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A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to mark the re-opening of Hwy. 12. (Submitted photo)

# Ribbon-cutting marks reopening of Hwy. 12

**BY TODD ABELN**  
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Traffic is moving through Independence again through Highway 12 and County Road 90.

The Highway 12 Corridor Safety Improvement plan that started in May has completed two of its three main projects and traffic has started flowing again on Highway 12 through Maple Plain and Independence.

Independence Mayor Marvin Johnson, Maple Plain Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, and West Hennepin Po-

lice Chief Gary Kroells along with other members of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition, and Minnesota Department of Transportation officials and construction workers got together last Thursday for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the much used highway.

The Highway 12 project has completed two of its three projects it set to get done in May. They is one mile of additional concrete median barrier to prevent head-on crashes along a widened Highway 12 between Orono and Independence. At County Road 90, Hennepin County and MNDOT worked

together to add roundabout to that statistically dangerous intersection in Independence.

The road was re-opened on Thursday, Sept. 16 night.

“It’s going to save a lot of lives,” Kroells said.

Work to get the project going started in 2014 when Kroells and others started the Highway 12 Safety Coalition to improve the safety of the road and reduce the number of accidents on that stretch of Highway 12.

“Because no one wants to go through what they did, losing a loved one and

it’s all about prevention and safety and that’s what we’re doing,” Kroells said.

The entire project isn’t complete yet as the attention turns west to construction work at Highway 12 and County Road 92 Independence, to address the safety issues seen at this location. The project will realign County Rd. 92 with a bridge over Hwy 12 and the railroad tracks and construct a roundabout on Hwy 12 for traffic entering and exiting Hwy 12 from Co. Rd 92. Hennepin County will construct this project starting in 2021 and continuing into 2022.



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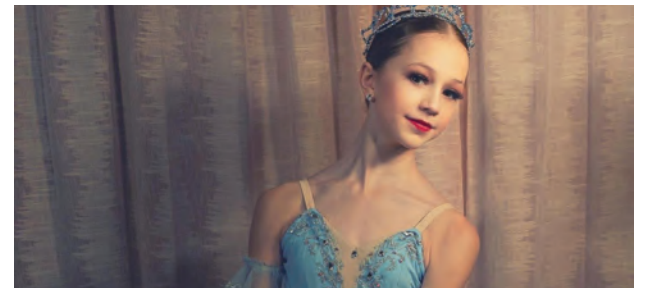


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Morgan Johnson, 12, of Mound, earned a full tuition scholarship to Academie Princesse Grace in Monaco. The premier ballet institute prepares its students for careers in professional ballet. Morgan is one of the youngest students that Princess Grace has taken, the usual starting age being 14. (Submitted photos)

# DANCE DANCE INSTITUTION

Academie Princesse Grace awards Morgan Johnson a full tuition scholarship for ballet

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD  
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Instead of joining the back-to-school rush at Grandview Middle School, 12-year-old Morgan Johnson left for Monaco and what could be the beginning of a career in professional ballet.

The week before her departure date of Sept. 8, Morgan is soft-spoken and composed; “a little” nervous but also very much “excited to begin this new chapter in my life,” she says.

Morgan has trained in ballet since she was 7 and in other forms of dance since age 3.

“She has this light in her when it comes to dance,” says mom Dayna Johnson. “Of course, seeing your 12-year-old daughter move to a different country is very tricky, just in the fact that we’d never have expected her to be leaving home so soon, but we’re very excited for her and happy to support her in every way we can.”

The prospect of Morgan pursuing ballet professionally, of maybe eventually becoming the principal dancer in a professional ballet company and of dancing the role of Giselle (“I would love to play her someday!” says Morgan) became more real at this year’s Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP).

Morgan’s performance during finals at the annual scholarship competition

earned her the invitation, complete with a full tuition scholarship, to Academie Princesse Grace and at an age almost two years younger than the academy normally admits.

“I pretty much knew my answer right away: to follow my heart and continue my passion,” says Morgan, her smile widening.

“Especially coming from such a small town, I think it’s just exciting to see the big opportunities that can happen,” adds Dayna.

It was through Morgan’s

instructors at WestMet Classical Training in Long Lake that she was introduced to YAGP. Morgan was one of Allynne Noelle and Thomas Brown’s first students when they opened WestMet, Morgan having trained already with Noelle while they both were at Summit Dance Shoppe in Plymouth.

“She’s really a bit of an outlier with respect to ballet,” says Noelle. “She has a ton of natural ability, she’s very gifted. And she’s a perfectionist, which works

very well with the art of ballet.”

The only deficit that Morgan had when she first came to them, says Noelle, was an overabundance of energy, something that Noelle says Morgan has since harnessed to her benefit.

Both Noelle and Brown had built their own careers in professional ballet before founding WestMet, and Noelle says that an invitation to Princess Grace is “an outrageous opportunity” for a student wishing to take ballet to the higher

levels: graduation there is synonymous with signing to a professional ballet company, a process the academy helps to coordinate.

“Morgan’s basically set for life now, for her career,” says Noelle. “She’s just an unstoppable force now. She was destined to do great things in ballet and now she’s found one of the top schools in the world

that’s going to help her fulfill that dream.”

The hope is, she’ll be invited back year after year.

“She just found a love for it—through her teachers and especially the last few years she’s had much more focus on ballet. She just found something that in her heart, in ballet, just drives her,” says Dayna.

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## READERS WRITE

### 'Cabal' making community decisions needs to end

To the editor,

When did the Cabal take over our communities?

Whatever happen to Public Institutions working for and on behalf of the public and people of that community? When did the small cabal members decide they think they have the power and will to tell us, as individuals, what we should and have to do based on the cabal values? Those who don't know, or admit they know, what a Cabal is, as a local social studies teacher – a cabal is a secret clique or faction that contrives schemes with a united plot. The funny thing about that local teacher is that the teacher is in a Cabal for a local organization – I guess it doesn't apply to you

when you practice and lead it – for thee, not me.

I always thought elected officials and public employees worked for its citizens and taxpayers. Am I missing something about the rules and where our money goes? The City of Mound seemingly has this problem. A few select individuals continue to hammer the residents with what they believe is right – instead of listening to the people of what they want. So, what happens – nothing and the problems still exist. Maybe Mound intends to stay in the 1980s and not understand the city that has grown up around it and what it could provide for Mound and its residents.

Some would say the Westonka School Board and Superintendent recently acted this way. They had a pub-

lic forum, as required by law based on public meeting laws, and decided. Great. Then comes the issue that exposed them and made a lot of people more than mad. A week later, they had a secret meeting in the afternoon, after telling the public and teachers that the decision made the week prior would stand and decided between their little Cabal with no public input to make their own decisions. Whether you agree with the decision or not is NOT the point of my concern.

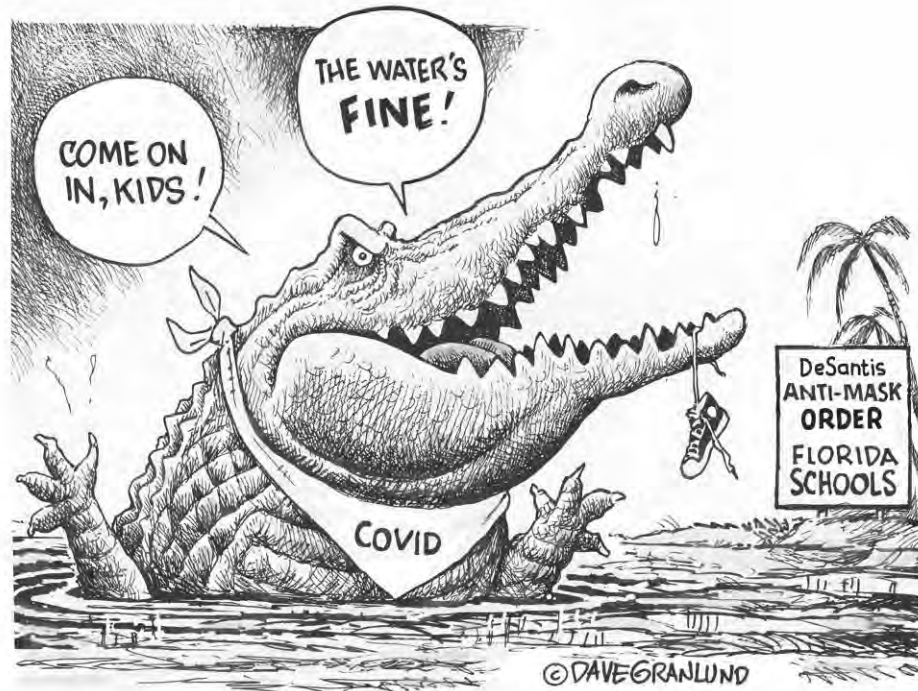
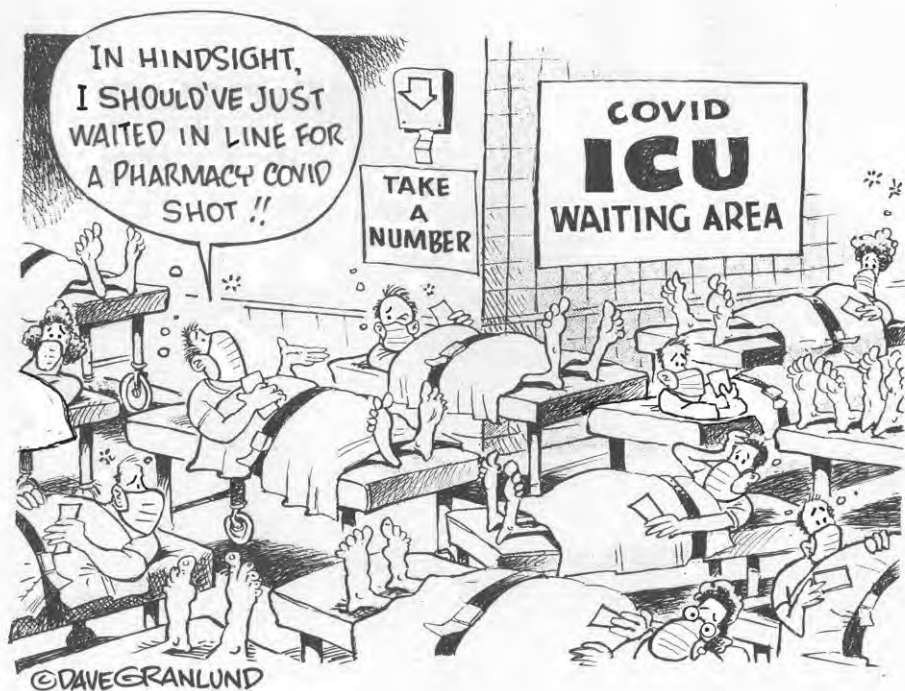
My concern is a small faction of community leaders believe they have the right to tell their citizens what they must do and what individual rights, values, and ethics they need to follow – because they said so. Really. So, we only get to use "My Body, My Choice" when appropriate for their fight but

