigation system.

Stormwater Utility Plan (193804944). The city has approved a stormwater utility charge. Ordinance has been processed. The next step is to implement the billing in 2022.

2021 Sewer Lining Project (193805204). This project included lining in the general area between Terrace and Monroe and south of 81st Avenue. Terry Randall is watching this project. Construction Contracts have been signed. *Lining begins in February 2022 after Pre-televising.*

2022 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (193805507). 2022 project area will include all of 81st Avenue, Arthur Street, Middletown, and Service Drive southwest of 10 and 65. *Plans are being prepared. Public Works Director is reviewing the necessary street patch areas.*

Sidewalk Project: Possible sidewalk improvements crossing Able St. at Lund Ave. (near Triangle Park) and along 81st Ave. by City Hall. Alternate bids will be included with the 2022 Street Project.

2022 Street Improvements Project (193805383). This project will include pavement replacement in the Garfield-Hayes neighborhood. Feasibility Report was received on 9/7/21. Public Improvement Hearings were on 10/4/21 and 11/15/21. Construction Plans and Specifications were approved on 12/6/21. *Bids will be received on January 31, 2022.*

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

Wellhead Protection Plan: A Plan Evaluation Report has been provided to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). MDH approved a 10-year extension to the Plan on July 26, 2018.

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

12-31-21 Status of Spring Lake Park Cellular Antenna Installations on Water Towers:

- **2021 T-Mobile/Sprint antennae replacement on Arthur Street tower (A1O0091).** This request is based on a 12-30-20 email message from Shane Bagley of Begley Wireless Consultants to Dan Buchholtz. Construction Drawings (CDs) prepared by Fullerton Engineering Design (dated 12/15/20 and updated 5/25/21). A second Construction Documents (CDs) Review memo was sent to applicant on 6/8/2021 - CDs are okay - remaining issues will be resolved at Preconstruction Conference. Lease negotiations complete as of 9/20/21 with approval of Lease Amendment #4. Contractor will need to provide insurance certificate and bond, then schedule precon. *Responses received from Begley on 12/3/21, 12/17/21, and 12/30/21.*
Below is the recap of all other items requested as of 12/30/21.
 - Verify that Lease Amendment 4 has been processed and signed. **Lease Amendment has been NLG approved and Lease is currently in DocuSign with T-Mobile waiting for Notary Monday, Daniel and the Mayor Nelson should receive DocuSign envelope Monday 12/20 or 12/21 at the latest. Mr. Thames will receive a fully signed and executed copy once all signatures have been collected.**
 - Provide a Certificate of Insurance to cover the construction (T-Mobile, your office, or the construction contractor can provide). **Attached**
 - Provide a \$50,000 construction bond/surety (T-Mobile, your office, or the construction contractor can provide). **Waiting on executive approval, should have bond by 12/23**
 - Building Permit. **Application dated 10.18.21 was resubmitted on 12/30/21.**
 - Schedule an onsite preconstruction with the city public works director (trandall@slpmn.org) and city water tower engineer (mark.rolfs@stantec.com). **This has been documented in the instructions for the T-Mobile NTP Team. Once a construction schedule has been finalized, they will schedule the precon meeting as instructed above.**
- **T-Mobile Antenna Maintenance on Able Street Tower (2020 Anchor).** Building permit 2021-00048. This project includes antennae replacement. The contact person for the design is Tom Jemilo at insite inc. Review of the Construction Drawings (CDs) for this project were approved on 9/29/20. The Second Amendment to T-Mobile Lease Agreement was approved in January 2021. Preconstruction Conference was held with Premise Electrical on 2/17/21. The Electrical portion of the work was done as of 4/5/21. The antenna work has been completed. *9/20/21 msg to contractor: They need to remove the unused conduit as shown on the drawings and discussed at the precon. This project is **not** OK to finalize.*
- **T-Mobile Utility Upgrade/Generator - Able Street Tower (Network Hardening).** Building permit 2019-00229. Contact people for the project are Tom Jemilo at insite inc. and Jason Bayer from JDR (contractor). Review of the drawings was completed in 2020. Precon was held on 1/13/21. Construction was substantially complete as of 2/9/21. Natural gas has been installed. Generator has been startup has been completed. *Restoration is an issue (5/12/21): The turf not acceptable, fence is broken. Photos have been sent to the Contractor. 7/13/21: No Change. Site will be inspected this week. 9/20/21: This project is acceptable from an inspection standpoint. The City and the Contractor can take the next steps to finalizing the project. Building permit has been closed out as of 10-14-21.*
- **2021 Clearwire equipment removal from Able Street tower (MS52XC144).** Equipment removal project (from Qualtek Wireless - fall of 2020). City Building Permit Number for this project is 2020-00449. Precon was on March 20, 2021 (minutes sent on 4/2/21). Construction started on April 28, 2021. Removal work on tank completed June 2021. 7/13/21: Tom Slack has completed his paint touch-up work. 9/20/21: This project is acceptable from an inspection standpoint. 9/27/21: *City and Contractor can take the next steps to finalizing the project. Building permit 2020-00449 has been closed out as of 10-13-21. Cash escrow can be released in January 2022 after final invoice.*
- **2019-2021 Verizon on Arthur Street tower.** This is a new installation. The contact person is Michael Raia of TechScape. Revised Construction Drawings labeled Revision E were submitted in March 2019 and are considered approvable. Final Lease was approved by city council on October 21, 2019. *Construction may not occur until late 2021*

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

CORRESPONDENCE

**Notice Regarding
Xcel Energy Request to Increase Rates for Electric Service**

MPUC Docket Nos E002/GR-21-630 & E002/M-21-748

On October 25, 2021, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or Company), filed an application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to increase gross retail electric rates, through a three-year multi-year rate plan, in the State of Minnesota (the Application) by (12.2 percent) or \$396.0 million effective January 1, 2022, sixty-seven (67) days after filing, without suspension; an incremental increase of \$150.2 million (4.8 percent) effective January 1, 2023, without suspension; and an incremental increase of \$131.2 million (or 4.2 percent) effective January 1, 2024, based on present revenues. The Company requests a three-year multi-year rate plan (MYRP), modeled after its 2016-2019 MYRP, approved in its most recent rate case (E002/GR-15-826), and implemented pursuant to Minn. Stat. §216B.16, subds. 1 and 19. Finally, the Company provides forecasts and cost of service information for 2024 and 2025, should the MPUC and parties wish to explore another four-year MYRP for the Company.

The Company requested, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subds. 3 and 19, that an interim rate increase of approximately 9.4 percent or \$288.3 million overall bill increase, be effective on January 1, 2022, the MPUC elected to suspend the proposed rate increase under Minn. Stat. §216B.16, subd. 2, as discussed in the Company's Notice and Petition for Interim Rates (Petition), included in this Application.

The interim revenue request will be uniformly billed as an 8.1 percent increase for residential customers and 13.52 percent for non-residential customers on the base rate portion of customers' bills, exclusive of fuel and purchased energy costs and certain rate riders. The difference between the base rate and the overall bill in the percentage increases results primarily from the unbundling of fuel and purchased energy costs approved by the MPUC in our 2005 electric rate case (Docket No. E002/GR-05-1428). Because Xcel Energy is requesting a multiyear rate plan, the company is requesting an increase to the interim rate starting January 1, 2023, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subds. 3 and 19.

The Company requests a three-year MYRP, built upon a 2022 test year and then offers predictable and affordable rates for our customers while enabling the Company to continue making investments in our system to ensure the delivery of clean, reliable and safe service.

The Company's revenue deficiency in this MYRP reflects the costs of investments in our system, as we continue to invest in carbon free energy sources and replace infrastructure.

In addition, we are proposing some changes to the terms and conditions of our Electric Rate Book.

Typically, final rates become effective within 10 months of the date of the Application, unless the review period is extended by the MPUC. Since certain extensions under Minnesota law are implicated, the review period will take longer than 10 months and the MPUC will likely make a final decision regarding our request sometime in 2023. Any over-collection under interim rates will be refunded with interest to customers in a manner determined by the MPUC.

Xcel Energy is requesting this rate increase to meet its current cost of providing electric service, including a reasonable return on common equity. The following table contains the average monthly impact of the approved interim and proposed rate increases on customer classes:

Average Monthly Bills

Customer type	Average 2022 monthly kWh usage	Current monthly cost	2022 Interim monthly increase	Proposed 2022 monthly cost	Proposed 2022 monthly increase	Proposed 2023 monthly increase (Cumulative 2022+2023)	Proposed 2024 monthly increase (Cumulative 2022+2023+2024)
Residential - Overhead line service	514	\$77.57	\$4.98	\$87.49	\$9.92	\$12.27	\$14.75
Residential - Underground line service	752	\$111.78	\$7.13	\$125.60	\$13.81	\$17.24	\$20.87
Energy-Controlled (Dual Fuel)	1,019	\$93.43	\$6.85	\$106.40	\$12.97	\$17.78	\$21.41
Small General Service	794	\$109.15	\$10.21	\$119.10	\$9.95	\$12.46	\$14.63
Small General Time-of-Day Service	1,089	\$134.93	\$12.01	\$147.71	\$12.78	\$15.72	\$18.21
General Service	14,670	\$1,679.88	\$145.19	\$1,867.18	\$187.30	\$213.28	\$226.47
General Time-of-Day Service	123,490	\$11,699.82	\$918.85	\$12,966.05	\$1,266.24	\$1,326.92	\$1,872.25
Peak-Controlled Service	67,093	\$9,040.31	\$825.69	\$10,100.96	\$1,060.65	\$1,265.88	\$1,383.12
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day Service	605,194	\$66,153.60	\$5,562.15	\$73,651.86	\$7,498.26	\$9,421.86	\$11,190.54
Small Municipal Pumping	615	\$86.84	\$8.22	\$94.79	\$7.96	\$9.77	\$12.84
Municipal Pumping	8,369	\$1,082.84	\$98.44	\$1,202.67	\$119.83	\$152.06	\$166.11

Monthly Customer Charges

Customer type	Current	Proposed
Residential		
Overhead line	\$8.00	\$9.50
Overhead line - electric heating	\$10.00	\$11.50
Underground line	\$10.00	\$11.50
Underground line - electric heating	\$12.00	\$13.50
Small Commercial		
Small General	\$10.00	\$11.50
Small General Time-of-Day	\$12.00	\$13.50
Commercial and Industrial		
General	\$25.64	\$25.98
General Time-of-Day	\$29.64	\$29.98
Peak-Controlled	\$55.00	\$60.00
Peak-Controlled Time-of-Day	\$55.00	\$60.00

Energy (per kWh) and Demand (per kW) Rates

Customer type	Current	Proposed 2022	Proposed 2023	Proposed 2024
Residential				
Energy: Summer (June-September)	10.301 ¢	12.994 ¢	13.748 ¢	14.453 ¢
Energy: Winter (Other months)	8.803 ¢	11.285 ¢	11.980 ¢	12.640 ¢
Energy: Winter - electric heating	5.988 ¢	8.136 ¢	8.831 ¢	9.491 ¢
Small General				
Energy: Summer	9.256 ¢	11.372 ¢	11.980 ¢	12.554 ¢
Energy: Winter	7.757 ¢	9.663 ¢	10.212 ¢	10.740 ¢
Small General Time-of-Day				
Energy: On-Peak Summer	14.880 ¢	18.449 ¢	19.586 ¢	20.560 ¢
Energy: On-Peak Winter	11.723 ¢	14.679 ¢	15.686 ¢	16.558 ¢
Energy: Off-Peak	4.170 ¢	5.506 ¢	5.677 ¢	5.918 ¢
General				
Energy	3.407 ¢	4.738 ¢	4.993 ¢	5.213 ¢
Demand: Summer	\$14.79	\$17.48	\$18.10	\$18.52
Demand: Winter	\$10.49	\$12.89	\$13.50	\$13.92
General Time-of-Day				
Energy: On-Peak	4.855 ¢	6.502 ¢	6.851 ¢	7.154 ¢
Energy: Off-Peak	2.341 ¢	3.422 ¢	3.606 ¢	3.765 ¢
Demand: Summer	\$14.79	\$17.48	\$18.10	\$18.52
Demand: Winter	\$10.49	\$12.89	\$13.50	\$13.92

Note: Proposed lighting rate changes vary according to the type of lighting. The proposed final increase is 23.9 percent for full service street lighting, 15.6 percent for energy-only street lighting service, and 23.9 percent for residential and commercial protective lighting.

Public hearings will be held at various locations in Xcel Energy’s electric service area. Counties, municipalities and customers will be notified once the hearings are scheduled.

The proposed rate schedules and a comparison of present and proposed rates are available at www.xcelenergy.com/2022MNRates (make sure “Minnesota” is selected in top left corner). In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not presently making these documents available for physical examination, but should circumstances change, they may be examined during normal business hours at either our General Offices located at 414 Nicollet Mall in downtown Minneapolis or at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Those who wish to intervene or testify in this case should contact the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, Telephone: 651-361-7900, TTY: 651-361-7878. Public notice of hearings dates and locations will be published in local newspapers in Xcel Energy’s Minnesota service area.

Questions on the rate increase may be directed to Gail A. Baranko at (612) 330-6935. Comments may also be mailed to Gail A. Baranko at 414 Nicollet Mall, 401 7th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Katie J. Sieben
Valerie Means
Matthew Schuerger
Joseph K. Sullivan
John A. Tuma

Chair
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In the Matter of the Application of Northern
States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for
Authority to Increase Rates for Electric
Service in the State of Minnesota

ISSUE DATE: December 23, 2021

DOCKET NO. E-002/GR-21-630

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
HEARING

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 25, 2021, Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy or the Company) filed a general rate case seeking three consecutive annual rate increases under the Multiyear Rate Plan statute phased as follows:¹

2022: \$395.97 million increase (12.2% of test year revenues)
2023: \$150.51 million increase (4.8%)
2024: \$131.24 million increase (4.2%)

Xcel Energy also filed a proposal for extending its multi-year rate case to additional years, as follows:

2025: \$70.26 million increase (2.2%)
2026: \$117.75 million increase (3.9%)

The filing included an interim rates proposal under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 3.

