



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 01, 2023
CITY HALL at 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**
- 6. CONSENT AGENDA**
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SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR RULES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

RULES FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The following format will be used to conduct the hearing:

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

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

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

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Lake Park City Council Regular was held on April 17, 2023 at the City Hall, at 7:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Robert Nelson

Councilmember Ken Wendling

Councilmember Barbara Goodboe-Bisschoff

Councilmember Lisa Dircks

Councilmember April Moran

STAFF PRESENT

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Administrator Buchholtz noted that there is a correction for Resolution 2023-17 on Exhibit A. The last three lines of the legal description are clarifying that the resolution affects Lot 4 Block 1 of McKinley Addition.

5. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR - None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2023 Council Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2023 City Council Work Session
- C. Approval of Claims – General Disbursement No 23-05 - \$504,240.96
- D. Mayor’s Proclamation – Arbor Day – April 28, 2023
- E. Mayor’s Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week – April 30 - May 6, 2023
- F. Temporary Liquor License – Kraus Hartig VFW – Tower Days
- G. Contractor’s Licenses
- H. Business License

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Consent Agenda.

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Police Report

Chief Antoine reported that the Police Department responded to 829 calls for service in March 2023 compared to 645 calls for service for the month of March 2022. He said that School Resource Officer Imig reported handling 65 calls for service in March, as well as handling 26 student contacts, 21 student escorts and 8 follow-up investigations. Investigator Bennek reported handling 33 cases for the month of March, 31 of which are felony in nature, 2 misdemeanor cases, while monitoring 5 forfeiture cases.

B. Recreation Report

Recreation Director Okey reported that the work continues on the reconstruction project at Able Park. Director Okey stated that the Recreation Department sent out the summer catalog. She also expressed her thanks to the volunteers who have committed to helping with the flowers in the parks.

8. ORDINANCES AND/OR RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 23-16, Expressing Support for SF 2590/HF 2676, A Bill Limiting Rent Increases in Low-Income Rental Projects that Use Residential Rental Bonds

Administrator Buchholtz discussed the concerns of residents about the rental increases in low-income rental housing. He stated that there was legislative action taken, and the resolution would support the legislation.

Motion made by Councilmember Dircks to approve Resolution 23-16, Expressing Support for SF 2900/HF 2676, A Bill Limiting Rent Increases in Low-Income Rental Projects that Use Residential Rental Bonds.

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

B. Resolution 23-17, Cancelling Developer's Agreement

Administrator Buchholtz gave an overview of the Developer's Agreement from 1994. He stated that the Developer's Agreement handled utilities that covered the McKinley Street Lots. Administrator Buchholtz said that all obligations have been met and that the Developer's Agreement is no longer needed. He stated that the buyers of Lot 4, Block 1 McKinley Manor requested this action to clear a title objection.

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to approve Resolution 23-17, Cancelling Developer’s Agreement.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Bid Results and Award Contract for 2023 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project

Engineer Gravel provided an overview of the project. He stated that the City received two bids:

Low	Allied Blacktop Company	\$ 92,770.00
#2	Pearson Bros., Inc.	\$157,350.00

He stated that the low bidder for the project is Allied Blacktop Company. He said the bids were reviewed and found to be in order. He recommended awarding the project to Allied Blacktop Company.

Mayor Nelson inquired about the expansion joints to prolong the cut lines. Engineer Gravel said if the sealants are okay they stay, and if not, they are removed and new sealant is placed in the crack. Mayor Nelson asked which streets are included in the project. Public Works Director Randall stated the project area includes streets East of Able Street and North of 81st Avenue to the Service Road.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to award the 2023 Street Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project to Allied Blacktop Company for the total base bid of \$92,770.00.

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

B. Approve Bid Results and Award Contract for 2023 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Engineer Gravel provided an overview of the project. He stated that the City received five bids:

Low	Visu-Sewer	\$1,047,746.00
#2	Insituform Technologies USA, LLC	\$1,408,622.00
#3	Hydro-Klean, LLC	\$1,480,681.19
#4	SAK Construction, LLC	\$1,632,592.50
#5	Veit & Company, Inc.	\$1,672,885.00

He stated that the low bidder for the project is Visu-Sewer, Inc. He said the bids were reviewed and found to be in order. He recommended awarding the project to Visu-Sewer, Inc.

Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff inquired about the cost putting stress on the City Budget. Administrator Buchholtz stated that the City had cash on hand for the project, as it will be spread out over a few years.

Motion made by Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff to award the 2023 Sewer Lining Project to Visu-Sewer, Inc for the total base bid amount of \$1,047,746.00.

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

C. Discuss July 3, 2023 City Council Meeting/City Hall Closure

Administrator Buchholtz reported that with the fourth of July holiday on a Tuesday this year, staff is polling the City Council to see if the Council would like to either cancel or postpone the July 3, 2023 City Council meeting.

Administrator Buchholtz stated that in the past the City Council has cancelled the first meeting of July when the fourth of July falls on a Tuesday. He stated that the City Council has also previously authorized City Hall to be closed on July 3, so long as staff used vacation or comp time to cover the absence.

Councilmember Dircks inquired if the meeting would be rescheduled. Administrator Buchholtz said that it will depend on the items for the agenda at that time, but he did not anticipate the meeting needing to be rescheduled.

Motion made by Mayor Nelson to Cancel the July 3, 2023 Council Meeting and Close City Hall.

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

10. REPORTS

A. Attorney's Report

Attorney Thames updated the Council on the closing of Lot 4 McKinley Property and that he will be moving forward with serving and filing the enforcement action of the hazardous structure order of 8064 Garfield since it has not been abated.

B. Engineer's Report - None

C. Administrator Report

Administrator Buchholtz updated the Council on the phone upgrade project. He informed Council that the phones will transfer from the current system to the new cloud system on April 24, 2023, so there may be some downtime.

Administrator Buchholtz discussed the seal coat and crack repair project. He stated that he, Engineer Gravel and Public Works Director Randall will begin evaluating streets in future project areas to see if the streets need just seal coat or if the streets need mill and overlay work to extend their life.

11. OTHER

A. Correspondence - None

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilmember Wendling to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

Attest:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer



**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
MAY 2023**

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as snowstorms, tornadoes, fires and floods; and

WHEREAS, “Building Safety Starts with You,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor, of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the City of Spring Lake Park and do hereby express the community’s appreciation to Building Official Jeff Baker, Fire/Code Enforcement Inspector Walter Morris and Permit Technician Kristine Pearson for their efforts in ensuring the construction of high-quality buildings within the city.

Dated this first day of May, two thousand twenty-three.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator



**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
MAY 15-21, 2023**

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, members of law enforcement play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the week against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS; the Spring Lake Park Police Department has grown to be a modern and technological law enforcement agency whose members unceasingly provides as vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our police department, through their dedicated service as law enforcement officers, have earned our highest respect and deepest gratitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Nelson, Mayor of the City of Spring Lake Park, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 2023 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in the City of Spring Lake Park and further extend appreciation to Police Chief Antoine, and the Spring Lake Park Police Department for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community they represent.

Dated this first day of May, two thousand twenty three.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer

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

Contractor's Licenses

May 1, 2023

Blacktopping Contractor

Aurora Asphalt & Concrete

Concrete Contractor

Aurora Asphalt & Concrete

G & B Siteworx Service, LLC.

General Contractor

North Star Fence, Inc.

Mechanical Contractor

Midwest Electric and Generator

Modern Piping, Inc.

A-ABC Appliance and Heating, LLC. dba Total Comfort

Plumbing Contractor

Modern Piping, Inc.