not universally applicable to all disputes? When do the people of these communities start to stand up for their rights – and start defunding the public institutions that suppress and take away their rights as free AMERICAN citizens? When do we begin not only speaking up – but also speaking where it hurts everyone – their wallets and budgets? If it is a public" institution funded by public tax dollars, shouldn't the decision before for the people – not the few personally select cabal members.

While I am airing a public opinion – can someone tell me why Westonka's high school is named Mound Westonka High School? The actual school is in Minnetrista. If we respect the cities' names, shouldn't both be named in schools like Mound Minne-

trista High School? If it is for legacy reasons, I'm afraid I entirely must disagree. Westonka High School would not be where and the condition it is in today to compete with other local districts unless it did not have the growth and tax base of Minnetrista. I recently heard a resident who graduated from Mound said, don't you realize the Mound used to stand for Most Of Us Need Detox (or Drugs). His words were not demeaning yet to give me an understanding that if Westonka School District did not have a Minnetrista community and tax base, Mound would probably still be in the 1980s & 90s. Maybe the City of Mound officials is not that far off then."

**Mitchell J. Thompson**  
Mound



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**WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT****FRIDAY, SEPT 10**

5900 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Female was lifted back into her chair. No injuries.

3600 block Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Male having a seizure due to drug withdrawals was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

3600 block Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Officers requested to stand-by while staff discharged a client with aggressive and threatening behavior. Officers stood by while staff attempted to arrange transportation from their facility. Staff decided they would drive client to a facility in Mpls.

**SATURDAY, SEPT 11**

1700 block CR 90, Independence. Officer observed a male in shorts

and shirt throwing items into the MN DOT dumpster. 66-year-old male from Maple Plain was identified. He did not work at the construction site and when asked what he was doing, said "What's it look like am doing?". Male knew he was caught, removed his items from the dumpster and verbally warned for dumping.

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Maple Plain Fire and North Memorial EMS assisted with female having a hard time breathing.

**MONDAY, SEPT 13**

2:27 a.m. Hwy 12 / CR 92. Stop lights 4-way flashers were on at Hwy 12 / CR 92. Officer reset them to operate in normal mode.  
8:29 a.m. 5000 block Bryant Street,

Maple Plain. Homeowner locked herself out of her house, her 2-year-old is inside and requested help to get back inside. Officer found a way into the house through the doggie door and unlocked the door.

Hwy 12/ Hitsman Lane, Independence. Construction flag man with a stop sign was stopping traffic at Hwy 12/ Hitsman Lane. Vehicle 2 did not notice Vehicle 1 was stopped until too late. Vehicle 2 swerved, clipped Vehicle 1 ripping off a tire, went into the ditch, came back up over Hitsman Lane, crossed Hwy 12 into the opposite ditch and trees. Vehicle 2 driver suffered cuts on his hands, and family drove him to the hospital. Vehicle 2 cited for Drive with Due Care.

2400 block CR 92, Independence. Caller reported his daughter and husband had been verbally arguing and wanted his daughter checked on. Officer contact found the husband had left and the daughter was fine. Caller was informed of Officer findings.

**TUESDAY, SEPT 14**

5100 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Two purses were found near the entrance of a business. Officer located inside a purse a notebook with many names, a court case number, and an email address. Officer called and texted the number, no response received. Items entered in property locker for safe keeping and for owner to call.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15**

1500 block Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Male was in a lot of pain and realized he was out of his pain medications. North Memorial EMS transported him to the hospital.

**THURSDAY, SEPT 16**

5000 block Sunset Lane, Independence. Reported several mailbox doors were forcefully opened, metal boxes were bent, and a vehicle was vandalized. Case is under investigation and video from ring doorbell.

37 contacts of citations, verbal and written warnings were issued for traffic and equipment violations.

**MINNETRISTA/ST. BONI POLICE REPORT****SUNDAY, SEPT. 12**

A resident suspects mail was stolen from her mailbox along County Road 44 as someone attempted to use her credit card information multiple times. That information had been on a piece of mail she was sending.

A motorist towing a trailer accidentally backed into another vehicle in a private parking lot along Main Street.

Officers assisted a St Boni resident who had fallen in her home.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 13**

A St Boni resident reported he was being threatened by an acquaintance.

Officers responded to a medical call on Eastview Avenue.

A resident suspects mail was stolen from her mailbox along County Road 44. She was missing a \$20 item that had been delivered.

Suspicious activity was reported on Enchanted Lane.

Officers responded to a medical call on Sunnybrook Drive.

A resident along Crestridge Court reported a construction crew

damaged his irrigation system.

A report of smoke was taken in the area of Highway 7 and Wildwood Avenue. St Boni Fire responded and found it was from an old recreational burn.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 14**

A canopy and two wagons valued at \$500 were stolen from a yard along Kingswood Road. They were being used at a family vegetable stand.

Officers assisted a St Bonifacius male who fell in his home.

A motorist reported his vehicle was struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle, while parked on Wildwood Avenue over the weekend.

A Wayzata motorist was stopped on Oakland Street when a Victoria motorist on Kennedy Memorial Drive made a wide turn and clipped the front of his vehicle. No one was injured.

An officer witnessed a vehicle go into the ditch on County Road 44. The Jordan motorist admitted being distracted with his phone, causing him to leave the road

and go into the marsh. He was cited for using a wireless device while driving.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15**

A gas line was hit in the 4900 block of Minneapolis Avenue. Mound Fire also responded.

Officers responded to a medical call on Trista Bend.

A complaint was received of a mini-bike being driven recklessly on Hilltop Drive. The juvenile driver and a parent were advised.

A caller on Cottagewood Court reported a burner was left on in the home and she now smells gas. St Boni Fire also responded.

A customer issue was reported at a Minnetrista business along Highway 7. The situation was mediated.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute along Kennedy Memorial Drive. No charges are pending.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 16**

A suspicious bag containing a crystal substance was found along Woodland Cove Parkway. It was tested and found not to be drug related.

Officers responded to a single vehicle accident on County Road 44. The Minnetrista driver swerved to miss a deer and struck a tree. Minor injuries were reported.

A 911 hang up was received from Sunset Drive. It was found to be a child playing with the phone.

Officers assisted a stalled motorist, who was missing a tire, on Highway 7 near Oak Road.

Suspicious activity was reported at a business on Creekview Circle. The officer searched and found nothing out of the ordinary.

A trespassing complaint was received on Highland Road. Officers arrived and were told that they suspects had left.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 17**

A motorist struck a downed wire on County Road 110N, causing damage to his windshield. He was not injured.

A stop arm violation was reported on Hunters Trail.

An incarcerated male reported someone opened a bank account in his name. This case is under investigation.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 18**

Shortly after 1am, a resident in the Saunders Lake area reported someone had been banging on her door and damaged a screen. As they were searching for the suspects, a similar report was received at another address in the development.

Donkeys found along West Branch Road were eventually returned to their owner.

A bicyclist and a pedestrian collided on the Dakota Rail Trail. Minor injuries were reported.

A caller reported smoke rolling out of the front door of an apartment building on Tower Street. The fire was doused with water and damage was limited to the outside wall. St Boni Fire also responded.

A Watertown bicyclist fell off her bike on the Dakota Rail Trail when she swerved to avoid another bicyclist. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

A loud party call was received on Sunnybrook Drive. Officers responded and two minors were cited for underage alcohol consumption.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR****SEPT. 25**

**FARMER'S MARKET** - Westonka Food Shelf and Bethel United Methodist in Mound are hosting a free farmer's market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25. The market is open to all and does not require documentation. Market will be located at Bethel United Methodist, 2116 Commerce Blvd., Mound.

**SEPT. 26**

**GIRL SCOUTS DROP-IN** - a Westonka/Orono Girl Scouts drop-in event is being held on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 2-4 p.m. at Pioneer Park (2055 County Rd 90, Independence). This is for girls and adults interested in joining Girl Scouts. Stop by to talk with volunteers from Girl Scouts of the Westonka/Orono Service Unit. Come with your questions

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**SEPT. 27**

**INTRO TO SQUARE DANCING** - Live live-

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**OCT. 2**

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# Nurse who found bodies of businessman, wife sues for damages

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A home health nurse who discovered the bodies of a prominent Minnesota businessman and his wife in a murder-suicide case is suing their estate and seeking damages for emotional trauma.