On November 2, 2021, the Commission issued a notice requesting comment on (1) whether Xcel Energy's application complies with Minnesota rules and statutes for a change in rates, (2) whether this matter should be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a contested case proceeding, and (3) other issues and concerns related to this docket.

On November 8, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the Department), filed comments concluding that Xcel Energy complied with the filing

¹ Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 19.

requirements. The Department and the Xcel Large Industrials (XLI) recommended that the Commission refer the general rate case to OAH for a contested-case proceeding.²

On December 8 and 9, 2021, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I. Summary

In this order, the Commission refers the general rate case to OAH for a contested-case proceeding. By separate order, the Commission has (1) accepted the filing and suspended the proposed rate change, and (2) set interim rates.³

II. Jurisdiction and Referral for a Contested-Case Proceeding

The Commission has jurisdiction over the proposed rate changes of public utilities under Minn. Stat. § 216B.16. If the Commission is unable to resolve all significant issues regarding the reasonableness of the proposed rates based on the filing alone, the Commission is to refer the matter to OAH for a contested-case proceeding.⁴

The Commission finds that it cannot satisfactorily resolve all questions regarding the reasonableness of the proposed rates on the basis of Xcel Energy's filing. The Commission will therefore refer the matter to OAH for a contested-case proceeding.

III. Issues to be Addressed

In the course of this case, the Commission expects the parties will thoroughly develop a full record addressing, at a minimum, the following issues:

1. Whether the test year revenue increase sought by the Company is reasonable or will result in unreasonable or excessive earnings.
2. Whether the rate design proposed by the Company is reasonable.
3. Whether the Company's proposed capital structure and return-on-equity are reasonable.
4. Issues from past Commission orders.

² XLI is an *ad hoc* consortium of large industrial customers Xcel Energy, consisting for purposes of this filing of Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, LLC; Marathon Petroleum Corporation; and USG Interiors, Inc.

³ See Order Accepting Filing, Suspending Rates, and Extending Timeline; and Order Setting Interim Rates, both entered in this docket on this date.

⁴ Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2.

5. Reasons for significant changes since the last rate case, including but not limited to, the following:
 - a. \$31.4 million increase in power production costs,
 - b. \$24.5 million increase in transmission costs,
 - c. \$17.8 million increase in distribution costs,
 - d. \$26.2 million increase in customer service and information costs, and
 - e. \$41.7 million increase in administrative and general costs.
6. What interest rate should be applied to any prospective interim rate refunds.
7. How proposed rates align with the State's energy policy goals, including those articulated in Minn. Stat. § 216C.05.
8. Decisions made in *In the Matter of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of a Workforce Training and Development Program Pilot*, Docket No. E-002/M-21-558, to ensure they are properly reflected in the 2022 Test Year.
9. Any other issues identified by the Commission.

IV. Procedural Outline

A. Administrative Law Judge

The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to this case is Christa Moseng. Her address is as follows:

Administrative Law Judge Christa Moseng
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

Her mailing address is as follows:

Administrative Law Judge Christa Moseng
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

She can be reached through her legal assistant, Michelle Severson, at 651-361-7874 or michelle.severson@state.mn.us.

B. Hearing Procedure

- *Controlling Statutes and Rules*

Hearings in this matter will be conducted in accordance with the Minnesota Administrative Procedure Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 14.57–14.62; the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. R. 1400.5100–1400.8400; and, to the extent that they are not superseded by those rules, the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Minn. R. 7829.0100–7829.4000.

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OAH conducts contested-case proceedings in accordance with the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct and the Professionalism Aspirations adopted by the Minnesota State Bar Association.

- *Right to Counsel and to Present Evidence*

In these proceedings, parties may be represented by counsel, may appear on their own behalf, or may be represented by another person of their choice, unless otherwise prohibited as the unauthorized practice of law. They have the right to present evidence, conduct cross-examination, and make written and oral argument. Under Minn. R. 1400.7000, they may obtain subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

Parties should bring to the hearing all documents, records, and witnesses necessary to support their positions.

- *Discovery and Informal Disposition*

Any questions regarding discovery under Minn. R. 1400.6700–1400.6800 or informal disposition under Minn. R. 1400.5900 should be directed to Jorge Alonso at 651-201-2258, jorge.alonso@state.mn.us, or

Jorge Alonso
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147.

- *Protecting Not-Public Data*

State agencies are required by law to keep some data not public. Parties must advise the ALJ if not-public data is offered into the record. They should take note that any not-public data admitted into evidence may become public unless a party objects and requests relief under Minn. Stat. § 14.60, subd. 2.

- *Accommodations for Disabilities; Interpreter Services*

At the request of any individual, this agency will make accommodations to ensure that the hearing in this case is accessible. The agency will appoint a qualified interpreter if necessary. Persons must promptly notify the ALJ if an interpreter is needed.

- *Scheduling Issues*

The times, dates, and places of public and evidentiary hearings in this matter will be set by order of the ALJ after consultation with the Commission and intervening parties.

- *Notice of Appearance*

Any party intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance (Attachment A) with the ALJ within 20 days of the date of this Notice of and Order for Hearing.

- *Sanctions for Non-Compliance*

Failure to appear at a prehearing conference, a settlement conference, or the hearing, or failure to comply with any order of the ALJ, may result in facts or issues being resolved against the party who fails to appear or comply.

C. Parties and Intervention

The current parties to this case are the Company, the Department, the Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division, Suburban Rate Authority, the Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota, and XLI. Other persons wishing to become formal parties shall promptly file petitions to intervene with the ALJ. They shall serve copies of such petitions on all current parties and on the Commission.⁵

D. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on January 10, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via telephone, using the following call-in information:

Call-in Number: 1-888-742-5095
Conference Code: 181 033 4807#

Persons participating in the prehearing conference should be prepared to discuss time frames, scheduling, discovery procedures, and similar issues. Potential parties are invited to attend the pre-hearing conference and to file their petitions to intervene as soon as possible.

⁵ Minn. R. 1400.6200.

E. Time Constraints

The Commission is required to act on substantially complete rate case filings within ten months, although this ten-month period can be extended under certain circumstances. Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2(f), grants up to 90 more days if the Commission finds that it has insufficient time to make a final determination due to the need to make determinations in other pending rate cases, and § 216B.16, subd. 19(f) provides another additional 90 days if a utility proposes a multiyear rate plan, to address the added complexity these plans entail. In addition, at the hearings on December 8 and 9, Xcel Energy agreed to extend the Commission's order deadline to May 30, 2023. The Commission will accept Xcel Energy's proposal.

The Commission therefore asks OAH to conduct a contested-case proceeding in light of these time constraints and requests that the ALJ submit the final report on or before March 1, 2023, to permit adequate consideration of the case by the Commission.

V. Application of Ethics in Government Act

The lobbying provisions of the Ethics in Government Act, Minn. Stat. § 10A.01 *et seq.*, apply to general rate cases. Persons appearing in this proceeding may be subject to registration, reporting, and other requirements set forth in that Act. All persons appearing in this case are urged to refer to the Act and to contact the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with any questions at 651-539-1190.

VI. Ex Parte Communications

Restrictions on *ex parte* communications with Commissioners and reporting requirements regarding such communications with Commission staff apply to this proceeding from the date of this order. Those restrictions and reporting requirements are set forth at Minn. R. 7845.7300–7845.7400, which all parties are urged to consult.

VII. Notices Required; Delegation of Authority

Finally, the rate case statute and the Commission's rules require comprehensive notice of proposed general rate increases. Those notices are required in the ordering paragraphs below. To promote administrative efficiency, the Commission will delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve notices, bill inserts, and bill format for the duration of this proceeding.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby refers this case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested-case proceeding, as set forth above.
2. This order will be served on Northern States Power Company d/b/a Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy), which shall mail copies of the order to all municipalities, counties, and local governing bodies in its Minnesota service area.

3. Public hearings shall be held in this matter at locations within the service area of Xcel Energy.
4. Xcel Energy shall give the following notices of the evidentiary and public hearings:
 - a. Individual written notice to each customer, which may be in the form of a bill insert, and shall be served at least ten days before the first day of hearings;
 - b. Written notice to the governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, and local governing bodies in the area affected and to all parties in Xcel Energy's last two rate cases. These notices shall be mailed at least ten days before the first day of hearings.
 - c. Display advertisements in legal newspapers of affected counties and other newspapers of general circulation within Xcel Energy's Minnesota service area. These advertisements shall appear at least ten days before the first day of hearings. They shall include the heading **RATE INCREASE NOTICE**, which shall appear in bold face type no smaller than 30 points.
 - d. Xcel Energy shall submit proposed notices for Commission approval prior to publication or service.
5. The Commission delegates to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve notices, bill inserts, and bill format for the duration of this proceeding.
6. This order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary



This document can be made available in alternative formats (e.g., large print or audio) by calling 651.296.0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.

ATTACHMENT A

OAH Docket Number: 22-2500-37994

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power
Company d/b/a Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase
Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

1. The party/agency named below (Party/Agency) will appear at the prehearing conference and all subsequent proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

2. By providing its email address below, the Party/Agency acknowledges that it has read and agrees to the terms of the Office of Administrative Hearings' e-Filing policy and chooses to opt into receiving electronic notice from the Office of Administrative Hearings in this matter. **Note: Provision of an email address DOES NOT constitute consent to electronic service from any opposing party or agency in this proceeding.**¹

3. The Party/Agency agrees to use best efforts to provide the Office of Administrative Hearings with the email address(es) for opposing parties and their legal counsel.

Party's/Agency's Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Party's/Agency's Attorney: _____

Firm Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Respondent's/Opposing Party's Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Dated: _____

Signature of Party/Agency or Attorney

¹ In order to opt in to electronic notice, this form must be emailed to OAH_efiling.support@state.mn.us. If the party does not wish to opt in to electronic notice, this form may be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings via facsimile, U.S. Mail, or personal service. See Minn. Stat. § 14.58, Minn. R. 1400.5550, subps. 2-5.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Chrishna Beard, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING**

Docket Number **E-002/GR-21-630**

Dated this 30th day of December, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard



505 Nicollet Mall
P.O. Box 59038
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0038

January 10, 2022

Dear Community Leader:

On November 1, 2021, CenterPoint Energy filed a request with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for an increase in natural gas rates of \$67.1 million or approximately 6.5 percent per year. On December 2, 2021, the MPUC accepted our filing as complete and approved an interim (temporary) rate increase of about 3.9 percent for residential customers and 5.1 percent for non-residential customers. This equates to a temporary increase of \$42.4 million. This interim rate increase for CenterPoint Energy customers takes effect January 1, 2022, and continues until the MPUC issues a final order and the company implements new rates.

State law requires us to distribute a Notice of Application for Rate Increase and Notice of and Order for Hearing to all counties and municipalities in our service area (enclosed). We will send you the public hearing notices with details of the public hearing dates, times, and locations once they are scheduled. That information will also be advertised in the newspaper of record for each county seat in our service area and in the communities where hearings are to be held.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me or visit our Web site at www.CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase.

Sincerely,

Seth DeMerritt
Manager Regulatory Affairs
(612) 393-6216
Seth.DeMerritt@CenterPointEnergy.com

Enclosures: Notice of Application for Rate Increase
Notice of and Order for Hearing

FOR CENTERPOINT ENERGY CUSTOMERS
Notice to Counties and Municipalities
Under Minn. Stat. §216B.16, Subd. 1

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION – STATE OF MINNESOTA

In the Matter of an Application by
CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for
Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in
Minnesota.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RATE
INCREASE
MPUC Docket No. G-008/GR-21-435

NEW INTERIM RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve a rate increase for natural gas distribution service. The requested increase is for 6.5 percent or about \$67.1 million per year. If approved the requested increase would add about \$4.05 to a typical residential customer's monthly bill.

State law allows CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas to collect higher rates on a temporary basis while the MPUC reviews CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas' request. The temporary rate increase is about 3.9 percent for residential customers, and 5.1% for non-residential customers. This equates to \$42.4 million more than current rates. The increase shows on your bill as Interim Rate Adjustment. The MPUC will likely decide on the requested rate increase by early 2023. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

Why is CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas asking for an increase?

We continue to make significant investments to maintain the safety and integrity of our natural gas distribution system to benefit our customers and communities. These ongoing investments include infrastructure projects to replace or upgrade existing pipelines in order to prevent leaks, ensure safe and reliable service, and comply with federal pipeline regulations. We are requesting this rate increase for increased operating, maintenance and distribution expenses, and to allow an opportunity for a higher rate of return on our investments.

Here's how the rate change will affect monthly bills:

Customers' bills contain three parts: Basic Charge, Delivery Charge and Cost of Gas. The proposed Basic Charges and Delivery Charges cover the cost of delivering natural gas service to our customers and is about 50 percent of the bill, while the Cost of Gas itself is the other 50 percent of the bill. The Cost of Gas is billed directly to customers without mark-up. This rate increase does not affect the Cost of Gas.