A-ABC Appliance and Heating, LLC. dba Total Comfort

Sewer & Water Contractor

Hero PHC

Tree Contractor

All Seasons Tree Service

Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC.

Fran's Tree Service

Northeast Tree, Inc.

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

**Business License
Tobacco License - Edible Cannabinoid License
May 1, 2023**

**Super Tobacco 4 LLC
C-23-4**



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council
From: Terry Randall, Public Works Director
Date: April 26, 2023
Subject: April 2023 Public Works Report

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

- Have plowed one (1) time.
- Staff continues to empty garbage and recycling in the parks on a bi-weekly basis. Staff is also sweeping the fields and blowing the fence lines.
- Staff flushed fire hydrants and replaced to of them. It took staff 7 days to complete the flushing.
- Staff patched potholes using 45 tons of asphalt.
- Staff is working on the equipment for summer use.

Appointments:

- April 4, 2023 – Staff Meeting
- April 7, 2023 – Meeting with Recreation Director Okey about the Able Park Warming House
- April 11, 2023 – Bid Openings (Sanitary Sewer & Seal Coat and Crack Repair Projects)



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

REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for April 2023
DATE: April 27, 2023

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

In April 2023, a total of 8 building, 3 zoning, 7 mechanical, and 7 plumbing for a total of 25 permits issued compared to a total of 33 in 2022. We conducted 184 inspections in the month of April including 79 building, 42 rental, 21 fire, 4 Certificate of Occupancy and 38 nuisance inspections. 0 Administrative Offense Tickets were issued.

Inspector Morris was able to attend the Fire Department International Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, IN. Thank you to the SBM Fire Department for getting Morris out there. He will be taking Firefighting and Inspection classes, taught by instructors from around the world.

Construction Update:

Not much for inspections has been done on the larger projects.

We had a large number of roofing and siding inspections since the weather is starting to cooperate.

In April of 2023, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meetings on April 3rd.
- Department Head meeting on April 4th.
- Council Workshop April 11th.
- Phone training April 24th.

This concludes the Code Enforcement Department monthly report for April 2023. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.



Memorandum

To: Whom It May Concern

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

Date: April 25, 2023

Subject: Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance update

City Council asked staff to draft an amendment to the City Code clarifying the use of dumpster enclosures for commercial, industrial and multi-family housing.

The proposed ordinance inserts the following language into SLPC 5.08.010(F) - “Dumpsters shall be stored within the dumpster enclosure except within 24 hours of pickup”. This language is consistent with language in SLPC 5.08.010(E) which addresses containers at residential dwellings.

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

**SPRING LAKE PARK
ORDINANCE 486**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.08.010 PARAGRAPH F OF THE CITY
CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the Spring Lake Park, in the State of Minnesota, as follows:

SECTION 1: **AMENDMENT** “5.08.010 (F) Dumpster Enclosures Required” of the Spring Lake Park Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

A M E N D M E N T

F. *Dumpster Enclosures Required.*

1. The owners or responsible parties of all commercial, industrial, and residential/rental properties with three or more units within the city having a dumpster for the containment of garbage, rubbish or recyclables shall provide an enclosure for that dumpster.
2. The construction and location of the enclosure referenced above shall be approved by the City Building Official. The dumpster enclosure shall be constructed of concrete block for all commercial and residential rental properties. The dumpster enclosure may be constructed of an approved composite wood with a minimum-three-quarter-inch thickness for all residential rental properties housing up to eight units.
3. Dumpsters shall be stored within the dumpster enclosure except within 24 hours of pickup.
4. All owners of existing properties defined in Paragraph F,1 shall be required to come into compliance with these regulations no later than December 31, 1992.

SECTION 2: **EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon approval and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE SPRING LAKE PARK COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Councilmember Wendling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Delfs	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Goodboe-Bisschoff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dircks	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Nelson	_____	_____	_____	_____

Presiding Officer

Attest

Robert Nelson, Mayor, Spring Lake
Park

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer, Spring Lake Park



**APPLICATION
BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER**

These questions are designed to obtain information about your experience and interest in civic activities. You may return your application by mail, email or fax. **Mail to:** Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's Office, 1301 81st Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432; **E-Mail to:** jgooden@slpmn.org; or **Fax to** (763) 792-7257. Your application will remain on file for six months. If you have questions, please call the Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer's Office at (763) 784-6491. **Thank you for your interest!**

Name: Wannie-mae Parsons Adult (18+) Student (under 18)
Address: 558 73rd ave NE Spring Lake Park **Zip:** 55432
Home #: _____ **Cell #:** 952-564-0183
Email: parsonswanniemae7@gmail.com **Work #:** _____

Length of residence in Spring Lake Park (in years) 0 May we call you at work? Yes No

I am interested in serving on the following commission:
(If you have an interest in more than one commission, you may rank your choices)

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission

Community, Civic or Volunteer Experience:
I work a lot with feed my starvig children during the week.

Interests and Hobbies: some of my hobbies are running/walking, writing, photography, woking on outdoor projects, cooking, and spending time with my nieces.

Occupation and Work Experience (you may attach a resume if desired): Please see attachment

Please complete other side of application

Educational Background/Training: I have my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

What skills or personal qualities do you possess that would make you valuable as a board or commission member? The qualities that I possess that would make me a valuable member is that i am dedicated and committed to the responsibilities that extends beyond attending board meetings, i am able to lead and influence other to pursue the goals of the organization, and i am able to to engage other board members in discussions and debated without being arrogant or disrespectful, and i will always support the decision of the board when speaking on behalf of the organization.

Why are you interested in volunteering? I am a very giving person who enjoys working alongside other likeminded people who wants to make a difference in the work that they do. Over the last three years, i have gained lots of transferrable skills and qualities that i feel would be suited to the position of volunteer. I am a good communicator, a good organizer, and i work well as a supportive team member.

Conflicts of Interest

No commissioner shall: (1) Enter into any contract with the city unless otherwise authorized by law. (2) Use their position to secure any special privilege or exemption for themselves or others. (3) Use their office or otherwise act in any manner which would give the appearance of or result in any impropriety or conflict of interest.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR APPLICATION

DATA PRIVACY NOTICE: Minnesota law requires that you be informed of the purposes and intended uses of the information you are providing on this application. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13.601, your name, city of residence, employment history, volunteer work, awards and honors are public data and is available to anyone who requests the information. The data that you give us about yourself is also needed to identify you and assist in determining your suitability for the commission(s) for which you are applying. This data is not legally required, but refusal to supply the information requested may affect the City Council's ability to evaluate your application. Should you be appointed to serve on a board or commission, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13.601, your residential address and either a telephone number or electronic mail address (or both) where you can be reached also become public information.

I have read and understand the data privacy information given above and authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary to arrive at an appointment decision. I certify that all answers given here are true, and I understand that any false information on or omission of information from this application will be cause for rejection of this application.



Applicant signature (electronic)

04.12.2023

Date

Wannie-Mae Adesida
13618 Partridge Cir NW
Andover, MN 55304
Parsonswanniemae7@gmail.com
Cell: (952) 564-0183

Professional Summary:

To obtain a position that will enable me to use my strong organizational skills, educational background, and ability to work well with people. Motivated, flexible, versatile, and tactful Professional Administrator with over five years of experience in Case Management.