Lisa Ann Hayes walked in on a grisly scene in April 2019 at the Lake Minnetonka mansion of Irwin and Alexandra

Jacobs. Irwin Jacobs had fatally shot his wife and then himself amid health and financial troubles, according to investigators.

Irwin once held a stake in the Minnesota Vikings and was a nationally known investor who made a fortune as a corporate raider in the 1980s and 1990s.

Hayes is seeking unspecified damages in her lawsuit, claim-

ing Irwin Jacobs' actions were injurious to her health and "constituted willful, wanton and malicious conduct."

Jacobs family lawyer Steven Sitek called the lawsuit "a grotesque betrayal" by a once trusted caregiver who was treated like family. Sitek plans to seek dismissal of the lawsuit, the Star Tribune reported.

"This is simply the latest

baseless effort to extort the Jacobs family and Irwin's estate," Sitek said in a statement. "Ms. Hayes threatened to publicly file her lawsuit filled with unnecessarily lurid and sensationalized details unless the estate paid her \$12.5 million."

Hayes' attorney, Brian Stofferahn said Hayes has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder by two doctors

and has been unable to work since the incident.

Stofferahn declined to comment on whether Hayes had asked for \$12.5 million, but said there has been a demand against the insurance company.

"And hopefully at some point (the company) will make a good-faith offer. And they have not to date," he said.

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# Public weighs in on Orono schools' mask policy

**BY TODD ABELN**  
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At a Sept. 5 special school board meeting, the Orono School Board voted in favor of a mask requirement policy for the district.

At that meeting, school board members and district administrators listened to comments from the public for and against that policy for just over an hour.

That scene played out again on Monday, Sept. 13, as the school board again heard about an hour of comments from the public for and against the masking requirements at its regular scheduled meeting.

Prior to the public comment period, board chair Bob Tunheim asked for comments to be respectful of each other and that attacks directed towards the board and its members stop.

"The verbal assaults, phone bombing, social media posts and other bullying behavior that we have seen from a few people are reprehensible and do not

represent the Orono I've come to know and love," Tunheim said. "Please know, these acts of intimidation will not work. This board is dedicated to doing what is best for our students - by following data, directions of public officials and experts and allowing our exceptional teachers and administrators to employ the very best methods of teaching and learning to prepare our students for an increasingly complex and challenging world. Please put aside the politics of divisiveness and fear that is being unleashed across the country and not just here. Realize the goal of such divisiveness is precisely the opposite of what I truly believe we all want - the best public school education for our kids."

The comments for and against the masking requirements were just about equal, with students Andrew VanOverbeke and Grace Pierpont opening up the comments by thanking the board for the policy but asking for better enforcement of the rules.

"Over the course of the first week back at school, we have observed that this mandate is not being adhered to by an estimated 30 percent of the high school student body at any point during these hours, and is not being enforced by the majority of the staff," Pierpont said. "We, as much as anyone in our class, are hoping for a 'normal' year, but if this behavior continues, we fear that Orono may be forced to return to distance learning."

VanOverbeke continued, "This is an issue that is currently unsolvable without giving the teachers and administration the proper tools and encouragement to better enforce this mandate, which should effectively protect those within our community at higher risk."

Later in the comment period, Matt Crane, parent of first- and fifth-graders, agreed with Pierpont and VanOverbeke.

"I urge you to better enforce the policy," Crane said. "School started Wednesday with a mask

policy in place, however as parents we are hearing this is not being uniformly enforced and thus seemingly voluntarily for those students that choose to defy the policy. Without enforcement, it's nothing but a hollow policy that honestly satisfies nobody. This should be enforced no differently than any other school policy aimed at creating a safer environment."

Speaking out against the mask requirements was Matt Johnson, who asked why community transmission rate levels are being used and questioned the science behind that usage.

"I've looked at the MDH website, CDC website, University of Minnesota website for this information for the underlying science that these supposedly now arbitrary numbers come from," Johnson said. "There is no data and there is no research that support the 100 per 100,000 or whatever these numbers are. You can't find it. They

don't exist. ... You started off the last meeting by stating that you don't want to make medical decisions and then you went and prescribed a medical device for everybody in the school district because the way the masks are being used is in a medical capacity. I assume you are not a doctor capable of prescribing but yet you did the exact thing you said you didn't want to do."

Jillian Moriarty, of Minnetonka Beach, also spoke out against the masking policy.

"What I know is masking is hugely detrimental to our health," Moriarty said. "Masks are harmful to our kids. I insist that you repeal the Orono masking policy and change it to a policy that allows for medical freedom, choice and parent responsibility. Do the right thing and not the safe political or puppet thing and let our kids be free and let our kids breathe."

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# Minnesota man with history of imitating police busted again

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A man with a history of pretending to be a law enforcement officer was arrested in Minnesota after a TikTok user alerted a woman he was dating that he was faking it again.

Authorities said in a complaint filed last Friday that Reyl Devon Simmons, 52, of Dodge Center, Minnesota, used the name "Rey Reeves" and regularly held himself out as a federal agent on social media. He is charged in federal court in Minneapolis with impersonating a federal officer.

Simmons' profile photo on TikTok showed him wearing law enforcement gear. He made several posts displaying police equipment, badges, and

firearms and referred "explicitly and implicitly" to himself as a federal agent, authorities said. He had more than 10,000 followers on TikTok, including one woman from Georgia who began a romantic relationship with him.

The woman, who dated Simmons for about eight months, eventually went to the FBI after a TikTok user posted about Simmons impersonating a police officer "again" and later shared information with her about his true identity and previous arrests. Simmons was charged with

two counts of impersonating an officer in Colorado, both in 2004.

Federal authorities discovered that Simmons has been married since 2015 and has been working as a temporary employee at Shutterfly in a Minneapolis suburb.

Simmons drove an Ford F-150 pickup equipped with a police radio inside and a light bar package on the front bumper, the woman told authorities. He regularly talked on the radio with other people she believed to be federal agents

Authorities say Simmons' criminal record includes convictions in

2007 for felony menacing and misdemeanor assault and in 20015

for two felony soliciting prostitution charges, all in Colorado.

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# Seven candidates vying for spots on Westonka board

Seven candidates are vying for three seats on the Westonka school board this November. The candidates each submitted biographical information and candidate statements to the school district, which in turn shared them with the Laker Pioneer. Biographical information was compiled from the submitted forms; candidate statements are unedited.

Here are the candidates in this year's Westonka school board election:

## BRIAN CARLSON

Brian Carlson has lived in the Westonka school district for 6 years and has served on the Westonka school board since 2018. He and his wife, MWHS teacher Molly Carlson, have two children, one at Grandview Middle School and one at Shirley Hills Primary School.

Carlson graduated from Bloomington Jefferson High School, obtained his B.S. in Marketing and Communications from Minnesota State University-Mankato and earned his Master's in Business Communications from St. Thomas. He now is a senior director of market access for Inspire Medical Systems.

While on the school board, Carlson has been a part of its facilities, finance and technology committees and has served as the board's liaison to the Minnesota School Boards Association.

Carlson was co-president of the Westonka Youth Basketball Association and now coaches Westonka's youth basketball and flag football teams. He also has volunteered through the United Way for Feed My Starving Children, Bridging.org and Project Linus.

### Candidate statement:

I have served on the Westonka School Board for the past four years and have truly enjoyed giving my time to our schools. I love being an active member of our small but growing community and I have a strong desire to continue helping our school district grow along with it.

My involvement on the school board is not due to political reasons or single-issue causes. I simply like the

idea of volunteering to help our community and, most importantly, help Westonka students succeed. I believe our school district is one of the hidden gems in this area and I'm honored to have been involved helping build that positive reputation.

We moved to Minnetrista six years ago, primarily because of the advantages we felt the Westonka District offered our children. The tagline "small school advantages, big school opportunities" continues to resonate strongly with our family and our children have had an extremely positive experience here.

My wife Molly has been a teacher/coach here for 22 years and we often say, "our kids are so lucky they get to attend school here." Through our respective roles, we are both committed to ensuring a successful and positive educational experience for the children and families who attend school here.

Finally, through my experiences as a business professional, I'm able to add a well-rounded perspective to the school board. Throughout my career, I've navigated many unique and challenging business situations in the medical device industry.

My approach on the school board has been to ask critical questions while thinking objectively about how to best accomplish our goals. I believe the key to managing through difficult situations is the ability to think strategically but also develop realistic plans to solve problems or capitalize on opportunities. I look forward to continuing to serve the Westonka community.

## LOREN D. DAVIS

Loren D. Davis of Mound has lived in the Westonka district for 46 years and has served on the school board since 2014. He and his wife, Kristin, have seen all three of their sons graduate from MWHS, and Davis is himself a MWHS graduate.

Davis earned his B.A. from St. Olaf and his Master's of Divinity from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. He is now pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Navarre.

Davis was a member of the Shirley Hills Shared Decision Team (1998-2002), a three-time Wolf Ridge chaperone and a coordinator of the Wolf Ridge program. He volunteered for the Grandview bathroom remodeling project, coached seventh- and eighth-grade baseball and has been an announcer/scorekeeper or volunteer for MWHS soccer, baseball and hockey. Davis participated in and helped coordinate the high school Baccalaureate Service for 16 years, has served on the Westonka School District Athletic Task Force and was a high school Varsity assistant baseball coach (2014-2019).

Davis coached baseball with the Upper Tonka Little League for 10 years, also serving as a board mem-

ber for 4 years. He was president of the White Hawk Youth Baseball Association for 6 years, coaching for 4. Davis also coached baseball with the Mound American Legion and soccer and basketball with Westonka Community Ed. He has also coached for the Mound Westonka Hockey Association and served 3 years on its board.