The proposed rate changes will affect individual monthly bills differently depending on natural gas use and customer type. Bills will also vary because the wholesale cost of natural gas changes each month. The chart below shows an example of the current and proposed rates for each customer type:

Rate Type (usage in therms)	Average monthl y usage in therms	Average monthly bill: current rates	Average monthly bill: interim rates	Average monthly bill: proposed
Residential	74	\$68	\$71	\$72
Commercial/Industrial				
- up to 1,499/year	67	\$69	\$72	\$80
- 1,500 to 4,999/year	255	\$210	219	\$230
- 5,000 or more/year	1,440	\$1,096	\$1,131	\$1,136
Small Volume Dual Fuel				
- up to 119,999/year	3,971	\$2,310	\$2,382	\$2,482
- 120,000 or more/year	15,567	\$8,903	\$9,152	\$9,490
Large Volume Dual Fuel	42,091	\$23,466	\$23,981	\$24,403
Large General Firm Sales Service	41,602	\$23,085	\$23,776	\$24,480

What is the process for reviewing the request by CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas?

The MPUC, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Office of the Attorney General – Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division, public interest groups and customers have the opportunity to review and comment on our proposal.

The MPUC will hold public hearings for customers to speak and will ask for customers’ written comments about our rate increase request. You may add verbal comments or written comments, or both, to the record. When scheduled, a notice of the public hearing will give dates and locations. The notice will be published in local newspapers, in bill inserts and at CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase.

HOW TO LEARN MORE

Current and proposed rate schedules for CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas are available at:

CenterPoint Energy

505 Nicollet Mall
 Minneapolis MN 55402
 Phone: 612-372-4727 or 1-800-245-2377
 Web: CenterPointEnergy.com/RateCase

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500
 St. Paul MN 55101
 Phone: 651-539-1534
 Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> Select 21 in the year field, type 435 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's review process?

Questions or need assistance?

The MPUC is asking customers to comment on CenterPoint Energy's request for a rate increase. Send comments to the MPUC's Consumer Affairs Office (CAO) or contact the CAO for assistance with submitting comments:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350

St. Paul MN 55101

Phone: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782

Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application by
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a
CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas for
Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates in
Minnesota

ISSUE DATE: December 30, 2021

DOCKET NO. G-008/GR-21-435

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
HEARING

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 1, 2021, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CenterPoint or the Company) filed a general rate case seeking a rate increase of \$67,066,000 or approximately 6.5%, together with a proposed interim rate schedule. CenterPoint requests that proposed rates go into effect on January 1, 2022.

On November 3, 2021, the Commission issued a notice requesting comment on whether (1) CenterPoint's application complies with Minnesota rules and statutes for a change in rates and (2) this matter should be referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a contested-case proceeding.

On November 9, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (the Department), filed comments concluding that CenterPoint complied with the filing requirements and recommending the Commission refer the general rate case to OAH for a contested-case proceeding.

On December 1 and 2, 2021, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

I. Summary

In this order, the Commission refers the general rate case to OAH for a contested-case proceeding. By separate order, the Commission has (1) accepted the filing and suspended the proposed rate change, and (2) set interim rates.¹

¹ See Order Accepting Filing and Suspending Rates; and Order Setting Interim Rates, both entered in this docket on this date.

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In the course of this case, the Commission expects the parties will thoroughly develop a full record addressing, at a minimum, the following issues:

1. Whether the test year revenue increase sought by the Company is reasonable or will result in unreasonable or excessive earnings.
2. Whether the rate design proposed by the Company is reasonable.
3. Whether the Company's proposed capital structure and return-on-equity are reasonable.
4. Whether the base cost of gas proposed in *In the Matter of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation's Filing to Establish a New Base Gas Cost Filing (PGA Zero-Out) for Interim Rates in CenterPoint Energy's General Rate Filing, Docket No. G-008/GR-21-435*, Docket No. G-008/MR-21-436, needs to be updated.
5. Whether it is appropriate to use the proposed hypothetical capital structure or whether an alternative capital structure should be adopted.
6. Any significant changes from the last rate case.
7. Whether CenterPoint's income tax rider request should be approved.
8. Calculations for Minnesota-based personnel or full-time equivalents.

IV. Procedural Outline

A. Administrative Law Judge

The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to this case is Ann O'Reilly. Her address is as follows:

² Minn. Stat. § 216B.16, subd. 2.

Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

Her mailing address is as follows:

Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

She can be reached through her legal assistant, Michelle Severson, at 651-361-7874 or michelle.severson@state.mn.us.

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147.

- *Protecting Not-Public Data*

State agencies are required by law to keep some data not public. Parties must advise the ALJ if not-public data is offered into the record. They should take note that any not-public data admitted into evidence may become public unless a party objects and requests relief under Minn. Stat. § 14.60, subd. 2.

- *Accommodations for Disabilities; Interpreter Services*

At the request of any individual, this agency will make accommodations to ensure that the hearing in this case is accessible. The agency will appoint a qualified interpreter if necessary. Persons must promptly notify the ALJ if an interpreter is needed.

- *Scheduling Issues*

The times, dates, and places of public and evidentiary hearings in this matter will be set by order of the ALJ after consultation with the Commission and intervening parties.

- *Notice of Appearance*

Any party intending to appear at the hearing must file a notice of appearance (Attachment A) with the ALJ within 20 days of the date of this Notice of and Order for Hearing.

- *Sanctions for Non-Compliance*

Failure to appear at a prehearing conference, a settlement conference, or the hearing, or failure to comply with any order of the ALJ, may result in facts or issues being resolved against the party who fails to appear or comply.

C. Parties and Intervention

The current parties to this case are the Company, the Department, and the Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division. Other persons wishing to become formal parties shall promptly file petitions to intervene with the ALJ. They shall serve copies of such petitions on all current parties and on the Commission.³

D. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference will be held on January 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., via telephone, using the following call-in information:

³ Minn. R. 1400.6200.

Call-in Number: 1-888-742-5095
Conference Code: 992 715 4908#

Persons participating in the prehearing conference should be prepared to discuss time frames, scheduling, discovery procedures, and similar issues. Potential parties are invited to attend the prehearing conference and to file their petitions to intervene as soon as possible.

E. Time Constraints

The Commission is required to act on substantially complete rate case filings within ten months, although this ten-month period can be extended under certain circumstances.⁴

The Commission therefore asks OAH to conduct a contested-case proceeding in light of these time constraints and requests that the ALJ submit the final report on or before June 13, 2022, to permit adequate consideration of the case by the Commission.

V. Application of Ethics in Government Act

The lobbying provisions of the Ethics in Government Act, Minn. Stat. § 10A.01 *et seq.*, apply to general rate cases. Persons appearing in this proceeding may be subject to registration, reporting, and other requirements set forth in that Act. All persons appearing in this case are urged to refer to the Act and to contact the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with any questions at 651-539-1190.

VI. Ex Parte Communications

Restrictions on *ex parte* communications with Commissioners and reporting requirements regarding such communications with Commission staff apply to this proceeding from the date of this order. Those restrictions and reporting requirements are set forth at Minn. R. 7845.7300–7845.7400, which all parties are urged to consult.

VII. Notices Required; Delegation of Authority

Finally, the rate case statute and the Commission’s rules require comprehensive notice of proposed general rate increases. Those notices are required in the ordering paragraphs below. To promote administrative efficiency, the Commission will delegate to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve notices, bill inserts, and bill format for the duration of this proceeding.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby refers this case to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested-case proceeding, as set forth above.
2. This order will be served on CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas (CenterPoint), which shall mail copies of the order to all municipalities, counties, and local governing bodies in its Minnesota service area.

⁴ See Order Accepting Filing and Suspending Rates, entered in this docket on this date.

3. Public hearings shall be held in this matter at locations within the service area of CenterPoint.
4. CenterPoint shall give the following notices of the evidentiary and public hearings:
 - a. Individual written notice to each customer, which may be in the form of a bill insert, and shall be served at least ten days before the first day of hearings;
 - b. Written notice to the governing bodies of all municipalities, counties, and local governing bodies in the area affected and to all parties in CenterPoint's last two rate cases. These notices shall be mailed at least ten days before the first day of hearings.
 - c. Display advertisements in legal newspapers of affected counties and other newspapers of general circulation within CenterPoint's Minnesota service area. These advertisements shall appear at least ten days before the first day of hearings. They shall include the heading **RATE INCREASE NOTICE**, which shall appear in bold face type no smaller than 30 points.
 - d. CenterPoint shall submit proposed notices for Commission approval prior to publication or service.
5. The Commission delegates to the Executive Secretary the authority to approve notices, bill inserts, and bill format for the duration of this proceeding.
6. This order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary



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ATTACHMENT A

OAH Docket Number: 65-2500-38009

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power
Company d/b/a Xcel Energy's Petition for Authority to
Increase Natural Gas Rates in Minnesota

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

1. The party/agency named below (Party/Agency) will appear at the prehearing conference and all subsequent proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

2. By providing its email address below, the Party/Agency acknowledges that it has read and agrees to the terms of the Office of Administrative Hearings' e-Filing policy and chooses to opt into receiving electronic notice from the Office of Administrative Hearings in this matter. **Note: Provision of an email address DOES NOT constitute consent to electronic service from any opposing party or agency in this proceeding.**¹

3. The Party/Agency agrees to use best efforts to provide the Office of Administrative Hearings with the email address(es) for opposing parties and their legal counsel.

Party's/Agency's Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Party's/Agency's Attorney: _____

Firm Name: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

Respondent's/Opposing Party's Name: _____

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Dated: _____

Signature of Party/Agency or Attorney

¹ In order to opt in to electronic notice, this form must be emailed to OAH.efiling.support@state.mn.us. If the party does not wish to opt in to electronic notice, this form may be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings via facsimile, U.S. Mail, or personal service. See Minn. Stat. § 14.58, Minn. R. 1400.5550, subps. 2-5.

Note: This form must be served upon the opposing party/agency. Counsel may not withdraw from representation without written notice.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Chrishna Beard, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING**

Docket Number **G-008/GR-21-435**
Dated this 30th day of December, 2021

/s/ Chrishna Beard

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From the President

We are nearly to the end of the Year 2021. The days are getting shorter, and the average daily temperatures are getting colder, there is a scattering of snow and a hint of ice. I always think that this is the time of the year we need to recognize what we have been putting into our “Grateful Jar” for the year. I am humbled and amazed at the strength and creativity and perseverance of our staff and cadre of volunteers, the ACHS Board of Directors, and of you—our members and visitors. I have seen the excitement in the eyes and voices of new visitors, and the friendliness in the

voices of our long-time patrons. We have been able to listen to the stories of Anoka County residents in their own voices on the bi-monthly Podcast “drops”. I anxiously look forward to each new podcast looking forward to getting to know someone in a new and personal way. I love listening in on the conversations. While gathering with family and friends as we begin 2022—perhaps celebrating the Winter Solstice, enjoying Holiday gatherings, or the Ringing in of the New Year be mindful of the stories being shared. Take Pictures. Take notes. As you know “the Present is the Past of the Future”. You never know what gem of a story may be unexpectedly shared! I can’t wait for the yet to be told stories to be revealed!

Lotus Hubbard, ACHS President

From the Director

New Year, new ideas, new goals...right? Nah. What I love about ACHS is that everyday seems to bring something new and interesting into my life. We're perpetually looking for opportunities to improve the status quo and do more with the resources we have, whether it's financial, human, or the physical collection.

That said, January is a perfect time to reevaluate the direction of the museum, our programming, and the communities we serve. How well are we doing? Where do the voids exist? What can we do to preserve the legacy of Anoka County? One of the areas we would like to expand is the accessibility of our website and program content to other languages. Do you and yours understand sign language? Spanish? Somali? A tribal dialect? Please let us know. Even better, we would love to gather some oral histories from our county in a native language then translate it for our English speaking patrons.

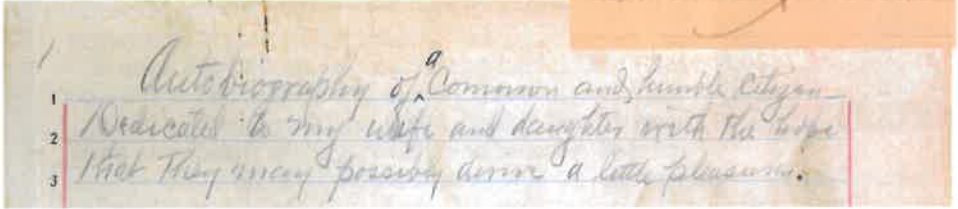
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Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, Executive Director

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Autobiography of a Common and Humble Citizen



Editors note: The following excerpt comes from our archives, in the Hart file. Although the document is undated, we estimate Frank Hart wrote this autobiography prior to 1920. In it, Hart recalls details of his childhood on the undeveloped land of Anoka County, school, and most notably, the cows he had to use in place of horses during the horse flu epidemic of 1872. The full version of this document is available upon request at ACHS or in the Vault for our subscribers.

Dedicated to my wife and daughter with the hope that they may possibly derive a little pleasure.

The records disclose that I was born on the 23rd day of December 1854 at Rochester, N.Y.

I am informed that soon after my birth my parents moved to Chicago, Il. When my father worked as a carpenter for about a year, thence to St. Paul when he continued work as carpenter and builder, until the fall of 1858, when he bought a single barrell [sic] muzzle loading shot gun, (in fact all guns were muzzle loaders at that time) and started on foot and alone with a view of locating on a piece of land. He came to Anoka, a village of a few hundred people, and then traveled northeast about ten miles when he selected a 160 acre tract of land. At that time the U.S. Govt.[ernment] survey stakes were easily located, the survey having been only a few years previous. Upon this land he built a one room log house about 12x16x8, with two half windows and one door, into which he brought my mother and me on or about the 8th of November, 1858. Our nearest neighbor, a bachelor, an old sea captain, living about ½ mile distant.

