

## Walk-zata

Wayzata tried out a new pedestrian-friendly weekend-long event called Walk-zata June 3-5.

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## Brothers

Drew Berkland has passed the torch to his younger brother Jake, who will be a senior at Wayzata High.

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Wayzata High School's Class of 2022 enters the 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis. More than 900 graduating students marked the end of their high school tenure during the June 3 commencement ceremony.

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## Wayzata High students celebrate commencement

**RIGHT:** In his speech, Wayzata High School senior commencement speaker Avi Punjabi asks that his graduating classmates remain hopeful in the years ahead. "I encourage you all to join me in choosing a hopeful future. ... It is my genuine hope that you all choose to hope, that you all shake the stars, that you all dare to dream."



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## Plymouth welcomes new parks and recreation director

Tomlinson was previously the deputy director

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Jennifer Tomlinson has officially stepped into her new role as director of parks and recreation for the city of Plymouth.

Having been hired in February as the department's deputy director, Tomlinson said she feels well-prepared for her new position, which began June 1.

"It gave me a good bit of time to really understand how the city works and how the department works. It was almost like an introductory lesson into all things the city of Plymouth," she said. "It was great."

Tomlinson, whose appointment follows the retirement of the former director Diane Evans, said she will work to set the vision for the department and continue to build on everything that has come before her.

"The previous director was instrumental in really laying the foundation for what an amazing system we have," Tomlinson said. "And so I'll continue to build on that vision, and then into the future look at the different ways that we can program while being responsive to the changing needs of customers."

As director, Tomlinson will lead the parks and recreation department in hosting major community events and coordinating the programming for educational opportunities, athletics, arts, music and more. The parks and recreation department also includes the recreation, volunteer services and parks and forestry divisions.

"I'm excited to have Jennifer lead Plymouth's talented team of parks and recreation professionals to continue providing high-quality programs and amenities for our community to enjoy," Plymouth City Manager Dave Callister said.

Looking ahead, Tomlinson said she's particularly

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# Wayzata High School's Class of 2022 celebrates commencement



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**LEFT:** The more than 900 graduating seniors in Wayzata High School's Class of 2022 line up to receive their diplomas during their June 3 commencement ceremony at 3M Arena at Mariucci in Minneapolis. **RIGHT:** Senior commencement speaker Stella Knight addresses her fellow graduating classmates during Wayzata High's Class of 2022 commencement. Knight said that the best advice she has ever received came from her dad, who told her that it doesn't matter if you win or lose as long as you're a good person. "Who you are as a person is the true measure of your legacy in not only high school, but in life," she said.



Wayzata High School Principal Scott Gengler, left, and Superintendent Chace Anderson both addressed graduates during the school's June 3 commencement ceremony in Minneapolis.

## Welcome Home!

Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship at 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.  
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