Davis was active in the Mound Westonka Ministerial Association for 24 years including 6 years as president; has participated in WeCAN's Sleep-Out for the Homeless; has been volunteer chaplain for the Orono and Minnetrista police departments since 2011 and has been a member of the Westonka Food Shelf board of directors since 2013, currently serving as its president.

### Candidate statement:

The Westonka district has a slogan that declares "Small School Advantages, Big School Opportunities, Real-Life Success Stories." This has been true for myself and for my family.

I grew up in the Westonka School system, attending Shirley Hills Elementary School and Grandview Middle School, and graduating from the new Mound Westonka Senior High School in 1975. I returned to the Westonka area with my wife in 1993, and our three sons were able to attend these same Westonka schools, and to have the same quality educational and extracurricular experiences that I had. I have a long history in the Westonka community, a deep pride in the Westonka schools, and a great appreciation for the strong educational foundation I was given in the Westonka schools.

With my long history here, I am willing to continue serving on the Westonka School Board, to give my best effort to help advance the district philosophy, and to insure that all current and upcoming students have the same high quality educational and extracurricular opportunities that I and my three sons have experienced.

Having worked the past 28 years as the pastor in a small congregation in our community, with many larger congregations nearby, I understand the need to be competitive with larger neighboring districts while having fewer resources available. Also, because I grew up here, and because, over the last 28 years, I have served in a wide variety of ways in our school district and in our community, I believe many people, from senior citizens to young families and youth, know me and are comfortable sharing their perspectives, ideas, and concerns about the school district with me. I would work hard not only to be a strong advocate for the schools, but also to be a strong, accessible representative for the community.

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## Obituaries

### Owen C. Fuglseth

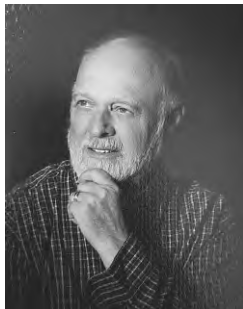
*Loving husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa*

Owen C. Fuglseth, age 75, of Mound, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family at his side, Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

Longtime employee at City of Deephaven. Served his country in the US Army in Thailand.

He is survived by his wife, Rosie; three children, Shelley (Darryl) Frederickson, Stacey (Michael) Larson, Jeffery (Molly) Fuglseth; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 5218 Bartlett Blvd, Mound. Luncheon will be served after the service at Gillespie Center, 2590 Commerce Blvd, Mound. Private Interment will be held at Fort Snelling at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Owen's honor to the Cancer Society of your choice.

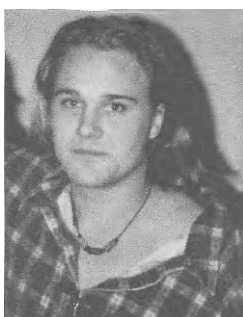


### Scott Gravelle

Scott Gravelle, born March 10, 1970, passed away May 22, 2020 in LA, California.

Please join us by attending an open house in celebration of Scott's life on Sunday, September 26 from 1pm to 5pm at Mound Surfside Depot, 2670 Commerce Blvd., Mound, MN 55364.

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# Minnetonka Beach puts hold on tree removals

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If you live in Minnetonka Beach and want to cut down a tree, you will have to wait.

That's because the Minnetonka Beach city council passed an interim ordinance at its Monday, Sept. 13 meeting that put a moratorium on the removal of significant trees within the city.

The moratorium allows the city to study its zoning and land use regulations regarding trees and tree preservation.

"Its been talked about for a long time," council member Susan Enlow said. "There are various policies and tree preservation is kind of sprinkled in bits and pieces in our code and ordinances. We really don't have anything comprehensive. We want to be able to provide some guid-

ance to our residents, and to city staff and our zoning and planning administrators and engineers on how to administer and how to help protect the beautiful village that we have here in Minnetonka Beach. In the last two years, in particular in the last year we've seen a lot of removal of huge trees."

Enlow continued, "We are really focusing on the bigger heritage trees that we can't really replace in our lifetime. You can't really go out and buy a tree of that size. Putting a temporary halt on taking out trees while we prepare the more detailed ordinance to present for public comment - hopefully by the end of the year - that its in the best interest of the residents of the Minnetonka Beach."

According to the interim ordinance, the moratorium does not apply to the

removal of significant trees that are dead or noxious, or for trees that causes imminent danger to persons or property.

Resident Joanna Anderson asked the council if that means she cannot remove trees on her own property.

"If you want to take it down you come to city hall and request a waiver on a form," Enlow said. "You would have to show where that tree it is, the size it is, what shape it is, what species it is and it will reviewed by planning commission and city council."

Council member Steve Howart said he's seen more trees removed this summer than the previous 10 years, but is concerned if this moratorium goes to far and infringes on property rights and gets government involved in something it should not be involved in. He asked for there be a short timetable for the moratorium

Howart ended up voting in favor of the interim ordinance but said "I think we need to be very, very careful."

The ordinance will be in effect for one year or until the city passes a new city ordinance amending the city's controls related to trees or tree preservation; or the city repeals the moratorium.

Any violation of the interim ordinance will be considered a misdemeanor and subject to imprisonment for up to 90 days, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both, plus the costs of prosecution. Also, anybody that removes a significant tree in violation of any provision of the ordinance shall also pay a fine of \$750 per caliper inch of the tree removed, as measured at the DBH.

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# Orono Parks Commission looks to fill opening on board

**BY TODD ABELN**  
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Do you want to help out the city of Orono?

If so, now is your chance as the city has an opening on its Parks Commission.

The Parks Commission advises the city council on matters of maintenance

and use of park facilities, preservation of natural resources and promotion of environmental awareness.

The Parks Commission meets for regular meetings on the first Monday in February, May, September and November and for work sessions; on the first Monday of January, March, April, June, July, July,

August and October. Both regular meetings and works sessions start

at 6 p.m. and meet in Orono Council Chambers at 2780 Kelley Parkway,

Orono, MN 55356.

If interested in a spot on the Parks Commission, go

to the city's website at <http://www.ci.orono.mn.us/> and fill out an application.

# WeCAN preps to host WineFest 2021

Western Community Action Network (WeCAN) is hosting WineFest 2021: A Virtual Toast to Community on Oct. 2.

Purchase a WineFest tasting bucket for \$50 at [wecanmn.org](http://wecanmn.org) or stop by the office. Buckets will be available for pick-up beginning Sept. 27.

A video featuring virtual tastings of the feature products will be emailed

to participants on Oct. 2 to enjoy at your leisure.

The online auction goes live Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. and closes Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. No bucket purchase is required to participate in the auction.

The link will be available on [wecanmn.org](http://wecanmn.org) and social media.

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**CANDIDATES** cont. from page 8**KATIE HOLT**

Katie Holt of Mound has lived in the Westonka school district for almost 5 years. She and her husband, Mound council member Jason Holt, have students at Grandview and Shirley Hills. Holt graduated from Eagan High School in 1999 and from St. Cloud State in 2004. She has been a parent volunteer at her children's schools, helping out in the classroom, the book fair and on field trips.

**Candidate statement:**

I am running for school board to become more involved in the day-to-day workings of the district/classroom, to expand my knowledge of the same and assist other parents in accessing information relative to their child's education, classroom workings/activities and district information.

**RACHAEL MYERS**

Rachael Myers of Minnetrista works in human resources consulting and has been a classroom volunteer for Westonka schools. She and her husband, Chris, have two children who graduated from Edina High School and two now enrolled at Hilltop Primary and the Early Learning Center.

Myers graduated from Eveleth-Gilbert High School. She obtained her Associate's degree from Mesabi Range Community College and her B.S. in Business Management (human resources emphasis) from St. Cloud State.

Myers has volunteered with Feed My Starving Children, Meals on Wheels, the United Way and the Boys and Girls Club.

**Candidate statement:**

Our family moved into the Westonka School District 2.5 years ago. Our new neighborhood was bustling with children, and we instantly fell in love with the community. It did not take long to notice that the children in the community, including our own, were thriving in the Westonka School District. I have heard countless success stories from parents and students who enthusiastically share their experiences and beam with pride when discussing the Westonka schools. My family and I echo their enthusiasm and are thrilled by the opportunities offered within the district.

I am running for the Westonka School Board because I am passionate about children and about the critical role education plays in the development of untapped potential in our future leaders. I will support curriculum that prepares students for a profession that meets their desires and needs from trade school to college academics. As an HR professional as well as a small business owner, I

have had the opportunity to work in many different and challenging environments with individuals of varying backgrounds, skills, and abilities. My professional experience will make me effective at problem-solving while building collaborative relationships with other board members, the community, teachers, and parents.

As a board member, I will be dedicated to advocating for top-tier academic programs and activities. I will remain committed to community engagement and will encourage open dialogue and transparency. I will also be fiscally responsible as it relates to the management of district funds while seeking funding sources that do not impact taxpayers.

I am thrilled about the prospect of joining the Westonka School Board where I can do my part to ensure Westonka continues to be a district that meets and exceeds expectations and provides our students with an exceptional education.

**KATHLEEN OLESINSKI**

Kathleen Olesinski has lived in Mound for 4 years and has been active as a PTO volunteer, school Mystery Reader and Wolf Ridge trip volunteer. She and her husband, Brian, have two students at Grandview.

Olesinski graduated from Brecksville Broadview Heights High School in Ohio. She obtained her B.A. in Economics and Psychology from Denison University and her MBA from Cleveland State University. She now is a regulatory compliance consultant for Silicon Valley Bank.

Olesinski has volunteered with WeCAN and with her church, Our Lady of the Lake. She has supported various sports teams and has been involved with Westonka Community Theatre.