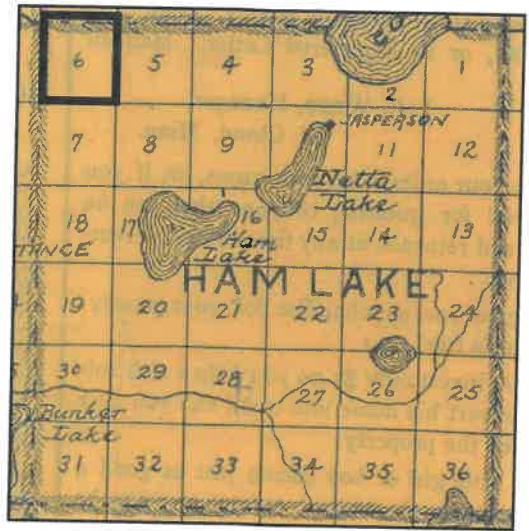
The next neighbor in one direction was about 6 miles distant, and the other way about 10 miles – a Mr & Mrs Cooper in what was then known a Quaker Settlement, where a few Quaker families had settled a few years previous. My mother informed me that she did not see another woman from November until the last of March 1859

when Mr and Mrs Cooper came along on their way to Anoka and stopped to get warm and for dinner...

I don't need to mention the fact that there were no school or educational advantages in our neighborhood. I was probably about seven years old when my parents decided that I must have some intellectual instruction. They procured the services of a young lady, a Miss Mary Cundy, who came to the home, where she lived as one of the family and devoted, probably the greater part of her time for 3 months instructing me, her only pupil, to read, write, spell, etc. I think I was more proficient in the "Etc." The following summer another young lady was hired for a few months to continue my instructions in the etc. However, I didn't graduate and the following winter I was sent to board with ~~the~~ our friends the Bunker family, at Bunker Lake, where I attended a district school for the balance of that term, a period of about six weeks as I remember, with Miss Carrie Teller as teacher.

And yet, I didn't graduate. But I did learn what it meant to be homesick. Oh, how I did suffer for the first two weeks. Not so much during school hours, but the evenings. I thought the weeks would never pass, when my father would come to take me home. And he always did. After another year or perhaps two, it became evident that if I was ever to know anything, something must be done to get me into school. Therefore the folks abandoned or rented the farm, built a house in St. Paul, on what is now the corner of University and Western Ave. and moved there. And for nearly three years I attended the Adams School. A portion of the time I delivered a gallon of milk each morning to the Principal of the school, a Mr G Sidney Smith, necessitating a walk of nearly two miles, sometimes when the thermometer was hovering around the 40° below zero mark.

At the end of three years circumstances were such that it seemed necessary for me to leave school and go to work, which was perhaps the greatest mistake of my life. However, it is too late to regret it now. But I am sure I would have received much more pleasure and probably accomplished more for myself, my family and the community in which I have lived. But lets forget it.



Approximate location of Hart family farm in Ham Lake



HORSE FLU EPIDEMIC, 1872:

The US economy and life moved along as a result of working horses. The flu symptoms they experienced included a rasping cough, fever, nasal discharge, and weakness that incapacitated the animal for weeks if they survived. It's estimated that 2% of the nations 8 million horses died from the disease.

Why did I have to leave school and go to work? We were milking some four or five cows, and my father became so crippled with rheumatism that he could no longer make the long trips to the old farm after hay, and it became my duty to take his place. It was the winter of 1872 and 73. And such a winter: for ninety days the mercury did not rise above zero. And I can truthfully testify that for the majority of that time it was from ten to forty-three degrees below. [zero] It was the winter of the epidemic of "pink eye" or epizootic, when many horses died and every horse was afflicted with it and were out of commission. [sic] for several weeks. Probably six or eight. Among our stock of cattle was a pair of steers that my father intended to fatten and sell for beef in the spring. They had never had a yoke on or been given any training for work, and it became my duty to attempt to use them in place of the sick horses. The day before I started on my first trip after hay I attempted to drive them a little and

accustom them to the yoke. A grocer discovered me and offered to buy them for a delivery team, all horses being sick, and offered \$150⁰⁰ for them. More than three times what they were worth and fully that much more than we finally sold them for. But my father thought if we disposed of them we would have no way to haul hay and the cows would starve to death. So on the following morning I started for the old farm at daylight. The experiences of that day and the following night if fully recorded would fill a whole page – Sufficed to say that I finally arrived at the Leddy home on the farm now owned by Louis Jepson at one o'clock in the night. I awakened the family, a very hospitable and warm hearted Irish family, and they made room in a shed for the steers and on the floor of the kitchen for me, where I slept soundly the balance of the night. The next day I succeeded in getting through to the Arthur Powell place about a half mile above the old Powell place when I staid [sic] another night. The next day I hired Powells ox team and put them on the lead and started for the old home where I loaded on a four-ox load of hay. I thought about a ton and half. But I doubt if there was quite a ton. I returned to the Powell place where I stayed another night leaving the following morning just as I could see a streak of light in the east. I now was on my way home with 4 oxen and a load of

hay. A fall of snow in the night had filled the track full. Having the old ox team on the lead put them so far from me that I could not reach them with whip or goad stick which they soon discovered and my progress toward home was very moderate indeed. The snow at the side of the track was from two to four feet deep, making it poustieably [positively] impossible for me to walk beside the team to urge the leaders. But finally my patience was exhausted and I jumped from the load beside the steers and with my goad stick, quite forcibly goaded the leaders which resulted in their making a lunge ahead, breaking the yoke on the steers. Here was a real dilemma. After investigation I concluded that if I could reverse the yoke it would probably hold. That meant that I must take off the leaders and tie them to a tree, then tie both steers to a tree to re-yoke them. Of course all of this took time. And since I was only moving about a mile an hour, when moving at all, it made me rather uneasy. This happened about two miles below Sand Creek, fully as desolate and lonely as the western plains. During the afternoon the sun came out and with my exertions in the soft snow, my pants of which I wore two or more pairs, became wet to the skin. I arrived at wood Lake about 5 miles this side of what is now New Brighton, just sundown.

Here I fed the teams without unhitching them and ordered supper, by taking a little hay, gathering some dry limbs and building a nice little fire, not to cook by,

but just for company. I probably stayed [sic] about an hour, but my clothes didn't dry in that length of time. Oh how I did hate to leave that fire. I had not seen a person since before day light and didn't expect to until I got home, and didn't. But go I must. At what I judged to be about eleven o'clock I arrived at the junction of roads, one going to Minneapolis the other to St. Paul. The old or lead team had been driven that road to Minneapolis, and in spite of my entreaties insisted in going that way and in their determination to do so, turned so short that the hay rack struck a stump about two feet high at the side of the road. Here was another dilemma. After investigation I decided that if I could back the load about a foot and succeed in getting



the team at a right angle the other way I could clear the stump. The hard job was to back off. Of course the steers on the pole or tongue was the only power for backing up, the lead team pulling with chain which wouldn't push back worth a cent. However, I backed the old team as close to the steers as possible, getting all the slack of the chain, then used all of the persuade [persuasive] power of my goad stick over the heads of the steers with the result that I cleared the stump. I then had to use some diplomacy with the big team to turn them square away into two feet of snow, to clear the stump. But, Amen. I succeeded. I presume I had lost another hour before I again resumed [resumed] my homeward trip. However I had gotten quite warm again, and the road was broken into quite a good track. I was becoming some what fatigued and made up my mind that I would ride if I didn't travel more than half an hour per mile. By this time the oxen had become so accustomed to my strong language that it had no effect on them and when they felt disposed, as they often did, they would stop and listen. Well to make a long story short I arrived home just a little after 4 o'clock in the morning. Now the mistake we made was not in selling the steers. I could have hauled the load much easier with the one team attached to the tongue where I could have reached them. But, other folks make mistakes some times and that was not the first nor the last one that I have made.

The horses finally recovered and I drove them the balance of the winter, and made many trips nearly, if not quite as hard as the one just recorded.



Who was Frank Hart?

Born in 1854, Frank Hart attended the Adam's school in St. Paul, receiving merit certificates in 1868 from his teacher, Mary Greenleaf. He married Ada Purmort in Anoka in 1878 and worked as a clerk in the County courts for many years—his signature is on several documents in the ACHS collection, including the one pictured above (Certificate of Citizenship, Gust Peterson, 1900, ID 2018.0844.017) His name also appears in records of the Kiwanis Club, the State Bank of Anoka, and the Masons.

ALL THE SHENANIGANS ABOUT TOWN



THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY...

Those known for how to track ancestors back deep into the annals of history met in December to host a program called, "Preparing for the 1950 Census Release." Host Cathi Weber took attendees through what to expect when the data is released on April 1, 2022. The US Federal census is taken every 10 years but contains a 72 year privacy restriction, which delays information on most individuals as adults.

More information on the release can be discovered online at the National Archives, www.archives.gov, and searching "1950 census". You can discover information on Americans in the US, those living abroad, and members of the armed forces. The information covers the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Canal Zone, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Questions on the census included street name and house number, name, relationship to head of household, race, sex, age, and birth place. The ACGS meets quarterly, ACGSMN@yahoo.com

FUN WINTER PROGRAMS...

After reading the Frank Hart autobiography, ACHS staff were reminded that HOW a person tells a story often feels more important than the specific information it contains. But creating that magic for future generations feels daunting at best! We're here to help. Join Rebecca Desens for a three-part series of Storytelling 101 via Zoom this winter to:

- Sharpen your skills of describing the mundane (just how DO you brush your teeth?) January 18, 7 p.m.
- Identify the story under the story (February 15, 7 p.m.)
- Putting it all together (March 15, 7 p.m.)



Can't make the live program? Fear not. A recorded version will live on our website so you can tune in on-demand when your schedule allows. Zoom links will be emailed a week prior to the program and also posted at AnokaCountyHistory.org on the home page and events calendar. Recorded programs will post within a week of the live date.

ROBERT EHLEN COLLECTION

Bringing new artifacts into the archive is always exciting, but there's something particularly special about rediscovering a collection that has been here for years. One of these is the Robert Ehlen collection, which is comprised of Mayoral correspondence, school board policies, and Robert Taft campaign fliers among many other documents.

The Robert Ehlen collection isn't flashy to look at. When we pulled it from the shelves for re-sorting it was just two bankers-box-sized cartons full of paper. There are no artifacts, no art, and very few photos. It is a collection that is prized because of the information within it, not how it looks on display. Because while it may not look like much, it's absolutely fascinating. Did you know, for example, that Federal Cartridge employees who were also parents lobbied for Ehlen to stay on the school board? He was always working to improve the quality of Anoka schools, and was also one of the primary forces behind establishing school sports. Did you know that while he was manager of the Twin Cities Ordinance Plant, Ehlen made connections with Washington military officials? After WWII was over, he even used these connections to help young veterans secure pay that was promised to them for their service. Ehlen wasn't only connected in Washington, though. During his time as mayor, he corresponded with multiple Minnesota senators and governors, as well as other mayors from all over the state. He had particularly energetic correspondence with both the mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and often compared costs of utilities in the big cities to Anoka, always looking for a better deal for his constituents.

Perhaps one of the most interesting discoveries, though, is the fact that Ehlen hated President FDR. He staunchly opposed the policies of the New Deal, had prints of anti-Roosevelt songs and poems, and his correspondence to similarly-minded men are full of sly references to "the New York Man," as FDR was sometimes referred. Ehlen's papers are also full of campaigning materials supporting Robert Taft, a Republican runner during the 1940 election. During the 1940 election, the Republican party argued against the continuation of New Deal policies (such as those that allowed the land to heal after the Dust Bowl or provided jobs for large-scale infrastructure projects around the country) but they were also firmly anti-war, specifically the war in Europe. They didn't



Robert Bartley Ehlen [1905-1986]

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Blank stationary from Anoka's Taft for President club, in which Ehlen was chairman of the Executive Board.

like President Roosevelt's non-committal attitude about "the European War," and were firmly opposed to this country's young men dying on foreign soil. It's particularly interesting to think of Ehlen, long-time employee of the Federal Cartridge Company and later the plant manager of TCOP, as actively supporting an anti-war candidate. However, it also gives the sense that his politics and his beliefs were about far more than just what was good for business.

And this is all only the tip of the iceberg. The Robert Ehlen collection depicts a man who worked tirelessly for his community, who sought to improve it through education, politics, infrastructure, and labor. So much can be gleaned from its contents, but unfortunately, very little can be said about *how* it came to ACHS. We don't know what year the collection came to us, only that it was a long time ago. We also don't know who donated the collection, though we suspect it may have been the Ehlen estate or some of his relatives. We also don't know what happened to the rest of it. The Robert Ehlen collection is too small, covering only the late-1930s and into the mid-1940s. For instance, we only have one year of mayoral correspondence, but we know that Robert Ehlen served in that capacity over a decade. So where is the rest of it? It's very possible that it was lost or destroyed during Ehlen's lifetime, as we do everyday with papers we don't consider important. However, it's also possible that these files are still out there somewhere, either in an undocumented corner of ACHS or forgotten in a relative's attic. Maybe one day we'll find out!

Robert Taft, candidate for U.S. President, signing a photograph for Ehlen, Sept. 6, 1939. The signed photograph is also in the collection.





ACHS Remembers



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

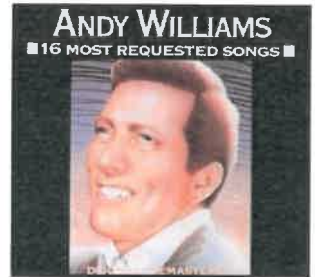


RICHARD LANG 1939-2021

Richard Duane Lang, age 82, of Ham Lake, MN passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021. Richard was born August 27, 1939. Richard graduated from Anoka High School and St. Cloud State where he started on the Defensive Line for the football team. Dick majored in Political Science which later led to five terms as Anoka County Commissioner starting in 1980. There was a mutual admiration and respect between Dick and his constituents whom he always had time for. Dick was strong in his faith and he and Mary were long term parishioners of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Ham Lake. Coaching youth football and baseball was a passion of his for many years.