Skills:

- Excellent team building skills, problem solving, multi-tasking and decision-making skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Words, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Visio.
- Motivational interviewing techniques
- Understand state laws affecting correctional facilities, work release and related court procedures.
- Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

Work Experience:

Supervisor, JusticePoint - Ramsey County: January 2022 – present

Responsibilities:

- Complete pretrial risk assessments for arrestees booked into the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center by conducting complete and accurate criminal history and record checks using the designated criminal information systems.
- Conduct face-to-face interviews with newly arrested inmates within restricted and confined areas of the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center.
- Verify information obtained during interviews and further investigate all aspects of the defendant which are relevant to the setting of release conditions.
- Prepare written reports for electronic submission notifying the court of the results of the investigation and risk assessment including recommendations release conditions.
- Maintain complete, accurate, and verified records in the database that document and support activity necessary related to program goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- Assist in the process of releasing individuals from custody to pretrial supervision.
- Attend court arraignment hearings on a rotating schedule.

Work Release Officer, Anoka County: May 2021 – January 2022

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate safe and efficient custodial intake as well as completing release procedures.
- Perform and electronically document safety, well-being, and facility security checks.
- Provide constant and direct supervision of in-custody population in their daily living units including various work assignments.
- Maintain facility rules and regulations through the use of direct supervision, interpersonal communication, directives, disciplinary action and physical restraint.
- Respond to and assess emergencies, restore order and security as well as de-escalate and mediate conflicts directly.

- Use a variety of techniques when interacting with inmates including group approach, teaching, modeling, and confrontation, with motivational interviewing components as the foundation of those interactions.

Case Management Specialist, Washington County Community Corrections: April 2016 – April 2021

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate lower risk offenders' compliance with court orders and program participation.
- Schedule and conduct random urine testing for offenders as required by the court.
- Participate in court hearing when lower risks offenders are not compliance with court orders and recommend cases that can be transferred to a higher-level supervision based on the new information or changing circumstances.
- Ensure that lower risk offenders complete the intake process, including explaining sentencing orders to offenders.
- Serve as a liaison between lower-risk offenders, community agencies, and the public.

Office Support II, Washington County Sheriff's Office: May 2015 – April 2016

Responsibilities:

- Collected fees, processed payments, and balanced cash accounts and formats.
- Submitted reports under supervision; recorded and maintained various departmental documents.
- Reviewed and updated working procedures.
- Initiated purchase orders and paid invoices.
- Collected and recorded a variety of receipts and disbursements for various funds.
- Compiled, calculated, and prepared reports and billings.
- Scheduled meetings and assisted with coordination of department events.
- Mentored and trained other clerical staff.
- Answered inquiries from the general public and responded to time sensitive requests from law enforcement agencies.
- Collected, recorded, and maintained court and other law enforcement related records.
- Collected bail bonds and processed funds/personal property of inmate releases.
- Input data into the computer with accuracy.
- Conduced file searches and retrieved documents.

Service Clerk, DMV - Brooklyn Center, MN: October 2010 – January 2015

Responsibilities:

- Planned, coordinated, developed, and implemented a broad variety of services and programs provided by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Provided information and answered to questions relating to all DMV associated services.
- Provided licenses, titles, and registration to motor vehicle drivers in Minnesota.
- Tutored clients about motor vehicle laws, rules, programs, policies and procedures.
- Assisted customers in meeting requirements to secure needed licenses, permits, and titles.
- Mentored, trained both new and established employees.
- Became the lead "go-to" person for particularly challenging customers.

Education:

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration with concentration in business

University of Phoenix, Minneapolis, MN. June 2014.

Master of Business Administration

University of Phoenix, Arizona. July 2020.



City of Spring Lake Park
Engineer's Project Status Report

To: Council Members and Staff
From: Phil Gravel

Re: **Status Report for 04.17.23 Meeting**
File No.: R-18GEN

Note: Updated information is shown in *italics*.

2023 MS4 Permit and SWPPP Update (193805251). Annual Report is due by June 30th. The Annual Public Meeting can be held in June. Pond, structural BMP, and outfall inspections due by July 31st. Program analysis and annual training is due in December. *MPCA is completing a review/audit of the city's 2022 information.*

2021 Sewer Lining Project (193805204). This project included lining in the general area between Terrace and Monroe and south of 81st Avenue. Terry Randall is watching this project. Lining work has been completed. Contractor is Visu-Sewer. *Contractor final payment can be processed when contractor has supplied the required project close-out documents.*

2023 Sewer Lining Project (193805871). This project will include the remaining sanitary sewers in the city that need to be lined (approximately 35,710-feet). Plans and specs were ordered on 9-6-22. *The low bidder was Visu-Sewer Inc with a low bid amount of \$1,047,746. Construction Contracts have been sent to Visu-Sewer for processing.*

2023 Seal Coat and Crack Repair Project (193806041). This project includes routine street maintenance on the streets in the area north of 81st Avenue and east of Able Street. Plans and specs were ordered on 12-19-22. *The low bidder was Allied Blacktop with a low bid amount of \$97,770. See Separate letter. Constr. Contracts have been sent for processing.*

City Hall Building (193806049). The Design Phase for the city hall remodel project started in January 2023. The schedule calls for obtaining construction bids in late 2023. Meetings with staff continue (Dept. Heads meeting on 5-1). Council updated at recent workshops. *Public Open House will be on Monday, May 8th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm*

Suite Living Spring Lake Park (Hampton Cos. project at 525 Osborne). *A site work and landscaping inspection needs to be completed in 2023. The remaining financial surety will be held until a final inspection (including landscaping) and CCWD sign off in 2023.*

2024 Sanburnol Drive and Elm Drive NE (19380_____). Sanburnol Drive was last reconstructed in 1998. Sanburnol Drive is a shared road between the cities of Spring Lake Park and Blaine. Spring Lake Park will be the lead agency on this project, but it will be a cooperative project between Blaine and Spring Lake Park. *Currently working with Blaine to arrange geotechnical borings – expecting quote from geotechnical firm in May.*

2023 Anoka County Paving Project. The County will have a paving project this year on Osborne Road east of Central Avenue. County will provide schedule information when they have one.

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

CORRESPONDENCE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 20, 2023

Contact: Alex Carlson
Public Affairs Manager
(612) 750-9960
acarlson@mmcd.org

Mosquito Control activity has begun in your community

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District trucks, helicopters, and staff will be out in neighborhoods and parks this spring and summer working to reduce mosquito-borne disease and annoyance.

SAINT PAUL - After months of heavy snow and below average temperatures, a brief warm period in mid-April this year brought mosquito larvae out. Field staff from the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District monitor wetlands in the early Spring in search of the first larva of the year. In each of the past three years, the first larva was found in mid-March, but in 2023 it wasn't until April 10th that larva was collected - during a week of unseasonably warm air temperatures. Since then mosquito larvae have been found in every county in the metro and the mosquito control season is officially underway.

The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) will be conducting surveillance and treatment activities in your community to reduce the risk of disease and annoyance in an environmentally-sensitive manner. Each year field staff at MMCD monitors and treats wetlands that breed mosquitoes with a fleet of trucks and helicopters. Many of our seasonal staff begin working in April and residents of the seven county metro area may notice the green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or staff on bikes or on foot wearing brightly colored "Mosquito Control" shirts.

At times MMCD employees may need to cross private property for access to check and treat areas for mosquito larvae. MMCD management asks the community to please stay several feet away from field staff and ensure children and pets are kept at a distance. If you have questions about mosquito control activities or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit MMCD.org.

Some of the activities that MMCD may be doing in your community include:

- Wetland surveillance - determining if ponds or swamps have mosquito larvae present.
- Catch basin surveillance - pulling off grates and inspecting neighborhood catch basins to determine if mosquito larvae are present.
- Ground larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland with a hand spreader or backpack.