**Candidate statement:**

When we moved to Minnesota from Ohio we could have lived anywhere. I chose Mound and Westonka based on a comparison to our Ohio Schools and several conversations with various school staff members. I moved to Westonka for the schools!

There is nothing more important in our children's lives than a good education. Good schools set our children on the right path for the rest of their lives! I am dedicated to making sure not only my children but all the children in our community receive the best possible education.

**GREGORY SNYDER**

Gregory Snyder is a 14-year resident in the Westonka district. His two daughters graduated from MWHS, and his son is currently at MWHS. Snyder works Essentia Health in Vas-

cular and Interventional Radiology.

Snyder graduated medical school with a board certification in Radiology (subspecialty in Vascular and Interventional Radiology). He is now pursuing a Master's in Public Health from George Washington University.

Snyder has been involved locally with Music in the Park.

**Candidate statement:**

Dear Neighbors and Fellow Parents,

Thank you for considering my candidacy for Westonka School Board. My family has enjoyed the high quality of Westonka Schools for the past 14 years, during which time two of my daughters have completed their K-12 education and my son is now entering grade 10. As such, I have "36 student years" of experience as a parent in the Westonka district and this has given me significant familiarity with the people, programs and quality.

In 2007, It was this superb quality (as routinely reflected in the annual rankings) that served as the key factor in our decision to move our family into the district. We knew that our children's education would be uncompromisingly outstanding. I will state wholeheartedly that, by-and-large, we have been very satisfied with our experience and the policies executed by Mr. Borg, the teachers and staff.

Unfortunately, in 2021, like many other aspects of our lives, educational curriculum and sometimes even boards themselves seem to have become politicized and diligent parents are now well-advised to (at a minimum) be aware of the changing curriculum, history, influences and possible unintended consequences that may be involved in some of the newer educational materials being promoted which could alter our educational focus and standards.

I have spent decades participating in and leading state and national medical boards and am well versed in board function, rules, politics and etiquette which will allow me to be an immediately effective board member. I am also a medical doctor, able to understand and synthesize ever-changing critical COVID data as we discuss district response to vaccines and child masking. But most importantly, I am a parent first and I will insist on only what is best for my kid, as well as yours. Thank you for your vote.

**GARY W. WOLLNER**

Gary W. Wollner has lived in the Westonka district for 31 years and has served on the school board for the past 12 years. He and his wife, Lori, have four daughters, three of whom are MWHS graduates.

Wollner graduated in 1980 from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Retail/Marketing and is now a self-employed sales rep.

Wollner coached in the Westonka Youth Basketball Association for 22 years and was its president for 4 years. He was also president of the Basketball Boosters for 4 years and has served 16 years on the Community Ed. Advisory Council. He was a PTO member while his children were in school and part of the Wolf Ridge Planning Committee.

Wollner has volunteered with WeCAN and Westonka Food Shelf, Community Ed., Sojourn Women's Center and Spirit of the Lakes.

**Candidate statement:**

As the election for the Westonka School Board nears, it is with great anticipation that I am running for a fourth term. Serving these past 12 years, I feel that I have helped move our schools, students and community in the right direction, which has made Westonka Schools one of the best in the state.

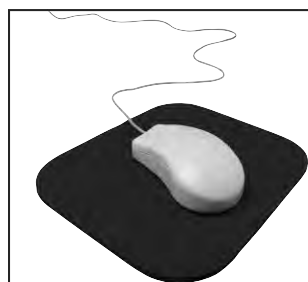
It is my goal to continue to serve our community by using my experience and willingness to listen to help make decisions that give every student the opportunity to achieve his/her goals.

I have always been able to put in the time and effort that is required to be a good school board member. Being part of the Facilities Committee, Policy Committee and Teacher's Contract Committee has given me a well-rounded perspective as a board member. I feel that I am a school board member who listens to what the community, students and parents have to say. I make every effort to return parent phone calls and respond to emails. Earning the trust of administration, teachers, students and parents has always been a high priority for me. Communication is a key component in making the best decisions for our schools.

As Vice-Chair of the School Board, I have always lived by one phrase, "Do what is right for teaching and education". I believe that if we live by that rule, it will ultimately give every student the best opportunity to be successful in school and in life. Education is a continuously-changing environment as technology and teaching evolves to help students grow. My 12 years of experience and continued commitment will help Westonka school continue to move forward.

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raising efforts, our firefighters are busy preparing for the Mound Firehouse Dance and Food Truck Event. The music and dance event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Mound Fire Station at 2415 Wilshire Blvd., Mound. Tickets for the event are \$10.00 and will include entry to the dance and the opportunity to purchase food and beverages.

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# Mound opts to keep status quo on ATVs, UTVs

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A 2-hour Mound city council discussion ended with the decision to keep the status quo on ATVs and UTVs. The prevailing message? Keep driving your rec vehicle—even on city streets, if you absolutely must—just don't be a clown about it.

The city had in May looked at clarifying language in its code to specifically prohibit the use of ATVs and UTVs on city streets, a suggestion that at the time caused an outpouring of opposition at City Hall. It emerged publicly at the recent meeting Sept. 14 that an ongoing issue involving just one resident had been the basis for revisiting the city's ATV and UTV policy and that the city did not have a widespread problem with their use on city streets, despite such use being tacitly illegal.

The approximately two dozen people who came out to City Hall Sept. 14 all spoke in favor either of formally legalizing ATV and UTV use or of leaving the code as is, so long as users behaved and police continue to look the other way. No one spoke out against their use.

Use of ATVs and UTVs on city streets is technically prohibited by Minnesota statute unless a city spe-

cifically permits them in its code. But as a show of hands, given at council member Paula Larson's prompting, attested last Tuesday, local police have not been out ticketing people for that violation: no one present had ever received one, though many had driven their special rec vehicle on city streets.

Larson said it would be "unfair" to require residents to pay a permit fee and go through extra paperwork when there hasn't been a widespread problem. Enforcement of ordinance regulations around ATV and UTV use would also be a burden, she said.

"I think our police officers have their hands full and looking for stickers and making sure it's sunrise or sunset or if they're on the easement or not on the easement and all that—I think we're wasting our police resources—and no one's gotten a ticket."

But council member Jason Holt, who voted against the motion to keep things as is, said he favored a course of action that would go beyond just the status quo and instead specifically allow, whether through a code amendment or some other means, the use of these vehicles.

"We have basically a law that says you're really not supposed to do it. Even though we've all been doing it

for how long, it technically says [in the code] you're not supposed to be doing it here. Let's fix it and say, 'yep, you can do it,'" said Holt. "I think it's a mistake to say we're just going to look the other way and then we're just going to have a problem down the road."

Holt found some allies among the residents who came out Tuesday. Though some told council they were okay with leaving the code unchanged, others said they wanted more assurance that they could use their rec vehicles on the street without the worry of being stopped.

"Don't tell me I can do something when I can't do something," said one resident.

"Without some definitions, it does leave it always open and subjective and could cause more confusion," agreed council member Sherrie Pugh. Pugh abstained from council's final vote.

Mayor Ray Salazar and council member Phil Velsor joined Larson in voting to leave the code as is.

"I don't want to take away anybody's fun," said Salazar, who added that in 30 years of living in Mound he had seen just two infractions that he could recall, neither of which had endangered anyone. "We don't have a problem except for one isolated case."

Velsor, who admitted to taking on a certain amount of risk in using his own recreational vehicle to get to the lake, said that if he were forced to choose between specifically outlawing them and specifically permitting them, that he "would be voting to ban them" but that he didn't want to do that.

"My vote would be that we do nothing with the city code language as it pertains to these types of vehicles since there is not a problem right now," he said. "However, I don't want to see Mound become this free for all, where everywhere you look it's off-road vehicles."

But council's decision to abide by the status quo isn't a blank check for ATV and UTV users to do as they please, given the recourse law enforcement and the city have in Minnesota statute.

"The state statute becomes the backstop that allows ticket writing if people are clowns," said Mound city manager Eric Hoversten. "But if you're not a clown, you're probably not going to draw anybody's attention—enjoy your day at the lake, don't be a clown."

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# Westonka schools get backlash on mask policy

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Westonka school leaders faced backlash Sept. 13 when a routine board meeting opened up for what became a lively public forum on the district's revised face mask policy.

About 15 people, all but one in opposition to Westonka's decision to require masks for students in grades K-7, spoke across 45 minutes, levelling accusations that the district was being "illogical, irrational and insane" in its decision making and calling for the district to "stand up for our medical freedom."

"it's not a [expletive] pandemic, it's the flu!" pressed one resident.

"When is it going to stop? When do we have a voice? When do our children have a voice? When are you guys going to stand up for us?" asked another.

"You tell us you want us in school to learn," said one speaker, a Mound Westonka High School student who said her brother had been sent home for not wearing a mask. "How is kicking a child, a 9-year-old child, out of school helping him learn anything but [that] his school district doesn't care about how he feels and his rights?"

Minnesota Department of Health has been providing school districts with recommendations on COVID-19 response plans this year but has left the actual decision making to school leaders. The result has been that in Westonka—as in districts around the state, including neighboring Waconia and Orono—administrators and school board members have had to bear the brunt of parents' frustration.

"We look at the pros and the cons, we look at the cost benefits of certain decisions and we try to apply it with how we can best serve this community with those recommendations," said Westonka superintendent Kevin Borg, who multiple times Sept. 13 iterated that the primary goal was to avoid any need to quarantine and to keep students in school.

"We understand and appreciate that

our community is in different places. We understand that families will look at this and what's right for one family is not right for another and we fully appreciate that," said Borg. "What we're trying to do is keep kids in school so we can educate them and give them opportunities."