CHRISTINE NORDIN DREW 1948-2021

(From son Jeff) Mom/Chris passed away their sleep, at Providence Place in Minneapolis MN. Tonight, they performed a beautiful walk-out ceremony lead by a prayer and played her favorite song as she left the facility, "The Impossible Dream" by Andy Williams...please listen to it in her memory. Mom did not want a funeral, and has requested to be cremated with her ashes spread at a special place to her, which we will certainly do.



Robert Dordan 1951-2021

Robert A. Dordan age 70 of Coon Rapids, MN passed away December 3, 2021.

(From daughter Jen) I've had more than one "worst day of my life". The difference is, my dad was always around for the ones prior to this with either humor or a solution to the tune of, "Who's legs do I need to break?". Of all of memories I have of my dad, my favorites are ones with his grandkids. Too see that stubborn, outspoken, and sometimes gruff old goat speak in the softest voice to my little girls was truly a sight to behold. He would do things that he didn't do in his younger years. He would play on the floor with him, despite having a

fused back and many bionic parts, he would make them silver dollar sized pancakes with chocolate chips for no occasion at all, serve shrimp for all three meals sometimes just to put a smile on their little faces.

How ever you best remember my dad, I hope it puts a smile on your face.

I would do anything to live the day this picture was taken again. Beauty Shop Bob may have had a tough exterior, but this is who he was to me.

KNOCK IT OUT—DO THE THING

When people think about volunteering at the museum or historical society, many times the vision encompasses working with the “old stuff.” It is true, our collection needs care and folk to help digitize it. But there are other tasks which fly under the radar and that you would definitely notice if they weren’t done—such as fresh coats of paint in the exhibit hall.

We’re starting to prepare our hall for an exhibit about Federal Cartridge’s 100th anniversary and need a blank canvas to work with. The yellow walls that worked perfectly as the backdrop for a 1970s living room, don’t work for an exhibit about the centennial of a company.

One night this November a volunteer group from Eagle Brook Church in Blaine came prepared to paint it all in one go. The group specifically formed in order to volunteer at places in their community. They arrived after the museum closed for the day, prepared to knock it out and just do the thing. Some claimed the painters tape and taped off carpeted baseboards, others made sure to lay the plastic tarps while others dove right into the paint.

They were victorious! But while the walls are now uniformly white, the space still needs some preparation to make it ready to tell Federal’s story. We need to create a false wall to temporarily hide the Dan Laws mural behind (the mural is too big to move to a new location.) We need to add horizontal siding to mimic Federal’s Clubhouse to our house peak (you can spy a corner of it, above), and we need to construct a long storage bench to create additional seating and sneaky storage in the far end of the exhibit hall.



Volunteering is more than working with the “old stuff.” It’s about building and caring for the space where we can share those stories.

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ACHS staff wear many hats at the museum and sometimes we stack a few on top of each other to get the job done. We can't say it enough— your phone calls, emails, text messages (carrier pigeons?) of support carry us through the day.



Knowing we not only have your support financially, but also emotionally and as an advocate for local history in the community takes weight from our shoulders. We can spend our time doing maintaining the collection, helping people conduct research, making our materials accessible online, creating videos and programs, reaching out to students, organizing events, and posting to social media.

The time you spend as a volunteer can't be understated either. With only three full-time and three part-time employees, your donated hours expand the fun and interesting things ACHS can do with history. Again...thank you for a stellar 2021!

History Center Hours—New Winter Hours!

Wednesday –Saturday 10-4 p.m.

Call us for a research reservation or to schedule shenanigans!

ACHS Board Meetings

Second Thursday of each month. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Open to membership and the public. Find the link to attend digitally at AnokaCountyHistory.org on the calendar.

History 21: The Podcast the first and third Friday of each month. Subscribe and never miss an episode.

Dec 17: Al Kordiak, former County Commissioner

Jan. 7: Flora Aldrich, novelist

Jan 21: Dennis Berg, memoir



Storytelling 101 with Rebecca Desens:

Where: Zoom. Link emailed or at AnokaCountyHistory.org

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Successful Coats from Cops 2021

The 2021 Coats from Cops event occurred on Wednesday, November 10, and was a success. The event was held as a drive-through event where attendees filled out a clothing request form which Public Safety staff, Explorers, and Omnetics volunteers met requests to the best of their ability.

Thank you to everyone who donated items or time at the event, as your dedication played a big part in its success. This event is an excellent way to make sure that area families have the means to keep safe, warm, and dry this winter season.

There were approximately 270 coats, 100 snowpants, 100 pairs of boots and countless hats/mittens distributed to families. LED energy-saving lightbulb sets were also available to families to bring home. Families came from all over the north metro. Thirty coats were also donated to the Alexandra House, which provides services to individuals and families who have experienced domestic, sexual or relationship violence.



Lanternlight Hike

January 7, February 11, March 11
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

\$5 per person, pre-registration required.

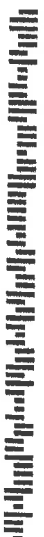
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Annual Tree and Shrub Sale Moved to Fall

The City of Fridley's Annual Tree Sale has moved to the fall. Watch for more information in the July/August newsletter.



Winter Tree Pruning

Late winter, right before spring, is the best time of year for pruning most species of trees. Pruning your trees is important to keep your trees looking great, but also to prevent storm damage and disease. Trees should be pruned when they are young in order to form strong branch attachments and a good structure. Proper pruning technique is crucial to keep the pruning site from getting infected.

Do you have a tree that looks a little unruly? Check out the list of licensed tree pruners online at: FridleyMN.gov/LicensedSolicitors.

Keep in mind:

- To avoid oak wilt, do not prune Oak trees from April to October. If you must prune during this

time, immediately spray with wound dressing or use latex paint over the wound.

- Winter is the dormant season for the emerald ash beetle, so it is the best time to remove a poor-quality ash tree.

Interested in learning more?

Visit FridleyMN.gov/Forestry.

Codes to know:

City Code requires removal or treatment of damaged or unhealthy trees and branches. City Code does not require removal of healthy branches, even if they extend over property lines.

If you have a question regarding a healthy neighboring tree, please speak to the property owner or a mediation service. Learn about free mediation services supported by Anoka County at MediationService.org.

If you are out and about and see a tree that looks damaged or unhealthy, you can report it at FridleyMN.gov/RequestTracker.aspx.

Emerald Ash Borer

Winter is also one of the best times to remove diseased ash trees in order to avoid the flight season for emerald ash borer. Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/EmeraldAsh.

Fridley Historical Society partners with Fridley Liquor

On October 14, Fridley Liquor and the Fridley Historical Society unveiled their newest Fridley historical photos at the Fridley Liquor location on 57th Avenue. The week leading up to the unveiling was used as a fundraiser for the Historical Society. Customers who donated \$5 or more to the Historical Society received a free Fridley Liquor tote bag. Fridley's own Forgotten Star Brewing also got involved by holding a beer sampling at the unveiling event.

Next time you visit Fridley Liquor, you can take a look at the Fridley history pictures on the walls. The photos include the Banfill-Locke House, Bob's Produce, Fridley Village, Fridley State Bank, Holiday Village North, Northern Pump Company Plant, Rickey's Embers, and the Fridley Pony Express. You can view these photos online as well and read their descriptions at FridleyLiquor.com/FLHistory.

WINTER WARM-UP

Friday, February 25, 2022

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The Winter Warm-up is back! Join us for a night out supporting the Fridley Lions. Co-hosted by Fridley Liquor, you will be able to sample various wines and beers, snack on some delicious food, and listen to live music. There will also be both a live and silent auction. Vendors from throughout the Twin Cities will be on hand, and you will be able to easily purchase any of the beer or wines featured at the event at FridleyLiquor.com/WinterWarmUp.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by visiting Eventbrite.com and searching for "Fridley winter warm-up". Must be 21+ to attend.

This event is a fundraiser for the Fridley Lions and proceeds will be used to fund community service projects.

FRIDLEY BY THE NUMBERS

950 volunteer hours donated at Springbrook Nature Center



636 (and counting) building permits issued



More than 50 City Council, Commission and HRA meetings held and recorded for City TV

71 new hires welcomed



1,527 cars participated in the January – November recycling events, not including those that came for paper shredding!

5,510 clients enrolled in Recreation and Springbrook Nature Center's online registration system

Apply for a Grant or Loan to Update Your Property in 2022!

The Fridley Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) provides a variety of housing programs to help Fridley residents maintain and improve their homes. Grants, loans, and rebates can be used concurrently as long as all program criteria are met. The following is a summary of available programs.

Grants/Rebates

Front Door Grant Program—now includes interior projects!

Grant application Deadline: March 7, 4:30 pm

If applications exceed available funds, eligible projects will be selected by random drawing. Priority will be given to those who did not receive a grant in 2021.

This program is intended to incentivize homeowners to increase the “curb appeal” of their home (and the City) by providing *a portion* of the cost of improvements on the street side of their home. Homeowners undertaking the minimum “Beautification” upgrades can also include interior and exterior “Basic” projects in their application.

The grant is for between \$1,000-\$5,000. Homeowners must pay at least \$4,000 of their own funds toward “Beautification Projects” to be eligible to receive the minimum grant reimbursement of \$1,000. Grant funds do not need to be repaid.

Eligible properties include homesteaded residential properties, with an assessed market value of less than \$400,000, located in Fridley. None of the exterior projects may be covered by an insurance claim. Work may not begin until a Grant Agreement has been signed by the property owner and the City.

Applicants *must* include \$4,000 worth of improvements from the “Beautification Projects” list. Beautification Projects (reimbursed at 25% of project cost) including the following:

- Front door, storm door and/or garage door
- Sidelight windows by front door
- Columns at front door
- Covered front porch

- Brick, stone or shakes
- Permanent landscaping (visible from the front yard)
- Driveway and Sidewalk repair and replacement
- Window boxes and shutters
- Screening of utility boxes, garbage/recycling cans
- Decorative fence (visible from the front yard)

Additional Basic Projects (reimbursed at 15% of project cost) can be added once the minimum \$4,000 Beautification requirement is met. Basic Projects include:

- Roof
- Soffit/Fascia
- Retaining wall
- Siding
- Gutters
- Chimney repair
- Painting
- Windows
- Deck or Porch
- Eligible interior upgrades, including but not limited to major remodeling, building an addition, or finishing previously unfinished space.

Applying is simple! Visit FridleyMN.gov/Frontdoor beginning in January to learn more.

Residential Paint Rebate:

A fresh coat of paint can make a world of difference. Eligible owner-occupants of 1-4 unit properties in Fridley can receive a rebate for purchasing exterior paint and necessary supplies. Households must earn 110% of Area Median Income or less. The maximum grant is \$500 for a single-family residence, with up to \$350 provided for each additional unit. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis at FridleyMN.gov/Homeloans. Homeowners have four months to complete painting once a grant agreement is approved.

Loans

Home Improvement Loans:

This program is intended to address the home improvement financing needs of eligible homeowners residing in the City of Fridley. The interest on this loan has been reduced to 2%. Owners of 1-4 unit residential properties may borrow up to \$50,000 for most permanent interior and exterior improvements. This loan can be paired with Fridley’s Grant programs.

Multi-Family Loans:

Fridley’s multifamily property owners can receive a loan for substantial exterior and interior property improvements. Properties with 12 or fewer units, in the same ownership for at least 2 years, are eligible for a 2% loan, up to \$50,000.

Mobile Home Loans:

Permanent interior and exterior improvements to owner-occupied mobile homes can be financed through this program. Loan amounts up to \$10,000 are available at a 2% interest rate.

Senior Deferred Loans:

Make improvements to your property’s livability or update the home for future sale. Senior Deferred Loans of up to \$25,000 are offered at 0% interest with no payment due until the borrower sells, transfers ownership, or no longer occupies the property. This loan can be paired with Fridley’s Grant programs.

Down Payment Assistance:

First-time Fridley homebuyers can receive up to \$5,000 at 0% interest, to be used for down-payment or closing costs. Recipients must earn 110% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less and purchase a residence with 1-4 units. No payment is due until the borrower sells, transfers ownership or no longer occupies the property.

To learn more about these loan programs, visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/Homeloans.

City to Consider Accessory Dwelling Units

The City Council held two Conference Meetings in Fall 2021 to discuss the possibility of an ordinance amendment allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Fridley. Other names for ADUs include mother-in-law apartment, carriage house, granny pod, and accessory apartment.

Staff will prepare a draft ordinance to be reviewed by the Planning Commission in early 2022. For more information, please contact Associate Planner Nancy Abts at 763-572-3593.

EV Charger at Fridley Civic Campus

Thanks to a Volkswagen Settlement Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a new Level 2 ChargePoint Charger is now available at the Fridley Civic Campus in the back parking lot between City Hall and Public Works by the plaza. The charger can charge two cars at a time at a rate of 20-30 miles per hour. Members of the public are welcome to stop by and charge their electric vehicles while taking a stroll around the Civic Campus trails, visiting Locke County Park, or conducting business at City Hall. The first three hours are free and subsequent hours are \$2/hour.

According to the EPA, transportation was the source of 29% of total US greenhouse gas emissions in 2019. Electric vehicles produce less greenhouse gas emissions per mile than traditional internal combustion engine vehicles, an amount that is expected to decrease even further as the proportion of renewable energy in the electric grid increases. Supporting electric vehicles is an important strategy in the City’s Energy Action Plan.

To learn more about the City’s Energy Action Plan, visit FridleyMN.gov/Energy. To find out more about electric vehicles, visit DriveElectricMN.org.



113,520 pounds of organics diverted from landfill



227 public trees protected against Emerald Ash Borer



30 parks were adopted through the Adopt-A-Park volunteer program

135,000 plastic bags were used in the recycled boards at the new Craig Park boardwalk



Over **301,000** sales transactions completed at the Fridley Liquor stores

103 shelter rentals across Commons Park, Flanery Park and Moore Lake picnic shelters

17 special events held including Winterfest, Summer Concert Series, Chalk the Walk and more!