- Helicopter larval treatments - applying control materials to a wetland via helicopter.
- Catch basin treatments - applying control materials to neighborhood catch basins.
- Setting or collecting traps - surveillance helps MMCD determine where and what types of mosquitoes are active.

The control materials and methods used by MMCD are regularly tested for safety and only applied when surveillance indicates they would be effective. The active ingredients are specifically designed to target mosquito larvae or adults with minimal impacts on non-target insects. The control materials are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. For a complete list of control materials used, please visit MMCD.org.

Scheduled treatments including planned helicopter activity are posted on the MMCD website and on our Twitter page [@metromosquito](https://twitter.com/metromosquito). The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District appreciates your support. For information about our programs or for tips on how to reduce mosquitoes near your home, please visit MMCD.org.

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For press inquiries or interview requests, please contact Alex Carlson - acarlson@mmcd.org or (612) 750-9960.

ANOKA COUNTY NEWS

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**Serving
Our
Seniors**

Anoka County: Dedicated to Assisting our Seniors

Every day in the United States, 10,000 people turn 65, and the number of older adults will more than double over the next several decades to top 88 million people, which will represent more than 20 percent of the population by 2050, according to the AARP.

In Minnesota, 1 in 5 residents will be age 65 or older by 2030. This demographic shift means more resources are and will continue to be dedicated to assisting our senior population. Anoka County and its partners seek to serve area seniors in ways that allow them to maintain their independence as long as possible, connect with opportunities in the community, and live healthy lives. The county can also direct caregivers who are assisting older adults to helpful resources.

“There are many quality programs for seniors in our community,” said Matt Look, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. “Our county officials and staff are dedicated to helping seniors navigate programming options, find volunteer opportunities, learn about transportation services, and more.”

The following pages detail some of the programming available to seniors in Anoka County and provide direction on how to access additional information.



Anoka County
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Senior
Resources
Guide

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Program Offers Resources to Caregivers, those who Receive Care

The Anoka County Family Caregiver Connection is a network of services for caregivers, family members, and those for whom they care. There are several resources available through the Family Caregiver Connection, including group respite, caregiver support groups, health and spiritual connections, specialized coaching for caregivers of individuals with memory loss, and more.

There are a few requirements participants must meet to receive Anoka County Family Caregiver Connection services. Care receivers must be age 55 or older and require companion care only. Caregivers must be a family caregiver in need of information and support services. The following are a few of the programs offered through the Family Caregiver Connection.

The Gathering

The Gathering is a daytime, out-of-home group respite program for caregivers and care receivers. Trained volunteers, supervised by a social worker or nurse, operate the program. Participants can enjoy fellowship, lunch, and activities while caregivers enjoy time away from caregiving. Location: Zion Lutheran Church: 1601 4th Ave. S., Anoka. Meets at 10 a.m. the first four Thursdays of the month.

Memory Café

Anoka County Family Caregiver Connection partners with area churches and senior communities to host Memory Cafés. This allows participants to have access to services and resources throughout their journey with memory loss. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. Meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



9 A.M. TO NOON APRIL 15

**LORD OF LIFE CHURCH,
14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey**

Information booths	Entertainment
Free pancake breakfast	Blood pressure checks
Mini massages	Eyewear repair/cleaning

Sponsored by Anoka County Human Services.
Questions? Call Nicki at 763-324-1227.

Caregiver Support Groups

Caregiver support groups meet regularly to build support, comfort, and share information about caregiving issues.

In-Person Caregiver Support Group

Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 4th Ave. S., Anoka.

Meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Thursday of the month.

MaryAnn Young Center, 9150 Central Ave. NE, Blaine.

Meets at 10 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Virtual Caregiver Support Group:

Meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

For more information about these programs, including how to access the virtual caregiver support group, and volunteer opportunities, email caregivers@co.anoka.mn.us or call the Family Caregiver Connection at 763-324-1608.

“Caring for a loved one as they deal with aging, declining health, or memory loss can be emotionally and physically draining for caregivers,” said District 2 Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad. “Anoka County, recognizing the need to support caregivers and those they care for, has established partnerships to help this part of our population. There are many resources available, and we encourage people to take advantage of them.”

Scams that Target Seniors: How to Stay Safe



Anyone can be the victim of a scam, but seniors are oftentimes specifically targeted by fraudsters, because these criminals believe many seniors have substantial amounts of money in the bank.

According to a guide on financial exploitation from the Anoka County Attorney's Office, there are several types of common scams:

- Phishing: Internet fraudsters try to trick you into giving out personal information, such as your name, address, social security number, credit card number, and more.
- Sweetheart Scams: Online relationships are formed, and people are asked to send money or "help out" with transactions.
- Grandparent or Emergency Scams: Scammers will pose as relatives or friends, asking for money to be wired for an emergency.
- Lottery scams: Sweepstakes that prompt people to pay a fee or buy something to improve their chances of winning.
- Computer tech support: A pop-up or blank screen appears telling a person their computer is damaged and needs fixing. This scam is usually coupled with a phone number to call or another way to get into contact with the person posing as a tech support specialist.

According to the National Council on Aging, scams targeting older adults are on the rise, and they can have

devastating consequences, as sometimes victims have no way to recoup their losses, and prosecuting scammers can be difficult, because they're often hard to locate. In 2021, there were more than 92,000 older victims of fraud, resulting in \$1.7 billion in losses.

Instead of being mired in the process of trying to get money back after being scammed, the best way to deal with scammers is to know their techniques so you don't become their victim.

Some tips include:

- Never give account numbers, banking information or personal/family details over the phone or online unless you initiated the contact and know exactly who you're dealing with.
- Don't believe the caller ID — scammers can easily spoof locations.
- Hang up on robocalls.
- Be skeptical about "free" offers.
- If you have to pay money to get money, it's a scam.
- Don't click on suspicious links on websites, emails or text messages.
- Trust your instincts.

"Sadly, seniors and others fall victim to both online and over-the-phone scams every day," said District 3 Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. "To avoid this fate, it's important to be educated so you're aware of the many ways people can steal your money."

Resources

Report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission:
[Reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft)



Meals on Wheels
Serves Anoka County
www.impactservicesmn.org

763-236-8718

Meals served at lunchtime for seniors, pregnant women on bed rest, people on short-term medical rest, and people with disabilities or medical conditions. Serving all of Anoka County.

Volunteer Opportunities Available for Anoka County Seniors

Anoka County has important volunteer opportunities for area seniors who want to use their skills and personalities to give back to the community.

Medlink

One such program that needs volunteers is Medlink, which coordinates volunteers who generously give their time and vehicles to provide rides to eligible Anoka County residents, such as veterans, those over age 60, or clients of Anoka County.

Medlink provides rides to and from medical, dental, and social service appointments. Medical and dental trips may be made throughout the metro area while appointments with social services must remain within Anoka County. For more information about Medlink or to sign up to volunteer, call 763-324-3260 or visit anokacountymn.gov/2221 to fill out an application.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches older adults with opportunities to enrich their communities, utilize their individual skills, interests, and availability to put their passion to work. Examples of RSVP volunteer opportunities include the CarFit program,

where RSVP-trained volunteers help people with car safety by going over a 12-point safety check list with them; wellness classes where RSVP volunteers lead people in workouts to increase strength, flexibility, and balance; volunteering at food shelves; working as a 4-H Club project leader; and more.

“MedLink and RSVP are great resources for our seniors, and we’re always looking for volunteers for these programs,” said District 4 Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. “If you’ve got time, skills, and care about giving back to your community while building bonds with area seniors, consider getting involved with MedLink or RSVP.”