Some of the anger last Monday seemed to stem from a reversal in Westonka's mask policy for K-7 students.

The district had originally announced early in August that it would recommend but not require masks be worn while inside school buildings. A subsequent announcement, just one week before the start of classes, said that the district would require them for all students and staff inside its K-7 buildings while continuing only to recommend them for those at the high school.

That policy is in effect until at least Oct. 1 when district officials will use localized data on COVID-19 transmission to determine whether to lift the mandate for K-7, continue it or choose among other mitigation strategies.

"I honestly can't wait 'til no kid is forced to wear a mask ever again," said board chair David Botts, adding that the data showed him that the time wasn't yet right for that.

In determining its COVID-19 response, the district is keeping tabs on both the level of community transmission, or local case rates, and the level of school transmission, or percent absent with COVID or COVID-like symptoms.

Weekly data as of Sept. 16, the most recent data available by press time, show that Westonka school district zip codes were reporting an average case rate of 223.6 per 100,000 population, more than twice the threshold for "high" transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has defined high transmission as a 7-day case rate of 100 or more cases per 100,000.

Since the start of the school year on Sept. 7, the Westonka school dis-

trict has seen seven positive cases of COVID-19. Five of these cases have been at Hilltop Primary School. Grandview Middle School and Mound Westonka High School have each recorded one case.

The district also has released information on how it will use COVID-19 absences in guiding its response plan while the wider community is in high transmission.

Under that plan, if 5 percent or more are absent with COVID or COVID-like symptoms, face masks would be required of everyone in the building. That level of school transmission would also trigger a meeting with Minnesota Department of Health to determine next steps.

Hilltop Primary, where the majority of cases so far this year have been, is currently reflecting just 1.7 percent

absent. Westonka's other buildings were reporting less than 1 percent absent, meaning that each of Westonka's schools was, at press time, comfortably under the district's first threshold of 3 percent absent that would see implementation of additional measures, liked forced quarantines, but only at K-7 buildings.

"COVID's not going away. It's there, and we're going to have to deal with it. We want to keep kids in school as long as we can, and if wearing a mask buys them more time being in school, that's what I think is important," said board member Gary Wollner. "We're not doing things to get people upset. What we're trying to do is keep kids in school and give them the best opportunities to succeed."

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# Orono boys soccer has another strong week

The Orono men's soccer team kicked off another three game week against opponent Robinson Cooper at the Hawk's Stadium.

Orono started strong, with the clear majority of possession, and in the eighth minute the Spartans were able to capitalize on a penalty kick taken by senior Andy Dewitt, giving Orono a quick lead. Only minutes later, Dewitt put another one away from a short pass by Christian Kavanaugh, 2-0, Orono.

The Hawks had few attacking opportunities, but Orono's defense was there to clear the ball.

In the 26th minute, senior Ben Halloff was taken down by a Hawk player. Sebastian Loder took the free kick and Kavanaugh was able to tap the ball past the keeper, making it a 3-0 game.

Moments later, Chase Erickson's shot was fumbled by the Hawk's keeper and Dewitt, again, found the back of the net, making that his third goal of the night and a decisive 4-0 lead for the Spartans.

Senior goalkeeper, Peter Nicklow, was finally called into action and made a nice save from a Hawk free kick.

In the 37th minute of the game, Brody Cook sent a corner kick straight to Dewitt on the front post, who headed it in for his fourth goal of the night and a 5-0 lead for Orono at halftime.

The Spartans offense did not relent and in the second minute of the second half, senior Brody Cook, who dominates in assists for the Spartans, scored his first goal of the season off of a short pass from Dewitt, making it 6-0 Spartans.

Senior keeper Leo Marzloff saw the field for his first game of the season, but Orono's dominance kept the ball far from play in their own half for the remainder of the game. The Spartans finished with a clean sheet, giving them their seventh win of the season.

The Spartans played their second game of the week in Monticello on Saturday, Sept. 18 against the Monticello Magic.

The game started off with multi-



Orono seniors Andy Dewitt and Ben Halloff fight for a loose ball for the Spartans. (Photo by Frank Landis)

ple scoring opportunities by Franklin Schwendimann, Cook, and Halloff but the Monticello Magic defense was clearly parked, frustrating a usually busy Orono offense.

In the 38th minute of the half, Dewitt, who leads the Spartans in goals, was able to find Cook who scored off a tricky angle, but the referee called the goal offside. Orono finally found their own bit of "magic" when Halloff scored off of a rebound from a corner by Cook, making it 1-0 going into halftime.

With the second half only minutes underway, Cook had a powerful shot on goal, which the goalie saved, but could not hang onto. Junior Brody Howe was there for the finish, netting his first goal of the season.

Shortly thereafter, Monticello had some threatening attacks, but defenders Loder and Avery Anderson were there to shut them down. Cook was able to

find some room to dribble down the sideline and made a cheeky pass backwards to Halloff, who found the back of the net for the Spartans, giving them a 3-0 lead.

Seniors Chase Erickson and Jack Prisdorf entered for the Spartans and had a beautiful play off of a Prisdorf corner, which Erickson headed past the goalie to make it a 4-0 game, Spartans. Not long after, in a quick combination of Howe to Dewitt to Cook and back to Dewitt, Orono came up with their fifth goal of the game and the third hat trick of assists for Cook in a single season game. The game ended when, with only moments left, Joseph Kropinak sent a through ball to Aiden Ecker who shot a low ball past the Magic keeper to finish the game with a 6-0 win for the Spartans.

The Spartans hosted Chanhassen for Senior Night at Pesonen Stadium and their third of the week last Monday, Sept. 20.

In a surprise appearance, senior Captain Ben Summers took to the field for

the kickoff for the Spartans, after being sidelined by a knee injury last year.

An early goal by Chanhassen off of a long ball cross made it a 1-0 game and put the Spartans on their toes. With rain coming down, Orono continued to battle Chanhassen well into the first half. However, the tide quickly turned, when in a span of four minutes, Cook floated two balls into the box, both of which defender Cal Ehlen skillfully got his head on, giving the Spartans a 2-1 lead going into the half.

Halftime saw a celebration of the 20 seniors in the Orono men's soccer program, all of whom saw the field that night. Orono has an unusually large senior group, which speaks to the love of the game and the camaraderie that these boys have developed with each other over the years.

With the second half underway, both teams found scoring opportunities, but the soggy conditions made it hard to finish. However, in the ninth minute, Cook found himself on a fast break down the right side and shot a curling ball from 20 yards out that snuck behind the out of position keeper for a 3-1 lead.

Matias Maule and Alex Watschke continued to work hard for the Spartans in the midfield and Orono players Jackson Maas, Jaro Doise, and Ashton Muller all had scoring chances in the second half. The game ended with yet another Spartan win.

At the end of the game Coach Derek Engler commented, "This last game was the first time we trailed all season. It was a good test for us to see how we would respond. It was fun to watch our senior leaders claw their way back for the 3-1 victory in a good conference game."

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<b>Wed., Sept. 29</b>							
<b>Thurs., Sept. 30</b>		@ New Prague, 7 pm	@ New Prague, 5 pm		@ Chaska, 4:15 pm		
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It was medals all around for the Westonka CC teams competing in the NYA Lions invite. (Submitted photos)

## White Hawk runners sweep Lions invite

On Sept. 14, the Norwood Young America Lions Meet transformed Baylor Park from a calm, rural gathering spot into an athletic arena, bustling with activity and with a gathering of 17 race-ready teams. The venue is a spectator and athlete favorite, with multiple viewing areas on the crushed gravel, cattail-lined path along Eagle Lake.

While a beautiful fall day by Minnesota standards, for racers the temperature had crept up as competition time approached and there certainly was a note of humid uncomfortableness. The buzz in the White Hawks' camp after big wins by both boys and girls teams the previous two weeks was, could they keep the winning streak alive and sweep yet another meet?

The boys Varsity race was a talented collection of teams, including Belle Plaine and Glencoe, standing in the way of a White Hawk team victory. With the firing of the starting gun, the field of 120 spirited runners sprinted through an open field, which transitioned to a trail path. The course then looped out past an observatory and back toward the center of the park. As the boys returned into view, they were greeted by the chants and cheers of onlookers encouraging them onward.

Senior Lance Nemecek was the first Westonka athlete to be seen traveling with the lead group of three. Earlier in the week, Nemecek was nominated

for the Milesplit MN Runner of the Week by the nation-wide web running platform. The public poll style votes were tallied on Thursday, and in the end Nemecek had won by a commanding lead. Lance thanked voters via social media and stated on his Twitter feed that "Our school and community is nothing short of amazing!"

Seniors Josh Engesser and Max Epsky were the next White Hawks to pass and quickly disappear onto the more secluded portion of the course. Nervous moments passed as parents, teammates and coaches waited for the runners to return on the same trail, loop around the observatory again and race to a downhill finish. Cheers becoming audible in the distance meant runners would soon reappear, and as the view improved, Nemecek continued to hold his position in the top group with Engesser and Epsky holding spots in the top 10.

At the finish, a continuous flow of exhausted runners crossed the line. Point earners for the White Hawks were Nemecek in third place with a 17:09, Engesser in fifth with a 17:26, Epsky in seventh with a 18:12, junior Jacob Trost in 11th with a 18:17 and sophomore Charlie Paul in 14th with a 18:22. Seniors Wyatt Carlson and Owen Paul rounded the field with an 18:53 and 18:59 respectively. As the team results were calculated, the White Hawks clinched a victory with

40 points over second-place Belle Plaine's 62.