Fridley Fire responded to **2,564** calls (as of mid-November) and Fridley Police had **24,874** calls for service, including **5,986** traffic stops



Utility Billing Changes – What Residents Need to Know

As a resident of the City of Fridley, you receive a quarterly utility bill that combines four key services: water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and recycling.

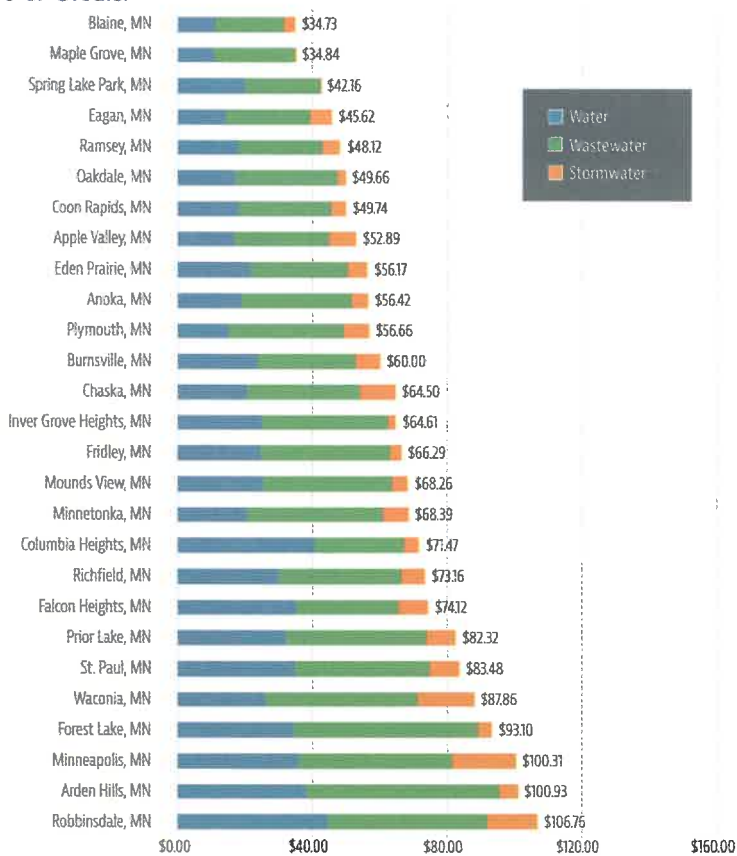
The changes in your bill from one quarter to the next can sometimes be a bit difficult to understand. Some changes are due to the time of year, as seasonal consumptions can vary significantly. For example, during the warmer months, you have extra water usage to maintain your lawn or fill a pool. Other changes are due to a fixed or variable rate change determined by the City. In addition, charges like sanitary sewer for residential and small multi-family are calculated once a year and carried forward for the next three quarters.

Utility Rate Changes

Utility Funds: Based on the current revenue and expenditures projections and to maintain an adequate balance of cash in each fund, there will be a modest 3% increase in the Water Utility Fund and the Sanitary Sewer Utility Fund in 2022. The Storm Sewer Utility Fund will have a 10% increase in 2022. While this may seem like a large increase, it is important to know that it equates to \$1/quarter for residential customers.

FIGURE 1: REPORTED 2021 TOTAL UTILITY BILL FOR 6,000 GALLONS

Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro Respondent Service 5,000 or Greater



Recycling Fund: The City's recycling fund is used to cover the cost of the City's residential recycling program. Currently, the City has a contract with Republic Services Inc. to provide city-wide curbside recycling. Due to an increase in the value of recyclables, the quarterly recycling fee will decrease from \$11.20 in 2021 to \$10.20 in 2022. This is a decrease of \$1 per unit per quarter for residential units of 12 units or less (9%). You can help keep our recycling rate low by making sure to keep trash out of the recycling. While contamination of recycling in Fridley is relatively low (approximately 11%), the cost of disposing of this unwanted material combined with rising landfill tipping fees increases the recycling rate for Fridley residents. Do a quick recycling refresh by visiting FridleyMN.gov/Recycling.

What does this mean to your utility bill?

The total impact of these proposed changes will result in an increase of \$4.58 per quarter (2.32 percent) to a residential customer using 18,000 gallons of water a quarter. See Figure 2 for the increase from 2021 to 2022 for an average residential quarterly utility bill.

How does Fridley compare with other cities?

Please note that the estimate in Figure 1 is based on one month of service. The City of Fridley bills quarterly.

Typical Household Water Use and Ways to Reduce Water Consumption

According to the American Water Works Association, about half of household water use is laundry.

Some easy ways to reduce water consumption include:

- Turn off the water while washing dishes by hand
- Run the clothes washer only when full
- Update to a water-efficient washer, toilet and/or irrigation system. The City will be offering rebates later this year for an upgraded system
- Shorten shower time (one to two minutes shorter saves approximately 25 gallons of water per month)

No one likes rate increases, but they are sometimes a necessity. The City believes in a Fridley that is safe, friendly, and vibrant and provides stable homes for families and businesses. Residents should be assured of the best quality of services at the best value and ensure the future of these community assets. If you have any questions on your Fridley utility bill, you can reach us at 763-573-3529.

Please consider enrolling in our automatic payment plan to save time and not ever have to worry about late fees again. A cut-out form is included below.

FIGURE 2: Residential (18,000 Gallons Used)

	2021	2022	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
Water				
Fixed Charge	\$ 21.60	\$ 22.20		
Usage	\$ 49.12	\$ 50.60		
Subtotal	\$ 70.72	\$ 72.80	\$ 2.08	2.94%
Sanitary Sewer				
Fixed Charge	\$ 52.50	\$ 54.10		
Usage	\$ 63.10	\$ 65.00		
Subtotal	\$ 115.60	\$ 119.10	\$ 3.50	3.03%
Storm Water				
Fixed Charge	\$ 10.10	\$ 11.10	\$ 1.00	9.90%
Recycling				
Fixed Charge	\$ 11.20	\$ 10.20	(\$ 1.00)	-8.93%
Total Utility Bill	\$ 197.52	\$ 202.10	\$ 4.58	2.32%

Attention Utility Customers!

Did you know...You can have your City of Fridley utility bill paid automatically with our free Direct Payment Program!

- Save money (no stamps, no processing fees)
- Save time (no checks to write)
- No late fees, no worries!

Direct Payment is a free service and enrollment is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Simply complete the form to the right.
2. Attach a voided check or savings withdrawal slip.
3. Return it to us with your current City of Fridley utility payment or mail anytime.

Once you are enrolled, your utility bill will state *** Bank Draft***. It's that simple!

Bills are paid automatically from your checking or savings account on the due date. You can withdraw anytime by contacting us at least 10 days prior to your due date.



Utility Bill Direct Payment Program Form

Mail completed forms to:

City of Fridley, Attn: Utility Billing
7071 University Ave NE, Fridley MN 55432

Questions? Call us! 763-572-3529

Name: _____

Address: _____

Utility Account #: _____ Daytime Phone#: _____

Financial Institution: _____ Checking Savings

By signing below I am authorizing the City of Fridley Utility Department to automatically withdraw my utility payment from my checking / savings account.

Signature _____ Date _____

Attach voided check or savings withdrawal slip here.



Smart Salting this Winter

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

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

Learn more about the dangers of salt pollution and how to be a Smart Salter at the Smart Salting Display at Springbrook Nature Center on loan from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

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

Development Update: What's New in Town

Dollar Tree

The exterior of the building is complete and the new landscape has been installed. The interior work is now taking place to finish off the Dollar Tree store, which is expected to open by February 2022.



Bank of America

Located on the former Embers site at 5400 Central Avenue, the new Bank of America building is taking shape. The rest of the exterior work and interior work will take place over the next few months to make way for a April 2022 opening.



Willows Bend

The exterior of the 136-unit senior living building at 6455 University Avenue is nearly complete. Finishing touches are being made to the brick and siding work on the outside of the building. This will allow the contractor to work on the inside of the building throughout the winter. This building will have a mix of independent, assisted and memory care suites. The units will range from studios to 2-bedrooms units, with full kitchens, laundry, bathroom and storage space. The common area will include a two-story lobby, mail lounge, library, multi-purpose community room and many other amenities. Willows Bend expects to open July 2022. For more information call or email Beth Voss at 612-287-3432 or bvoss2@fairview.org.

Interested in finding the latest updates on development in Fridley? Visit our Development web page at FridleyMN.gov/CityMaps to view our interactive development map! Select a build to read more or view the full list of developments.

Fridley Community Calendar January

- 3 City Council Meeting
- 4 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 6 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 10 Charter Commission Meeting
- 11 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 17 City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 City Council Meeting

February

- 3 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 7 Charter Commission
- 7 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 8 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 16 Planning Commission
- 21 City Offices Closed for Presidents' Day
- 28 City Council Meeting

NOTE: City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

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



Last Call for \$150-250 Rebates Off Toilets and Washing Machines

Only a small amount of grant funding is remaining for utility bill rebates for new Energy Star-labeled washing machines and WaterSense-labeled toilets and irrigation systems. Act soon in order to claim your rebate. Last year, over 50 Fridley residents and businesses received \$150-250 off their utility bill for installing an efficient appliance. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant or by calling 763-572-3554.

Rebate Amounts

Fridley residents and businesses can receive rebates for the following water-saving devices:

Item	Specifications	Maximum Rebate Amount *	Est. Water Savings
Washing Machine	Energy Star Labeled	\$250	2,000 gallons per year
Toilet	Water-Sense Labeled	\$150	13,000 gallons per year

*Rebate amounts capped at listed amount or 75 percent of purchase price, whichever is less.

Why should I participate?

Funding for this rebate program is provided by the Metropolitan Council's Water Efficiency Grant program to encourage water savings in Fridley. All of the City's water comes from groundwater sources which take many, many years to recharge, so it is important that we conserve our water. Pumping water from the ground also uses considerable energy, which costs money and contributes to greenhouse gases. Many homes in Fridley have older appliances. Switching to newer, more efficient appliances will save you and the City money, and help conserve resources.

Who qualifies for the rebate?

All property owners in Fridley qualify. Renters are encouraged to work with the property owner to participate. Rebates for toilets and washing machines can only be used for replacement items, not for new construction. The product must have been purchased after January 13, 2020.

How will I get my rebate?

Your rebate will be applied to your utility bill. Depending on when you submit your receipts, it may take a full billing cycle for your rebate to process. If

your rebate is more than your water bill, the rest of the rebate will be applied to the second billing cycle.

What other rebate programs does the City offer?

Fridley offers discounts on the Home Energy Squad program, as well as a competitive loan program. To learn more about these programs, visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/HomeImprovements.

This program is provided by funding through the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

Watch Fridley City Council meetings live and on demand.



FridleyMN.gov

or local Comcast channels 17(SD) and 859(HD)

Fridley Municipal Television is in High Definition and On-Line

Fridley Municipal Television can be found in high definition on channel 859 on Comcast/Xfinity. Standard definition subscribers can still find us on Channel 17.

If you don't have cable television you can find us online at Fridley.Vod.Castus.Tv or by going to the city of Fridley website and clicking on the City TV button. You can live stream our channel by selecting the live tab, then select Municipal Television and then click on the play icon.

Seniors Services through Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP)

ACCAP Senior Programs aims to provide quality, affordable or free services to adults 60 years of age or older within Anoka County. Their goal is to empower older adults and help them thrive in their communities.

ACCAP Senior Kinship Program: The Senior Kinship Program connects volunteers to seniors living in Anoka County. Volunteers may provide assistance and friendship, companionship and support, transportation to appointments and errands, and participate in activities and outings. ACCAP's Senior Kinship Program strives to help people to remain independent in their homes and to provide a helping hand to Anoka County senior residents who may be isolated or home bound. Call 763-783-4745.

ACCAP Chores & More: The Chores & More program utilizes volunteers and paid independent contractors to assist seniors over the age of 60 in Anoka County. Through this program, they are able to provide housekeeping services (laundry, vacuuming, sweeping floors, cleaning bathroom or kitchen) and chores services (heavy housework, washing windows and walls; basic home maintenance, yard work: mowing, trimming, snow removal). All services are based upon the availability of volunteers and workers. Call 763-783-4767.

ACCAP Senior Outreach Program: The Senior Outreach Program is a free, no cost program which assists seniors 60 years of age and older in Anoka County. Their workers collaborate with seniors and their families/caregivers on a short-term basis to navigate the social and human service systems, and also work as advocates for the seniors. Through this service we provide forms assistance, tax referrals, housing navigation assistance and more! Call 763-783-4741.

ACCAP Senior Information Line: The Senior Information Line is open to all! Whether you are a potential client, a family member or caregiver, or a partner in our community, their phone line is open to you. They have a number of referrals and resources to assist in answering your questions. Call 763-783-4707 TODAY!



Police Deputy Director George Completes Fire Academy

On Tuesday, November 2, Police Deputy Director Ryan George graduated from the Anoka County Fire Training Academy. The graduation ceremony was the culmination of a fifteen-week training academy that covered the basic knowledge and skills that are necessary to serve as a firefighter. Deputy Director George was able to successfully earn state certifications in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations.

The 176-hour academy took place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as some Saturdays. Deputy Director George acknowledged that most firefighters have regular jobs in addition to their firefighting duties. He remarked, "I've seen first-hand the level of commitment that volunteer and paid on-call firefighters have. I had the opportunity to train with an exceptional group of dedicated individuals who are now ready to serve their communities as firefighters throughout Anoka County."