For more information on RSVP, call Tricia Lehti at 763-324-1661 or visit anokacountymn.gov/725/Retired-Senior-Volunteer-Program to fill out a volunteer application.



763-324-1410

For Seniors
Interested in Anoka
County Services



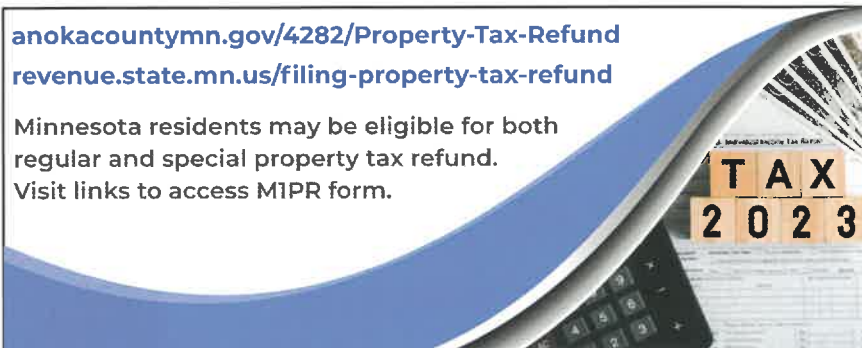
- High-quality programs and services for older adults.
- Support and information for friends and family members who are assisting an older adult.



District 4 Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte thanks MedLink drivers for their service at a volunteer appreciation luncheon Oct. 11, 2022.

anokacountymn.gov/4282/Property-Tax-Refund
revenue.state.mn.us/filing-property-tax-refund

Minnesota residents may be eligible for both regular and special property tax refund. Visit links to access MIPR form.



Senior Services Available Through ACCAP

The Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP) is an independent nonprofit agency that has been in existence since 1965.

They offer an array of services to seniors and others in the Anoka County area. Some senior services include:

- Chores and More: Seniors can be assisted with housekeeping, minor home repairs and seasonal chores.
- Senior Kinship: Volunteers are paired with seniors to provide companionship, outings, errand running and medical and non-medical transportation.
- Senior Outreach: Outreach workers meet with clients in their homes or at ACCAP offices; they use person-centered approaches to identify needs, assess services already in place and discuss appropriate programs available to the client.
- Senior Information Line: 763-783-4707, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This line is specifically designed to connect older adults or their family members to community services and resources. The Senior Information Line is a unique service that follows up with the caller to ensure they have connected with appropriate and adequate services such as housing, support, transportation, and more. Anyone may call for information.

"ACCAP has been a great resource and partner for nearly six decades in Anoka County," said District 7 Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner. "The work they do to pair volunteers with seniors is essential for serving our senior population."

For more information on senior services available through ACCAP, visit accap.org/senior-services.



Anoka County Community Action Program



Anoka
County



Senior Transportation
SERVICES

Visit tinyurl.com/4fm9wuvh
for a list of area services.



SENIOR
HOUSING
GUIDE

Visit
tinyurl.com/4858rt2f

MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

Independent living,
memory care, skilled
nursing care, subsidized
housing, and more.

Assessment Needed to Determine Best at-Home Assistance

For seniors and others who need assistance at home, a MnCHOICES assessment is required to determine what publicly funded long-term care programs and services are best for them.

A certified assessor can assist in determining what services, accommodations, and resources exist, even for people who are not on public benefits. The assessment is free and usually occurs where a person is living — it will be scheduled within 20 calendar days from the date a person agrees to be assessed.

All Minnesota residents are eligible for a MnCHOICES assessment. However, many of the programs and services available require a disability certification and/or eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA).

MnCHOICES determines eligibility for publicly funded programs and services for all ages and disabilities including: Alternative Care Program; Brain Injury Waiver; Community Alternative Care Waiver; Community Access for Disability Inclusion Waiver; Consumer Support Grant; Developmental Disabilities Waiver; Elderly Waiver; Essential Community Supports for Seniors; Moving Home Minnesota; personal care assistance; case management; semi-independent living services.

To schedule a free assessment, call the Anoka County Long Term Services and Supports Intake line at 763-324-1450 or visit anokacountymn.gov/3343/How-to-Get-Started to fill out and submit a MnCHOICES Referral Form.

Federal Programs Can Help Defray Cost of Internet, Provide Service to Areas

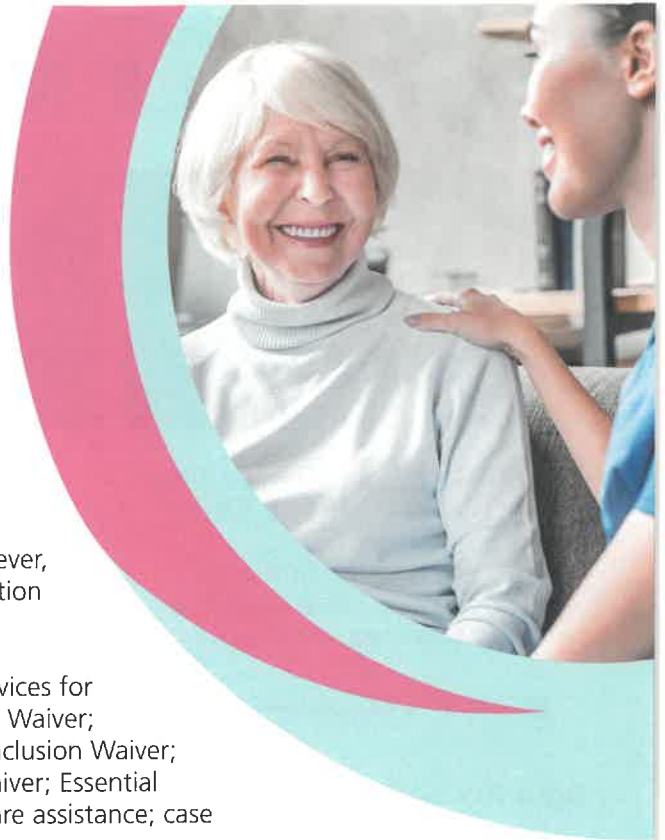
Anoka County residents who are on support programs like SNAP/EBT, Medicaid, Lifeline, or who have children receiving free and reduced school lunches might be eligible for free internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Additionally, residents who live in areas of the county that do not have access to high-speed internet might be able to get access established to their homes through the Line Extension Pilot Program that passed the Minnesota Legislature in 2022. The purpose of this program is to award grants for the extension of existing broadband infrastructure to unserved locations. An unserved area is a location that does not have a wired broadband service of at least 25Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

To learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program or to apply, visit tinyurl.com/5e3c6bxu. To find out if your residence or business could be eligible for the Line Extension Pilot Program, report your location to the Office of Broadband Development via online application at tinyurl.com/yc8xvtxp, or call 651-259-7610.

After the application is submitted, every six months the Office of Broadband Development will send a list of addresses to each broadband provider offering services in Minnesota. Providers will have ten days to notify the office that they can provide service at any of the addresses on the list. The office will contact those people to let them know the name of the broadband provider that can offer them service and any discounted pricing available.

“The Affordable Connectivity and Line Extension Pilot programs are increasing access to high-speed broadband internet, and people who live in or have a business in Anoka County who are under-served or without internet should take advantage of these programs,” said District 5 Anoka County Commissioner Mike Gamache.



Visit tinyurl.com/yc8xvtxp

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or call 651-259-7610.



EXPERIENCE THE PARKS



LUNCH WITH A NATURALIST

WEDNESDAYS, 11:30 AM - 1 PM
WARGO NATURE CENTER

Grab your lunch and join a naturalist to learn about a new topic each month!