The Varsity girls team is a perfect balance of experience and youth. Senior Allison Soule has slashed time with each race this season, and junior Laura Sunnarborg has been the cornerstone of the team since the seventh grade. And don't let their youth deceive, their seventh- and eighth-grade counterparts Sophia Engesser and Emma Andrev have consistently delivered top performances all season; and this day would be no different.

As the starting pistol sent 102 runners out past the spectator lined course, it was Sunnarborg and Andrev holding the top White Hawk positions. The return trip had a change in position with Andrev ahead Sunnarborg by 15 seconds with a half mile to the finish. In the end there was crowned a new queen of White Hawk girls team: Emma Andrev finished with a 20:16 in 4th, Sunnarborg with 20:38 in fifth, Soule with 21:20 in 12th, sophomore Brook Garlock with 22:05 in 18th, Sophia Engesser with 22:07 in 20th and freshman Gabby Callahan with 22:28 in 24th. The final score revealed another White Hawk victory of 59 points over second place Belle Plaine's 85.

A thrilled coach Butch Humbert used a musical analogy reflecting on the team's recent successes, "All sections of our orchestra are playing beauti-

fully, so to speak, and a lot of hardware came home on the buses last night. Also, many of our newer and younger runners continue to make great strides on their fitness journey, and it is a pleasure to watch it develop each day."

The Junior Varsity boys contributed to the sweep by placing first over Belle Plaine by 9 points. White Hawks earned the third through fifth places, led by senior Henry Kluever and junior Ethan Garlock, each finishing in 19:16, and sophomore Brandon Knock at 19:26. Sophomore Matthew Van Edeskuty was close behind at seventh in 19:48. Freshman Isaac Hays completed the team score at 20:26.

The Junior Varsity girls also placed three runners in the Top Five with eighth-grader Payton Stover in second at 23:08, sophomore Cassie Nemecek claiming third at 23:19 and freshman Claire Rashleger coming in fifth at 24:10.

The middle school boys took first for the fourth meet in a row, easily beating second place Belle Plaine by 29 points. The boys had four seventh- and eighth-graders complete the one-mile race in under six minutes, including Liam Grant, Drew Carlson and Luke Sunnarborg. Owen Trost and Bobby Trost also had great races to contribute to the White Hawks win.

Certain members of the team also participated in the Delano

Invitational on Sept. 16, a hot and humid day with the temperature nearing 90. Thankfully, the wooded trail at the Lake Rebecca Park Preserve provided some shade for the runners, but the heat was still sweltering.

Coach Humbert gave his Varsity teams the day off, which opened roster for new runners. The meet combined the Junior Varsity and Varsity races, taking the top runners from each team for the Varsity score and adding up the other scores for JV. Westonka's young Varsity team placed fourth, led by sophomores Matthew Von Edeskuty and Brandon Knock at 20:13 and 20:31. The remainder of the varsity Westonka finishers included eighth-graders Liam Grant, Gavin Thelen and Luke Sunnarborg, along with ninth-graders Isaac Hays and Isaac Aud.

The boys middle school team continued their undefeated streak by tying Delano, even with two of their top runners moving up to the Varsity meet. Four of the top six places went to Mound Westonka, with seventh-grader Drew Carlson placing second in 12:15 in the 3000-meter race. He was followed by Owen Trost, Brendan Rashleger and Bobby Trost, taking fourth through sixth. Seventh-grader Ellie Cordahl came in third for the girls middle school at 15:16, with fellow seventh-grader Cheyenne Stevens placing seventh.

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# White Hawks win Homecoming nailbiter

The White Hawks entered Homecoming week with lots of wind beneath their wings, having outscored their last two opponents 89-14. They knew, however, the Park Center Pirates would be a different story. This talented 5A team, about three times the size of Mound Westonka, was also entering the third week undefeated. The game was worth the price of admission with 60 hard-fought minutes by both teams. The bleachers were filled with the Homecoming crowd and they would stay that way through the very last play of the game. Every second would be needed to determine this game's victor.

The White Hawks would receive to start the game and despite a strong run by Tyler Albert to get the Hawks to midfield, the White Hawks would need to punt on their first drive. The Pirates would face the same struggle and despite earning a fresh set of downs with their running game, they too had to punt. This time the momentum would change as Tyler Von Bank blocked the punt, scooped it up and scrambled into the endzone. Neve's extra point would give the White Hawks a 7-0 lead at the midpoint of the first quarter.

The Pirates would take over on the 20 and thanks to a few holding penalties along with a giant sack by Matt Oko, they found themselves moving the wrong way down the field and were forced to punt again. Cris Christensen would return that punt to midfield. Soon Cam Peterson stepped up and dragged a few defenders with him who were finally able to stop him just short of the goal. Von Bank finished the drive, making it 14-0 with Neve's help.

Once again, the Pirates struggled to move the ball and were forced to punt. Ben Tice would receive and coming off a huge defensive play, the adrenaline was pumping. He shimmied



The White Hawks won a nailbiter over the Park Center Pirates during Homecoming Sept. 17. (Sue Rodelius/Submitted photos)

and shook and returned to the 37. Despite a hold called on the White Hawks, Fletcher Anderson soon recovered those yards on a reception. The running game continued to move the ball, but soon the Hawks found themselves in no-mans-land on 4th down. Too far to kick a field goal, too short to punt, Jake Gaylord would find the Homecoming King, Jake Dallman, reigning over the endzone. He showed his "royal highness" by grabbing the pass out of midair to make the score 21-0 with Neve's extra point.

The Pirates would get another chance with the ball but a head's up interception by Jack Pfeiffer would give the ball back quickly to Westonka. The White Hawks couldn't capitalize this time, and an unfortunate botched snap on the field goal attempt would turn the ball over to the Pirates with just over 6 minutes left to play in the half.

The Pirates would move the ball slow and steady down the field this time, eating up the remainder of the minutes in the half. In the chaotic final play of

the half, disputed by the White Hawks to be an extra 5th down, the Pirates would find a man in the endzone and as time expired both teams would head into the half, with the Hawks leading 21-7.

The Pirates would receive in the second half and started with great field position at the 40. They returned to what worked in their final drive of the first half by running the ball repeatedly. They would eat 6 minutes off the clock and score on their first drive making it 21-14.

The Pirates defense came up big and stopped the White Hawks on their 4th down attempt. The Pirates would take over on downs. With just over a minute left in the quarter, the Pirates would tie the game at 21-21. Whichever team would win the 4th quarter would win this game.

The first two series by both teams would be quick with no additional points to show for it. When the White Hawks would get the ball back with about 10 minutes left, they knew they needed to get on the board.

This new situation called for

some new tricks and Jake Gaylord delivered. He would keep the ball a few times on this drive and finally scrambled to get the ball to the 2-yard line. Von Bank would take the next ball and refuse to be taken down. His touchdown would make the score 27-21. A rare miscue by the extra teams on the snap would leave the score at 27-21.

The Pirates would get another chance with 7 minutes left in the quarter, but the Westonka defense would come up big, forcing the Pirates to punt. With just a little over 5 minutes left, the White Hawks had their chance to solidify the victory. Christensen and Von Bank would keep the ball on the ground as the White Hawks tried to gobble up more time on the clock.

With just over two minutes to go, and just as it started to look like Westonka would make the lead insurmountable, the Pirates' defense would force a fumble, giving them the ball back one last time. The White Hawks defense would find themselves in the most important series and the biggest test of their season

so far. Great coverage on receivers left nowhere for the Pirates to throw. The defensive line would rush and pressure and give the QB and backs no place to go. Final sacks by both Adam Mack and Max Swanson would end the series and the game with the White Hawks soaring to victory. This was a Homecoming win for the ages.

Special Teams continued to be a major factor in the White Hawks' success with Albert, Tice and Christensen averaging 20 yards on punt and kick-off returns. Tyler Albert led the White Hawks with 74 rushing yards followed by Christensen and Von Bank. Jake Gaylord found Dallman, Cam Peterson, and Fletcher Anderson in the air who contributed 78 receiving yards.

On defense, Tyler Von Bank had a monster game with 10 tackles, followed by Fletcher Anderson and Adam Mack each with seven. Joe Zachow, Cam Peterson, Cris Christensen and Jack Pfeiffer each had four or more tackles. Matt Oko, Adam Mack and Max Swanson each had game-changing quarterback sacks right when the White Hawks needed it the most. And while the Pirates led the White Hawks in almost all statistical categories, points scored was in the White Hawks' favor, extending their undefeated season record to 3-0.

Following the game, coach David said, "though we left a lot of plays out on the field, we were really happy with the way our boys responded when their backs were against the wall. Park Center really had all of the momentum from the end of the second quarter through most of the fourth quarter and our boys just kept battling. That is a testament to their resiliency. Our theme for this year is 'Finish the Fight,' and they definitely did that tonight."

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# Westonka soccer has busy Homecoming week

Homecoming week at Mound Westonka was especially busy for MWHS Boys and Girls Soccer. The teams played a combined six games but also featured in the Homecoming parade and hosted a huge fundraiser at Back Channel Brewing in Spring Park.

Scotty B's restaurant provided the food for the second annual fundraiser event, and Mark Lee's Firehouse Foods provided the food truck. Donations from local businesses like Dock & Lift, Seasons Home Watch and Asian Bistro fueled the raffle, along with a stand-up arcade game donated by COKeM International in Sha-



Scott Bjorlin of Scotty B's and Mark Lee of Mark Lee's Firehouse Foods provided the food and food truck for the White Hawks Soccer fundraiser at Spring Park's Back Channe; Brewing. (Submitted photo)

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On the field, the boys' team posted two wins and their first loss, taking their record to 5-1-

2. The 0-1 loss came in a hard fought contest against Southwest Christian from Chaska. The other two games were

comfortable wins at Jordan (4-1) and at home against New Ulm (6-1). Notably, senior Jarvis Jackson scored a hat-trick against Jordan, plus another goal against New Ulm. Senior captain Michael Doshan scored twice on the week, as did sophomore Brett Bartkowicz. Senior Blake Lee and junior captain Dylan Mather both added a goal apiece.