Despite completing the academy, you may not see Deputy Director George fighting fires on a regular basis. "My motivation for completing this training was to develop a better understanding of the operations of the Fire Division," George stated. He currently oversees the overall operations of the Police Division and the entire Public Safety Department's budget. George stated, "I now have a much clearer understanding of the items that come across my desk, and my training has reinforced the importance of having a well-trained and well-equipped Fire Division." Director of Public Safety Brian Weierke added, "We are all proud of the time and effort he put forth to have a better understanding of the fire division."

Deputy Director George received ongoing support from the Fire Division throughout his training. He remarked, "Throughout my sixteen years in Fridley, the Police and Fire Divisions have always worked together as a team. The fire staff showed a genuine interest in my training, and they were very patient and supportive when I had questions." Fire Division Deputy Director/Fire Chief Maddison Zickmund added, "This is a perfect example of our transition to a Department of Public Safety and the collaboration that exists between Police and Fire Divisions. Leaders



of both divisions can only gain from having further knowledge of the type of work each performs, equipment used, and the training requirements necessary. I am glad Deputy Director George was able to gain a better understanding for the initial training our paid-on-call firefighters commit to, as well as the budgetary requests for items such as turnout gear, SCBA, tools and equipment, all the way to purchasing new fire apparatus."

Deputy Director George encourages members of our community to consider serving as paid-on-call firefighters. "Service to your community is not only challenging and rewarding, but it affords you the opportunity to join a team of amazing public safety professionals who are dedicated to making the City of Fridley a safe place to live and work."

Serve Your Community: Election Judges Needed

Election Day this year will be August 9 and November 8, 2022. Election Judges are responsible for the administration of election procedures in each polling location on Election Day. They are citizens who help their neighbors cast ballots while protecting the rights of voters by ensuring the election process is fair and in accordance with Minnesota and Federal laws.

Election Judges are an integral part of making the election process work smoothly for voters. Fridley Election Judges administer the City's polling locations in several different capacities such as greeting voters, registering new voters, demonstrating how to mark a ballot, maintaining accurate ballot counts and certifying polling location results.

There are a few requirements to serve as an Election Judge:

- Must be eligible to vote in Minnesota;
- Must be able to read, write and speak English fluently;
- Must attend mandatory Election Judge training;
- Must not be a candidate in the election, or a family member of a candidate; and
- Must not be a family member of any other Election Judge at the same polling location.

For more information on becoming an election judge, visit our website at FridleyMN.gov/Elections, email elections@FridleyMN.gov or call 763-572-3523.

Submit Your Property Concerns Online

Did you know? You can report concerns online at FridleyMN.gov/1517/Report-A-Concern via your smart device or a computer. When you submit a concern online, you are able to see the step-by-step progress of the code violation (i.e. dates of letters to the owner of the property, photos and timelines of when the violation is set to be corrected by).

Complainant information is confidential and protected under the Minnesota Data Privacy Act.

What types of things can you report online?

- Private property maintenance concerns, container storage, vehicle violations
- Public property concerns such as graffiti, park equipment maintenance, potholes, tree concerns.
- Crimes that do not require immediate police presence

Assessor's Office: 2021 Update

The 2021 assessment was a continuation of the modified processes employed in 2020 as a response to the pandemic. For the safety of our residents, business owners and staff, requests for any kind of interior inspection were suspended. The use of digital cameras for still shots and full video were used, when possible, to view interior conditions and new improvements. Additionally, requests for phone interviews were also used to gain insights from the owners or occupants.

This was also a year where exempt properties were required to be reviewed and inspected, adding just over 600 additional parcels to the workload. Staff reviewed 1,549 parcels to meet the required quintile inspection threshold of residential properties and 129 commercial and industrial properties. There were 38 apartment buildings inspected to round out the year, with all these inspections taking place from May through September.

The Assessor's office enjoyed the assistance of Intern Thomas Cooper who assisted with the residential reviews through the beginning of September. Staff finished the year inspecting work started in 2020 but not completed along with all new permit work for 2021. This required review of nearly 900 new permits and follow up on just over 450 incomplete projects from 2020.

All these inspections and reviews are used to update property records that best reflect the condition, quality and value affecting attributes of real estate in Fridley. In conjunction with analysis of sales, these updated records will help inform the assessor what changes in value need to be made to reflect the market of 2021 as of the assessment date on January 2, 2022. The estimated market value as of that date is used to determine the property taxes that will be paid in 2023.

Winter Fun in the Parks!

Sledding Hill

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

Groomed Trails

Groomed trails will be available at Commons, Moore Lake and Meadowlands Parks for cross-country skiing, walking and fat tire biking. Trails will be available when snow conditions permit.

Cold Weather Guidelines

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

Where to Skate in Fridley

The City of Fridley creates and maintains nine general skating rinks and five hockey rinks throughout the city. It is a great way to spend time outside with family and friends! We need about 10 consecutive days of freezing temperatures in order to create safe and usable ice – a 3 to 4 inch even layer. Warm weather, freezing rain and even snow can affect ice maintenance; our goal is to keep the rinks prepared for use as much as possible throughout the season. A listing of locations can be found on our website at FridleyMN.gov/WinterParkUse.



Adopt-A-Drain Challenge Winners

In 2021, Fridley participated in the Anoka County Community Adopt-A-Drain Challenge alongside Columbia Heights, Andover, Blaine, and our local watershed organizations to encourage residents to protect our waterbodies by adopting a storm drain. 420 drains were adopted within participating cities during the challenge, including 53 in Fridley. While Fridley lost the overall challenge to Columbia Heights, a Fridley winner was recognized almost every month of the Challenge for their efforts to keep our storm drains clean. Congratulations to our Challenge winners, and thank you to all of our storm drain adopters!

March - Metcalf family

April - Jones family

May - No winner

June - Stan Mraz

July - Angie and Wayne Clark

August - Amelia, Fridley Girl Scout

September - Stan Aukema

October - Amy Schendel

Join us for this **FREE** Event

winterfest



Saturday, January 22 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Springbrook Nature Center, 100 85th Avenue NE

Looking for extra fun throughout the week? Park Passports will be available again this year. Remember to scan the QR code to check in at each event. Passports are available on our website, at City Hall, and at Springbrook. Follow us on social media @fridleyrecreation for behind-the-scenes sneak peeks of event planning. More event details will also be posted on our website at FridleyMN.gov/Winterfest.

NEW FOR 2022

INTRO TO ICE FISHING

Join us on the ice for some fishing fun! Instructor and Fishing for All owner, Evan Griggs, will teach basic ice safety and ice fishing skills for the whole family. All equipment is provided. Dress for the weather. Registration required for this one-hour session. Parent/guardian must be present. No fishing license required.

4735	Ages 8+	M, Jan 17	12:00-1:00 pm
4736	Ages 8+	M, Jan 17	1:15-2:15 pm
FREE			Moore Lake Park

FRIENDLY FRIDLEY COMPETITION

Skiing, skating, sledding and more! Scan the QR codes in the parks or use your Park Passport to earn points for throughout the week. Each activity is 50 points, with an extra 100 points for participation in WinterFest Day activities. All participants will receive a goody bag. Grand prizes will be awarded to the participants who earn the most points. Follow us on social media @fridleyrecreation for a sneak-peek at the prizes.

INTRO TO FOREST BATHING WALKS

Take a guided stroll through the forest with David Motzenbecker, an award-winning landscape architect and certified ANFT-Forest Therapy Guide. Forest bathing allows participants to come to nature for spiritual, mental, and physical nourishment. This introduction is a 25-minute version of the longer walks led by David's company, Motz Forest Bathing Experiences. Ages 18+ only. Walks occur at WinterFest on the half-hour between 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 22 at Springbrook Nature Center.

These events are **FREE**. Pre-registration required for Ice Fishing.

Request a Recycling Calendar

Did you know? Most Fridley residents in single family homes and apartments with 12 units or less have every other week recycling. You should have received a recycling schedule and list of acceptable recyclables in the mail at the end of December from Republic Services.

If you have not received your calendar, or would like an extra, please email your address to recycling@FridleyMN.gov or call 763-572-3594.

You can also search for your recycling day on the neighborhood map at FridleyMN.gov/CityMaps.



Remember - no plastic bags in the recycling cart. Put your recycling in the cart loose or in paper bags.

No Plastic Bags (drop-off only)

Recycling Dropoff

The City of Fridley will host five recycling drop-off and paper shredding events in 2022 at Recycle Technologies, Inc., in the location previously occupied by Green Lights Recycling. Midwest-based Recycle Technologies, Inc. purchased Green Lights Recycling in the fall of 2021 and led the September and November 2021 drop-offs. We look forward to continuing our successful recycling drop-off and paper shredding events with them this year.

NEW IN 2022! Free recycling of electronic media including CDs, VHS tapes, floppy discs, and cassette tapes. It is requested, but not required, that you remove these items from their plastic sleeves prior to bringing them in. Before bringing electronic media to be recycled, please check donation options listed in the recycling directory at FridleyMN.gov/Recycling.

2022 Schedule of Events

March 12	September 10
May 14	November 12
July 9	*No January drop-off in 2022

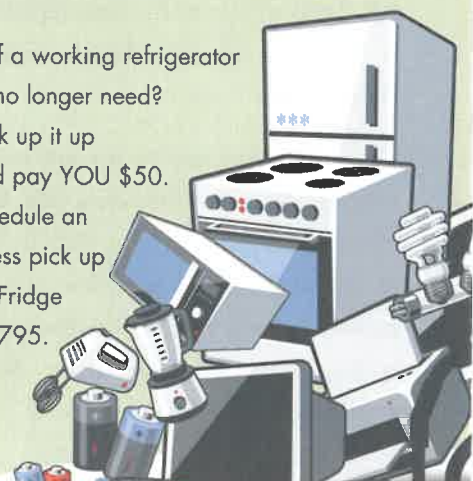
There will be no January drop-off in 2022

- All events 8 AM – 12 PM
- Cash and Check Only
- Drop Off entrance located at 1525 99th Ln NE
- All Fridley residents receive \$30 off their total plus free recycling of many items including light bulbs, batteries, paper shredding and more.
- Visit FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff for a full list of items in pricing
- Questions? Call 763-572-3594

Looking to get rid of a working refrigerator or freezer that you no longer need?

Xcel Energy will pick up it up from your home and pay YOU \$50.

Learn more and schedule an in-home or contactless pick up at XcelEnergy.com/Fridge or call 1-800-599-5795.



A New Year, Continuation of Trends



Market Commentary - January 7, 2022

by Shelby McQuay

In mid-December, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) met and made the decision to end its asset purchase program more rapidly than originally announced. Prior to December, the stated plan had been to begin tapering asset purchases (U.S. Treasuries and agency mortgage-backed securities) in January with the expectation to wrap up the program entirely by summer of 2022. At that time the FOMC would then potentially turn to increases in the target range for the fed funds rate. The FOMC voted unanimously at the December meeting to end the program by March. Though the FOMC didn't provide specific guidance on the anticipated timeline for increases to the fed funds rate other than consistently communicating it would only come after the end of the asset purchase program, the expectation is that one to three rate increases can be anticipated prior to the end of 2022. Fed funds futures pricing currently indicates a 75% chance of three quarter-point rate increases by the end of the calendar year. The FOMC has always specified that any future increases to the fed funds rate are entirely data dependent.

The minutes of the December FOMC meeting, released on January 5th, offered more specifics. The first increase to the federal funds target rate could come as soon as the FOMC's second policy meeting of the year, scheduled for mid-March. The minutes also revealed that the members discussed the idea of shrinking the Fed's balance sheet, in addition to increasing the target rate, in order to address inflation. The size of the Fed's balance sheet is maintained when it purchases securities in an amount equal to those maturing and can be reduced by purchasing less in securities than the amount of securities maturing, or even outright sales of its holdings (sales would be highly unlikely).

Between the mid-December FOMC meeting and the release of the minutes from that meeting that further detailed the collective desire to accelerate tightening of monetary policy, U.S. Treasuries (UST) experienced some volatility with a trend of increasing yields across the maturity spectrum while municipal bond yields held relatively steady. Prior to the onset of the pandemic, there was a predictable relationship between U.S. Treasury yields and municipal bond yields. Since that time, however, the two paths have diverged. *The Bond Buyer* reports that the 10-year UST closed 2021 at 1.51% and was up 12 basis points (1 basis point = 0.01%) on the first trading day of January – the single largest daily increase in three years in that benchmark. The 10-year Treasury note currently yields about 1.75%. Movement in muni bonds was muted and, according to Bloomberg, the 10-year AAA yield was down 5 basis points since the last week in November.

Trends in Municipal Bond Yields November 26, 2021 to December 31, 2021

AAA Yields*	Nov. 26, 2021	Dec. 10, 2021	Dec. 31, 2021	Change Since 11/26	Change Since 12/10
5 Years	0.63%	0.61%	0.60%	-0.03%	-0.01%
10 Years	1.10%	1.06%	1.05%	-0.05%	-0.01%
20 Years	1.39%	1.36%	1.35%	-0.04%	-0.01%
30 Years	1.59%	1.55%	1.54%	-0.05%	-0.01%
Bond Buyer 20 Bond Index**	2.13%	2.05%	2.06%	-0.07%	0.01%

Source:

* Bloomberg Valuation

** The Bond Buyer, average yield on a portfolio of municipal bonds maturing in 20 years, AA/Aa2 average rating

The relationship between treasury yields and municipal bond yields is represented by the Muni-to-Treasury ratio. For the past month, change in that ratio was driven mainly by upward movement in Treasury yields. Refinitiv reports the 10-year Muni-to-UST ratio at 63%, while ICE Data Services had the ratio at 65%, down from approximately 70% as of our last Market Commentary.