March 15 • Maple Syruping

April 19 • Warbler Identification

May 17 • Fish of Minnesota



EARTH DAY

FREE
EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
WARGO NATURE CENTER
1 - 4 PM

Discover Wargo's unique offerings, make your own earth art project to keep and explore the trails in the lovely spring weather!

Music by Salsa Del Soul
Eco-Fair • Bounce House
Family Fun • Refreshments



RESTORATION SERIES

SATURDAYS, 10 AM - 12 PM
WARGO NATURE CENTER

Help restore the natural environment! Tackle different challenges each month, such as removing invasive species like buckthorn or cleaning up woodland wildflower gardens. Pre-registration requested; drop-ins allowed.

April 22 (Earth Day Service Project)
May 6 • June 3
July 8 • August 5



BIRD WALK SERIES

April 26 Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve
April 28 Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

All Ages | 9- 11 AM
Enjoy seeing or hearing 20 to 60+ species of birds in one of our beautiful parks with an experienced birder. A checklist of Minnesota birds and a map of each area will be provided. All birding abilities welcome. \$5/person +tax.

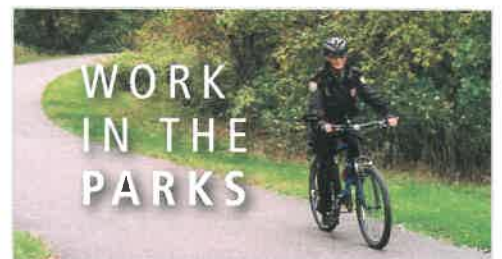


KIDS FISHING CLINIC

SATURDAY, MAY 6
COON RAPIDS DAM REGIONAL PARK
9 AM - 12 PM

Bring the family and learn how to fish, be safe near the water, cast, and identify fish. All equipment is provided.

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WORK IN THE PARKS

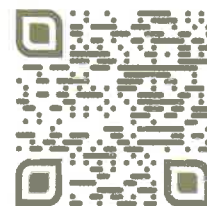
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REGISTER TODAY

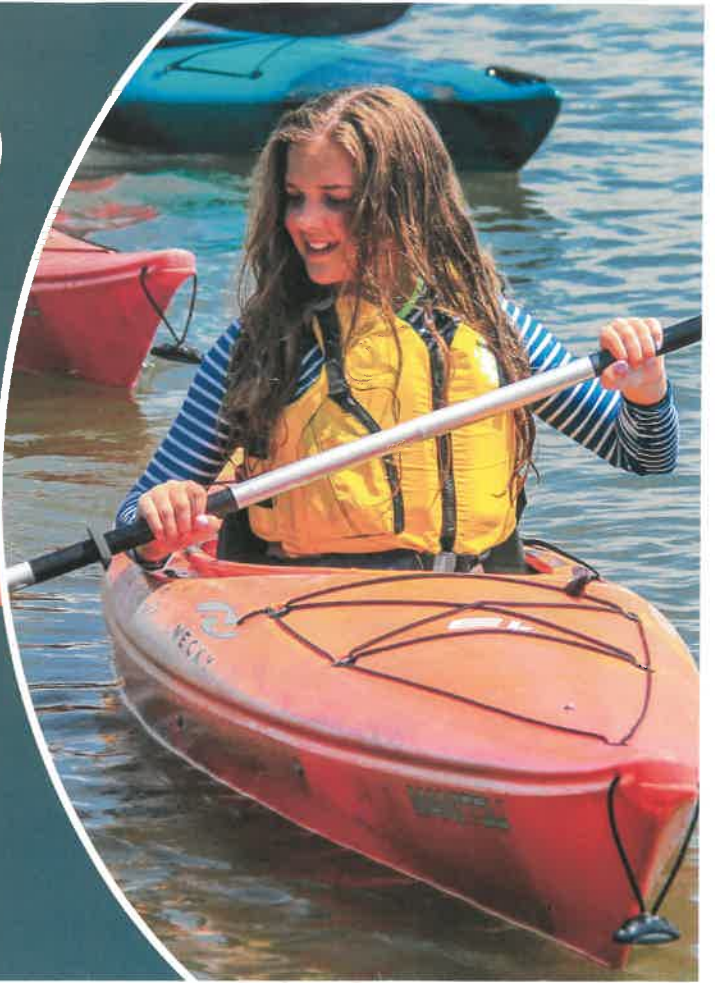
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2023 SUMMER Day Camps



Camp topics for ages 4-13 include: Survival Adventures, Paddle Sports (new this year), Wilderness Living Skills and more!



NEW CAMP LOCATION
LAKE GEORGE REGIONAL PARK

Register by May 5, 2023 and save \$5 per participant on Grown-Up & Me and Ages 4-5 Camps and \$10 on Ages 6-13 Camps.

Register online at anokacountyparks.com
OR call Wargo Nature Center at 763-324-3350.



2023 SEASON DATES
JUNE 10 – AUGUST 27



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READ LOCAL

Featured Authors

Each year we select authors to highlight in the community. Check out these titles from the library and meet the authors at events throughout the year.

tinyurl.com/ReadLocalMN

YOUTH FICTION



Bethany Atazadeh
The Secret Gift



Minda Gomez
The Arctic Quest - Martinez Kid's Adventures



Kyle Rawleigh
Rise of Neon - Chronicles of the Unicorn Kingdom series



El Holly
A Twist of Fae



Jason Walz
Last Pick Trilogy



Zinet Kemal
Oh No...Hacked Again!

YOUTH NONFICTION



Sarah Warren
Stacey Abrams: Lift Every Voice

ADULT FICTION



M.E. Bakos
Killer Flip



Mubanga Kalimamukwento
The Mourning Bird



Brenda Lyne
The Thirteenth Cabin



Michael Allan Mallory
The Lost Dragon Murder



Kevin Wind
The Local Haunt

ADULT NONFICTION



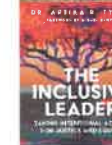
Stanley Kusunoki
Shelter in Place



Heidi Mortenson
The Brave Encourager



Joan Treppa
Reclaiming Lives



Dr. Artika R. Tyner
The Inclusive Leader

Author applications are accepted in fall during the month of October. All ages and genres are encouraged to apply online. tinyurl.com/ACLAuthorsApply.

Visit the online event calendar for information on upcoming events & programs
anokacountylibrary.org

Adult Book Clubs

Studies show reading can improve memory and sleep, sharpen decision-making skills, reduce stress, and delay the onset of Alzheimer's and dementia. Reap added benefits by connecting with fellow readers at a book club.

Novel Nook Book Club for Seniors

11:00 a.m. 4th Friday of every month
Mary Ann Young Center in Blaine. Register by phone: 763-786-9375.

Adult Book Club - Crooked Lake & Centennial

Book Puzzler - North Central

History & Mystery Book Clubs - Johnsville

Personality Book Club - online

Book Club in a Bag - Host your own book club. Kits contain 8 copies of a title and discussion questions, 6-week checkout period.

Does your group prefer eBooks? Check out the "Always Available" section of Libby for eBooks and audiobooks that multiple people can check out at the same time with no wait. melsa.overdrive.com/library/alwaysavailable

Engaging Resources for Those with Memory Loss

Create conversation and spark memories for those with dementia or Alzheimer's. Memory Maker Kits include a variety of books, CDs, and hands on activities.

tinyurl.com/ACLSpecialCollections



Assistance and Accommodations

- Books in large print available for adults and youth
- eBooks have adjustable screen contrast and font size through the Libby app
- Physical & digital audiobooks available
- Librarians can assist with technology like setting up email and social media accounts, navigating the web, & accessing eBooks on your device

Get involved in your community and support the library

- **The Friends of the Library** raises funds and awareness for the library by organizing book sales, helping at library events, and sponsoring programs and collections like Reading Bridge and Park Packs. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month. tinyurl.com/FriendsofACL
- **The Reading Bridge program** pairs volunteer mentors with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd graders to improve their reading skills. Mentors meet with their student once a week at the library. Volunteer applications for the next Reading Bridge season will open in April. anokacountymn.gov/4197/Volunteer-Reading-Mentors

Road Construction

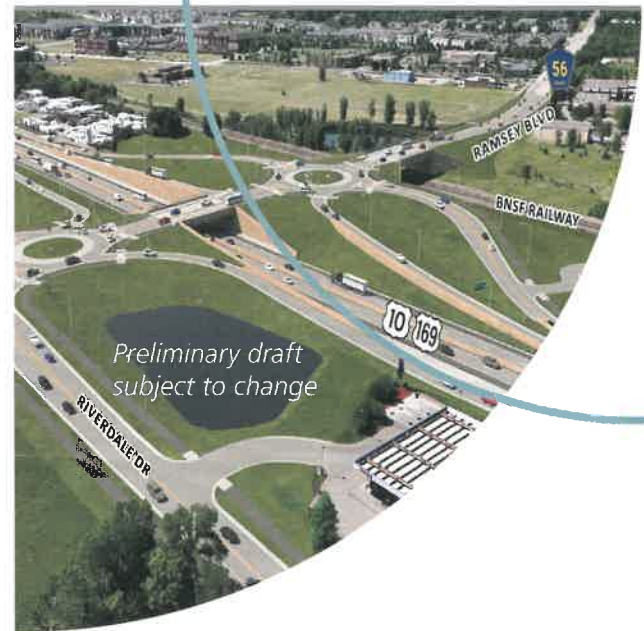
Ramsey Gateway

The Ramsey Gateway U.S. Hwy. 10/169 project, at Ramsey Blvd. and Sunfish Lake Blvd., will begin construction activities in 2023.

This project continues the vision for design of two grade-separated interchanges at Ramsey Blvd. and Sunfish Lake Blvd. that will replace existing signalized intersections. Grade separation of the BNSF Railway and a new frontage road between Ramsey Blvd. and Sunfish Lake Blvd. are also part of this design project. The safety and mobility needs for this project have been heavy for many years and so was the price tag. For nearly a decade, county and city-led efforts have identified and now funded, largely from outside competitive sources, a solution that supports the mobility needs of a U.S. highway route while also improving local mobility and opportunities for economic development.

In June of 2022, the project team held a public open house to share the recommended project layout and collect feedback on design aesthetics and the draft plans for construction staging. Since then, the project team has been working to finalize the project design and construction staging, detours and schedule. A final public open house is planned for April 2023 to share this information prior to the start of minor construction activities in summer 2023. Projects in 2023 will include construction of a new south frontage road east of Tungsten St. as well as pavement widening on Hwy. 10 to prepare for traffic rerouting in early 2024 when major construction on the new interchanges begins. For more information on the project progress to date and anticipated schedule, or to sign up for project updates, visit the project website: AnokaCountyRamseyGateway.com.

Disclaimer: The aerial drawing (right) represents a potential design concept only. This document is a draft, subject to change. Contact the Anoka County Highway Department with any questions: 763-324-3100.



Other Projects of Note

Armstrong Blvd. NW and Alpine Dr.

Anoka County, in partnership with the City of Ramsey, is constructing a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Armstrong Blvd. NW and Alpine Dr. This project will improve the safety and mobility for all modes of transportation and pedestrians by eliminating the existing two-way stop control. Construction is scheduled to commence this spring.

Old Central Ave. NE and Gardena Ave. NE

Anoka County, in partnership with the City of Fridley, is constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Old Central Ave. NE at Gardena Ave. NE, to improve safety and mobility for all road users by reducing speeds and conflict points at the intersection. This project will include

ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp accommodations at the intersection; also, a bituminous path will be added to the south side of Gardena Avenue within the project limits. Construction is scheduled to commence this spring.

Coon Rapids Blvd. at Mississippi Blvd.

Anoka County, in partnership with the City of Coon Rapids, will be updating the existing signal system at Coon Rapids Blvd. and Mississippi Blvd. Anoka County applied for and received Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding to complete the project. The project will include pavement surfacing improvements on Coon Rapids Blvd., as well as both legs of Mississippi Blvd. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer.

Spring Update

Anoka Solution

The second and final full year of reconstruction on 2.5 miles of Hwy. 10 through the city of Anoka is underway. As work begins this spring, the highway will again be restricted to a single lane of traffic in each direction throughout the construction season.

Work will be conducted to repair aging roads and bridges between Thurston Ave. and 7th Ave.

During last year's construction seasons, crews completed construction of the westbound Hwy. 10

Rum River bridge along with replacement of the new 4th Ave. bridge over Hwy. 10, which now includes the new trail connection for the Rum River Regional Trail. The trail previously used an abandoned rail bridge that was removed.

On the west end of the project, improvements included:

- Two roundabouts at the intersection of Main St./Greenhaven Rd. and Hwy.10.
- A new westbound Hwy. 10 bridge over Fair oak Ave.
- A new eastbound Hwy. 10 bridge over Thurston Ave./Cutters Grove Ave.
- A new roundabout at the Thurston Ave. and Green Haven Parkway intersection north of Hwy. 10.

PACT Act Expands Eligibility for Veterans of Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 Conflicts

The Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act is a new law that expands Veterans Administration (VA) health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in VA history.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions the VA assumes are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps the VA provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

The PACT Act will bring these changes:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for veterans with toxic exposures and veterans of the Vietnam War, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras.

This year's work will include construction of the new eastbound Hwy. 10 Rum River bridge, replacement of the Hwy. 10/47/169 (Ferry St.) interchange with a new single-point urban interchange, minor repairs on Hwy. 10 over 7th Ave. and the Hwy. 10 bridge over the railroad tracks. Further west on Hwy. 10, workers will build the new eastbound Hwy. 10 bridge over Fair oak Ave. and the new westbound Hwy. 10 bridge over Thurston Ave. There also will be work on frontage roads on both sides of Hwy. 10, new auxiliary lanes to enter and exit Hwy. 10 between Ferry St. and 7th Ave., and better sidewalk and trail connections for pedestrians and bicyclists. Noise wall construction that continued through the winter will continue on the remaining walls.

Here's what to expect in the months ahead:

- Early and major traffic impacts around Ferry St.
- Ferry St./Hwy. 47/Hwy. 169 bridge removal in March with a full weekend closure of Hwy. 10. There will be no traffic allowed to cross Ferry St. until the new interchange is complete.

As work continues through fall 2023, there will be numerous closures along the corridor, which will be outlined on the project website. Although construction is anticipated to be complete in spring 2024, this year is the last year of significant traffic impacts on Hwy. 10. When complete, the two-year Hwy. 10 Anoka project will provide a smoother roadway, improve traffic flow, decrease traffic delays and increase safety.

Visit mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy10-anoka/index.html, email info@hwy10anoka.com or call 763-400-3877 for more information and updates.

- Adds 20-plus presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic exposures.
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation.
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every veteran enrolled in VA health care.
- Helps the VA improve research, staff education, and treatment related to toxic exposures.

If you're a veteran or survivor and believe this new law affects you, contact Anoka County Veteran Services at veterans@co.anoka.mn.us or 763-324-4500.



Future intersection of Highway 10 and Thurston Ave.