2021 Stock Market Wrap Up and Response to the Release of Fed Minutes

Broad U.S. stock market indices were all higher for the month of December, rallying through the end of 2021, with the three major U.S. stock indices increasing between 3% to 7%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 reached record highs at the start of 2022 and Apple was the first company to reach the \$3 trillion mark in market value. Even with uncertainties associated with the pandemic and speculation that Omicron could continue to put a drag on the supply chain, further major disruptions are not widely anticipated at this point due to the less severe nature of the variant, despite being highly contagious.

Following the release of the FOMC minutes this week, significant declines in the stock market ensued. Market participants digested the news of the mid-December meeting and fully anticipated a response to rising inflation. The surprise in the details of the minutes, at least according to the markets, appears to be the faster than expected timeline and the additional notion of potentially reducing the Fed's balance sheet at some point in the future. The rapid rise in bonds yields this week also took its toll on some more speculative stocks and risk assets.

Municipal Issuance and the January Effect

In 2021, total municipal bond issuance was a remarkable \$475.3 billion, though down from the total issuance in 2020, which was a record year. Breaking down the market further into the components of municipal issuance, new money borrowing was up, while refundings were down. Tax-exempt issuance increased year-over-year, while taxable issuance declined.

The spread between taxable and tax-exempt yields was narrower in 2020 than in most of 2021. Increases in taxable yields outpaced increases in tax exempt yields, which played a role in the decrease in taxable issues, notably taxable advance refundings, between calendar year 2020 and 2021. This is in direct correlation to the dynamic of very low ratios of tax-exempt yields to comparable taxable Treasury yields. Also, with that widening spread and the continuation of very low yields on the short end of the interest rate curve, forward purchases to achieve tax-exempt current refundings grew in popularity and total volume, both in the public and private markets.

The first quarter of the calendar year represents a period with large amounts of scheduled principal payments and optional redemptions for municipal bonds. This puts cash into the hands of investors looking to reinvest those dollars. Therefore, the supply and demand imbalance can be highly pronounced this time of year, with the benefit accruing to municipal issuers. Many market watchers and prognosticators believe this dynamic will manifest again this year.

We look forward to partnering with you on your capital financing plans for 2022. Here's to a great New Year for all our readers!

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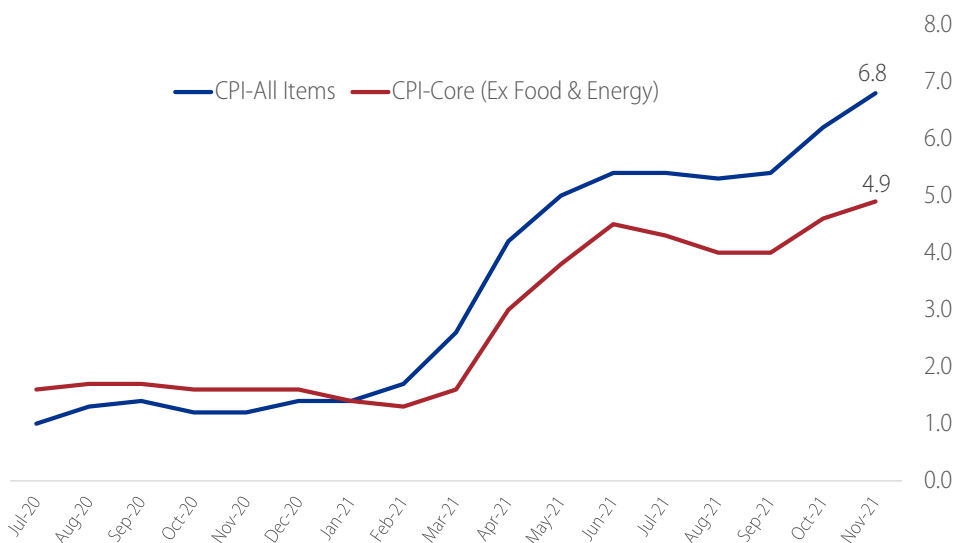
2021 Q4 Economic Recap and Rate Outlook

The fourth quarter began amid a fast-retreating Delta variant case count and ended in the midst of sky-rocketing cases of *Omicron*, a highly contagious variant that didn't appear in the U.S. until December 1st. Just four weeks later it represented 60% of all new coronavirus cases, and by year end the daily case count had exceeded the previous peak from last January. In response, the Biden administration announced an additional 10,000 testing sites, 500 million at-home tests made available in January and the deployment of military medical personnel to assist overburdened doctors and nurses.

Fortunately, 73% of Americans *over the age of 18* were fully-vaccinated by year-end and 36% had received a booster dose according to CDC data. Although breakthrough cases have spiked, the new strain seems to be significantly less severe, which buffered the negative economic impact and allowed the U.S. economy to accelerate in the final quarter of a wildly uneven year.

Before the December virus surge, the story of the quarter was the continued rise in inflationary pressure. Elevated prices during the summer months were expected to be *transitory*, and Fed officials were prepared to allow inflation to run above the historical +2.0% target "for some time" while the economy healed. Supply chain disruptions destroyed that plan, and early holiday spending drove up demand. The result was the highest year-over-year inflation readings in nearly four decades. Headline CPI was rising at an alarming +6.8% annual pace in November, the highest since 1982, while headline PCE showed a +5.7% increase from a year ago, the biggest annual gain since 1983.

Consumer Price Index (Year-over-Year Percent Change)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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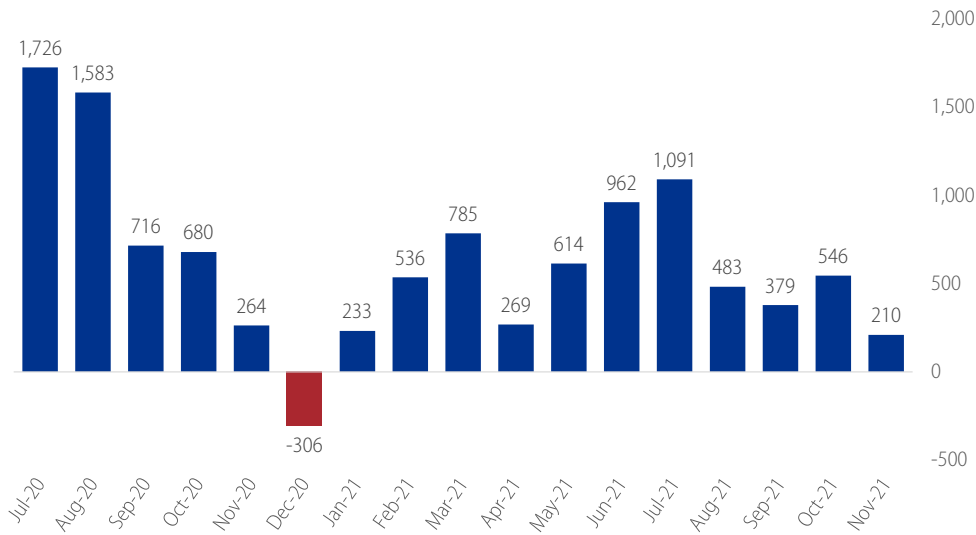
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The Fed's focus during much of the pandemic had been a return to full employment. There was little question that employers *wanted to hire workers* as job openings climbed back above 11 million in October. However, nonfarm payroll gains averaged just +378k from September through November, leaving total payrolls four million short of the pre-pandemic count. In October, the number of job openings exceeded the number of unemployed Americans by the most on record. The unemployment rate dropped to a pandemic low of 4.2% in November, although market surveys, job postings and seemingly millions of help-wanted signs suggest an even tighter labor market.

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Total Nonfarm Payrolls (in thousands)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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The running list of reasons for why labor market participation is hovering near a 40-year low includes various combinations of COVID concerns, early retirement, burnout, and childcare issues. A recent survey by the National Federation of Independent Business showed 49% of small companies were unable to fill their open positions. Further compounding the problem for all employers is a record number of people leaving their jobs. The “quits rate” climbed to 4.4 million in September, the highest level seen in 21 years of recordkeeping.

Obviously, employers are being forced to pay more to attract and retain workers and this practice is expected to continue. The Conference Board Salary Increase Survey for November indicated 2022 salary increases will be the highest since 2008. To remain competitive and combat a 150% annual turnover rate in the industry, national fast food restaurants are accelerating their automation plans. McDonald’s announced it would be adding additional self-order kiosks to 1,000 locations each quarter in 2022 and announced a partnership with IBM in December to automate drive-through ordering across the nation. Hyundai Robotics is pairing with KFC to develop chicken-cooking robots, while Grubhub plans to use food-delivery robots at college campuses. Domino’s began testing its self-driving pizza delivery vehicles last spring.

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Q4 Interest Rates

		Fed Funds	3 mo. T-bill	12 mo. T-bill	2 yr. T-note	5 yr. T-note	10 yr. T-note
Last	9/30/21	0.00%-0.25%	0.03%	0.07%	0.28%	0.97%	1.49%
High			0.06%	0.38%	0.75%	1.34%	1.70%
Low			0.02%	0.07%	0.26%	0.93%	1.34%
End	12/31/21	0.00%-0.25%	0.03%	0.38%	0.73%	1.26%	1.51%

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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While the Fed began the taper process and signaled that tightening was around the corner, Democrats passed Biden’s \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package and began debating the trimmed-down \$1.75 trillion “Build Back Better” social infrastructure spending plan. Many lawmakers, including West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, believed the plan, in its current form, would increase both consumer prices and the national debt. By year end, the bill was essentially dead.

Unless the BBB plan is rewritten to Manchin’s liking, the expanded child tax credit that provided an average of \$444 per month to 36 million families will have ended in mid-December. In the absence of additional stimulus payments and a fast-dwindling savings rate, millions of Americans may be forced back into the labor market in the coming months. With BBB on ice, hope for any student loan forgiveness is also on hold. In the meantime, the administration extended the pause on student loan payments until May 1st, which doesn’t make a whole lot of sense considering degreed workers currently make about 75% more than non-degreed workers, and the unemployment rate for college graduates was just 2.4% in November. Future relief for student debt burdens may have to take a different form to gain further traction.

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The quarter ended on a few positive notes. The equity market continued to climb with the S&P 500 logging its 70th record close in 2021; Mastercard's SpendingPulse report indicating the biggest annual increase in holiday spending in 17 years; and Senate Democrats passing a \$2.5 trillion increase in the debt ceiling, which should push the next political sideshow out beyond the 2022 election.

Economic and Interest Rate Outlook

The economic outlook, despite the recent virus surge, is bright. Much of this optimism is based on the idea that the effects of the latest variant seem quite mild and are unlikely to result in any widespread business closures. The case count may be soaring, but the number of hospitalizations and deaths, at this point, is far below the peak from last January. However, that doesn't mean businesses weren't impacted. More than 10,000 flights were canceled in and out of the U.S. in the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve due primarily to airline COVID related staffing issues.

While the latest COVID wave moves toward a likely crest over the next couple weeks, considerable progress continues to be made on the therapeutics stage. Before Christmas, the Food and Drug Administration approved both Pfizer and Merck antiviral pills for limited emergency use to treat mild to moderate COVID-19. Pfizer's Paxlovid has shown 90% efficacy in preventing hospitalizations and deaths in high-risk patients. Eric Topol, director of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, in an editorial for the Guardian, said Paxlovid has the potential to change the face of the pandemic and urged bold measures to rapidly scale up production.

The job market stands to benefit tremendously as COVID is better contained and Americans feel more comfortable returning to their normal lives. As mentioned earlier, the lack of government stimulus payments, for better or worse, is likely to result in an increased number of workers returning to the labor force.

In theory, more workers would translate to greater production, and greater production means replenished supply. There's still an enormous amount of pent-up consumer demand. Besides the obvious need for automobiles, houses and gaming consoles, consumers are anxious to spend some of the nation's record household wealth on dining, travel, and leisure-time activities. It may take a while, but business will always find a way to meet ongoing demand.

Overall inflationary pressure is likely nearing its peak, although housing costs, which make a significant contribution to CPI, are expected to move higher in 2022 before retreating. Demand typically fades in the first quarter, giving businesses the opportunity to restock. Signs that the goods bottleneck is finally clearing is a huge plus for supply. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach indicated that the number of containers lingering on marine terminals has been cut in half since October 25th when the ports announced a daily fee would be imposed on cargo sitting on the dock for 10 days or more. So far, the mere threat of a late fee has done the trick as the implementation date itself has been delayed through January.

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If Fed officials are true to their word, new QE asset purchases will almost certainly wrap up in March. Best guess is that liftoff for rate tightening will be announced at the May FOMC meeting and the first hike will take place in mid-June. Central banks in England, Canada and Australia have also indicated multiple rate increases for next year.

The question is how economies and financial markets, long dependent on super-accommodative monetary policy, will react as that accommodation is reeled-in. The Fed, to its credit, has granted itself plenty of flexibility in the event that the 2022 outlook were to darken.

The December Bloomberg survey of 70 U.S. economists shows GDP slowing from a median quarterly annualized rate of +6.6% in the fourth quarter of 2021 to +3.4% a year later, and the annualized CPI rate cooling from +6.6% to +2.8% over the same 12-month period. The survey also shows a median unemployment rate of 3.6% at the end of 2022, just above the December FOMC forecast of 3.5%.

There are a number of major wildcards in play for next year. Democrats will redraft and attempt to pass a revised version of Biden's Build Back Better, and the mid-term elections could bring a shift in power as narrow Democratic leads in both the House and Senate are vulnerable. And, flying mostly under the radar are several open Federal Reserve Board seats waiting to be filled in early 2022. A more dovish composition of voting members could shift the FOMC's balance and reduce the number of rate hikes in 2022.

If the last two years have taught us anything, it's that forecasts mean very little. The Fed will begin raising rates in 2022, but the expected series of hikes as outlined in the dot plot and forecasted by the nation's economists will be dependent on how the new year unfolds. At this point, there's reason and appetite for optimism.

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