Anoka County New Faces



Commissioner Julie Jeppson

Commissioner Julie Jeppson is serving her first term on the Anoka County Board of Commissioners. She represents District 6, which is most of Blaine and Spring Lake Park.

Commissioner Jeppson was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., spent some of her early childhood in Omaha, Neb., and grew up in Littleton, Colo. She attended all 12 years of primary school in the Denver Christian School system. After high school, she went to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and she finished her schooling at Metropolitan State College of Denver, where she obtained a BA in journalism with an emphasis in public relations.

Commissioner Jeppson is an 18-year Blaine resident, and she and her husband Nate have two children.

Commissioner Jeppson is a former Blaine City Council member. She has an extensive career in nonprofits and volunteer management — in Minnesota, she's contracted with Mediation Services; served as a part-time volunteer coordinator for St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley; and she's worked as a volunteer coordinator, development director, and then executive director of Stepping Stone Emergency Housing in Anoka.

"Some of my priorities on the board include working to secure funding for Highway 65 interchanges and expansion; ensuring public safety; supporting economic development; and evaluating county services to ensure residents are receiving appropriate amenities for their tax dollars," Jeppson said.



County Attorney Brad Johnson

County Attorney Brad Johnson is the 25th elected Anoka County Attorney since the office was established in 1881.

He served the City of Coon Rapids for two terms as a city council member, and he has more than 24 years of experience as an accomplished felony prosecutor, child protection lawyer and trial lawyer. He's also a member of the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council, a past member of the Anoka County Fire Protection Council, and he served as manager on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. He is married to Daisy, a staff sergeant in the 133rd Airlift Wing of the Minnesota Air National Guard, and they have two children.



Sheriff Brad Wise

Sheriff Brad Wise is the 18th Sheriff of Anoka County since the office was established in 1857. Wise was raised on a farm in western Minnesota (Madison) until his family moved to Coon Rapids when he was in 7th grade. He graduated from Coon Rapids High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Augsburg University, and later a Master of Arts in Leadership from the University of St. Thomas.

His professional life started when he began working in the hotel management industry. Along the way, he became personally acquainted with police officers and changed his career goal to law enforcement. Wise's first public safety position was with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, where he worked in communications. He then transitioned to police work, first for the City of Robbinsdale as a patrol officer and eventually for his hometown, Coon Rapids. For the next 27 years, he served the citizens in a variety of roles including patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant, investigative captain, and in 2011 was appointed Coon Rapids Police Chief, a position he held until he retired in 2022.

Organics Collections Expands in Anoka County

Organics are the compostable portion of trash including:



- All food scraps such as leftovers, peelings, and spoiled food.

- Soiled, non-recyclable papers such as paper towels, napkins, and pizza delivery boxes.



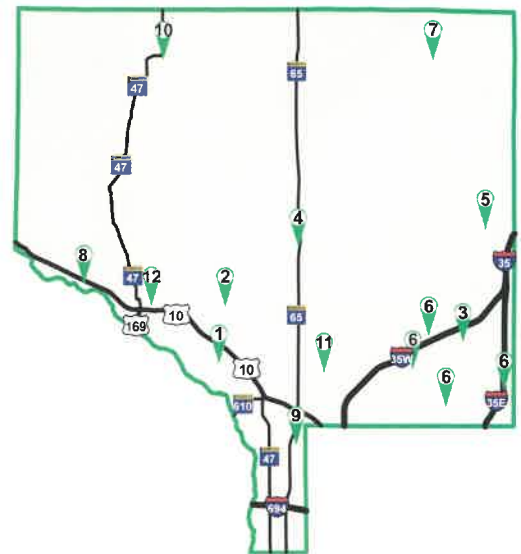
- Certified compostable products such as bags labeled with the Biodegradable Products Institute logo.

Organics collection site map and descriptions (right)

1. Bunker Hills compost site (free unscreened compost available)
2. Rice Creek Compost site (free unscreened compost available)
3. Columbus City Hall
4. Coon Rapids Recycling Center
5. Ham Lake City Hall
6. Lino Lakes - multiple drop-off locations
7. Linwood Town Hall
8. Ramsey Public Works Facility
9. Spring Lake Park City Hall
10. St. Francis Community Park
11. Blaine City Hall
12. Anoka - NW corner of 7th Ave. & Garfield St.

Did you know organic material makes up 25 to 35 percent of what we throw away? Over the last five years, drop-off and curbside collection programs for organic material (food scraps and compostable/non-recyclable paper products) has expanded throughout the county to make it easier for residents to keep this material out of the trash.

The county provides free small kitchen collection pails to store and easily transport organics to your nearest drop-off collection site. To find the organics drop-off site nearest you or to sign up for a curbside collection service: call Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400 or go to [AnokaCountyMN.gov/organics](https://www.anokacountymn.gov/organics).



Circle Pines, Columbia Heights and Fridley also have opt-in programs for curbside collection of organics. Walters Recycling and Refuse customers who reside in Lino Lakes or Coon Rapids can also sign up for the additional organics curbside service, making it super convenient just like curbside recycling.

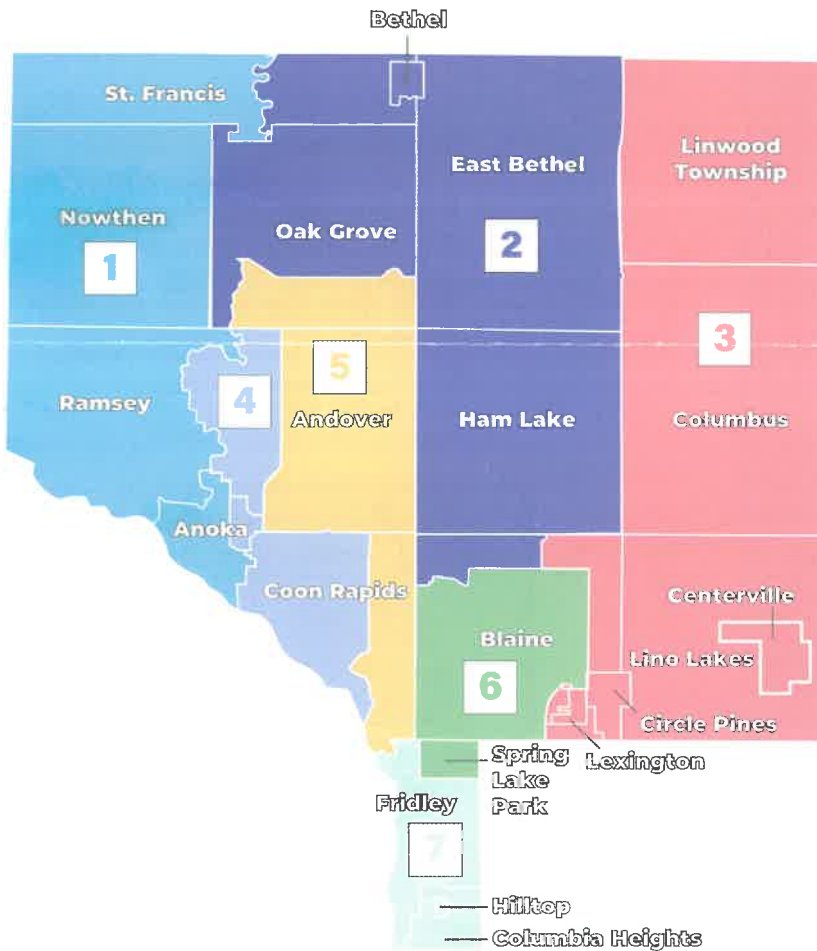
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