The girls' team started the week with two tough losses against Southwest Christian (0-5) and Jordan (1-3) but finished strong with an 8-3 romp against New Ulm. Senior captain Megan Wanner continued her strong scoring record with

a hat-trick against New Ulm. Senior captain Libby McCue and Quinn Jenson both bagged a brace against New Ulm, and junior Alicia Hatlestad also scored. Junior Alaina Mather scored the team's only goal against Jordan. MWHS Girls soccer finished the week with a 5-3-0 record.

MWHS Boys Soccer Final Scores: Mound Westonka 0 – Southwest Christian 1; Jordan 1 – Mound Westonka 4; Mound Westonka 6 – New Ulm 1

MWHS Girls Soccer Final Scores: Mound Westonka 0 – Southwest Christian 5; Jordan 3 – Mound Westonka 1; Mound Westonka 8 – New Ulm 3.

# Orono football comes up short against Waconia Wildcats

Coming off a big win over rival Holy Angels and climbing into the class 4A AP rankings at No. 10 for the first time this year, Orono came into Friday nights game with a lot of confidence.

The early part of this football season has a familiar pattern to it for Orono.

Play larger 5A schools or a ranked team and face a top running back in Minnesota. Friday night was more of the same as the Waconia Wildcats came to town on a beautiful September evening and the Orono fans showed up to pack Pesonen stadium.

The Wildcats scored the only touchdown of the first half when their top runner, Max McEnelly, ran it in from four yards out in the first quarter.

This score came after a scary moment when senior do everything player Sam Swenson went down for several minutes. Swenson is a tremendous two-way player for the Spartans and coach McPherson talked about the game and his senior captain.

"Friday, we faced another 5A school in Waconia and I thought our players showed great heart after losing our senior captain early in the game to a leg injury," McPherson said. "It is always tough to lose a senior captain at any point in the game but losing him on the first defensive play was a lot for our players to see. I'm proud of the play-

ers for facing that adversity and playing hard the entire game."

Defenses dominated the rest of the first half as both teams struggled to move the ball. The Wildcats took a 7-0 lead into halftime.

Waconia scored on their first possession of the second half and built a 14-0 lead.

Orono was unable to find much running room all night. Aiden Mueller carried it 19 times for 70 yards with his longest run just 13 yards.

With the Spartans playing from behind, they opened up the passing game and quarterback Charlie Kraus put up 160 yards through the air with a touchdown. He utilized five different receivers and completed 19 of 29 passes with Victor Ruhland his favorite target. Ruhland had 8 catches for 74 yards.

Waconia stretched the lead to 21-0 late in the third quarter on another McEnelly run.

The Orono defense, keeping true to their ear-

ly season persona, made him work for every yard. Bradley Walker led the team with 11 tackles, Nash Tichy, Oliver Stevenson, and Gage Kracht had nine. Charlie Brophy and Eli McKown had eight, Mason Pankonin and Logan Schleeter had seven.

McPherson gave his perspective after the game, "This team continues to fight each week against some really good opponents, and I love the toughness our players have. We continue to get better each

week. Our seniors are great leaders and continue to guide our younger players on Friday nights. Our motto of ONE really shines through with this team." Kraus found Muller on a 10-yard pass in the fourth quarter and freshman kicker, Lachlan Hoffman, hit the extra point to close out the scoring.

Orono falls to 1-2 on the season and faces another 5A school in Chanhassen this coming Friday. The Storm have put together a good start to their season

at 2-1 with a balanced offense and a defense that has surrendered just 19 points.

Coach McPherson looked ahead to the matchup, "We go on the road this week to face Chanhassen and the last time we played them in 2019 it came down to a last-minute field goal to decide the game. It will be another battle and we look forward to facing the challenge head on."

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# Legals

## CITY OF MOUND, MN

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Mound City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in the Council Chambers of City Hall to consider and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the delinquent municipal utility bills, to the parcels listed on the following pages. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at this hearing.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in one annual installment, and will bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. Interest shall be added to the first installment on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2022 (15 months).

No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by November 15, 2021.

If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the aforementioned date, the rate of interest that will apply is five percent (5%) per year.

According to City of Mound assessment policy, a property owner may make partial prepayment (\$100 minimum) by November 15, 2021, with the balance then being certified to the County auditor.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may, upon such notice, consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

Kevin Kelly  
City Clerk

Amount	PID	Amount	PID
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\$1,049.03	14-117-24-33-0083	\$518.31	24-117-24-12-0050
\$1,046.93	13-117-24-21-0031	\$512.89	13-117-24-44-0020
\$1,046.86	23-117-24-32-0054	\$510.72	13-117-24-41-0053
\$1,046.52	13-117-24-22-0017	\$510.09	13-117-24-33-0155
\$1,043.76	13-117-24-41-0022	\$508.50	13-117-24-32-0038
\$1,041.79	19-117-23-32-0165	\$506.30	23-117-24-24-0030
\$1,041.22	23-117-24-23-0040	\$505.85	23-117-24-42-0018
\$1,040.65	25-117-24-21-0094	\$504.66	23-117-24-32-0066
\$1,035.51	23-117-24-31-0009	\$503.56	23-117-24-34-0061
\$1,033.10	24-117-24-44-0051	\$502.48	14-117-24-34-0052
\$1,029.33	14-117-24-44-0032	\$502.34	23-117-24-23-0019
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\$1,023.38	13-117-24-14-0014	\$490.16	24-117-24-41-0110
\$1,022.54	13-117-24-11-0145	\$488.75	19-117-23-31-0168
\$1,022.53	24-117-24-41-0109	\$488.75	23-117-24-24-0033
\$1,020.57	23-117-24-34-0062	\$487.62	13-117-24-12-0253
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\$1,013.67	23-117-24-42-0104	\$477.43	19-117-23-23-0020
\$1,011.79	24-117-24-41-0200	\$477.34	23-117-24-23-0041
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**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2021**

Present: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Kristine Flesher, Martha Van de Ven, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe, John Morstad, Sarah Borchers

Absent: None

Note: Member Mike Bash participated in the meeting using audio and video from a remote location.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Orono Independent School District No. 278 was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 and called to order by Board Chair, Bob Tunheim, at 7:01 PM.

Member Laura Wallander introduced the Consent Agenda and moved its approval.

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Taylor Fellers, as full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, effective August 26, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Cassandra Fillhouer, as full-time Fourth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Shannon Ryan, as full-time Third Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Jessie Schuett, as full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Sophie Koehler, as full-time General Music Teacher at Orono Intermediate School and Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 26, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Kari Heitke, as full-time Floating Substitute Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 8, 2021 through June 9, 2022

- Approved the change of assignment of Kyle Jensen, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono Middle School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 30, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Jody King, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Mathew Wistrom, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, to full-time Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Orono Public Schools, effective August 26, 2021 through June 9, 2022

- Approved the change of assignment of Megan Ringsred, full-time Fourth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, to full-time Fifth Grade Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective August 30, 2021

- Approved the leave of absence of Jessie Schuett, full-time Special Education Teacher at Orono High School, effective August 26, 2021 through October 25, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Briana Althoff, full-time MAC Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective July 22, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Brandon Papenfuss, full-time Second Grade Teacher at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 19, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Anne Thillman, as full-time Health Clerk at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective September 3, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Marina Stadick, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono High School, effective August 19, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Hallie Bird, as part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono Middle School, effective August 19, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Rosemary Willenbring, as Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective September 8, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Leigh Bernstein, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 8, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Patricia Bertram, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, to full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective September 8, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Stephanie Jacoves, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective June 9, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Debra Simmons, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School and Orono Intermediate School, effective July 9, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Wyatt Rousu, full-time Night Lead Custodian at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 2, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Kathryn Hyams, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective July 8, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Mason Frank, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono High School, effective July 29, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Mary Beth Demott, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 12, 2021

- Approved the resignation due to retirement of Jeanne Truax, full-time Special Education Paraeducator at Orono Middle School, effective July 20, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Lynnette Neumann, part-time Short Hour Cook at Orono High School, effective July 30, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Juliann Luce, full-time Classroom Paraeducator at Orono Schumann Elementary School, effective August 19, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Kathryn Sherman, as Community Education Program Consultant at Orono Public Schools, effective June 30, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Ana Shurson, as Spartan Kids Summer Assistant Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Riley Maki, as Spartan Kids Summer Assistant Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective June 10, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Jackson Ural, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective June 13, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Kristine Coad, as Monitor at Orono Activity Center, effective July 10, 2021

- Approved the appointment of Kellina Samuelson, as full-time Human Resources Generalist at Orono Public Schools, effective August 16, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Joseph Janda, Aquatics Coordinator at Orono Public Schools to Aquatics and Fitness Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective August 1, 2021

- Approved the change of assignment of Olivia Gephart, full-time Marketing Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, to part-time Marketing Coordinator at Orono Public Schools, effective August 16, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Hannah Otto, full-time Spartan Kids Program Assistant and Lead Teacher at Orono Intermediate School, effective July 5, 2021

- Approved the resignation of Nancy Manion, full-time Human Resources Generalist at Orono Public Schools, effective August 20, 2021

- Approved the resignation of John Morstad, full-time Director of Business Services at Orono Public Schools, effective August 27, 2021

- Approved the appointment of the following fall coaching contracts:

**Cross Country**

Brian McCollar, Head Coach

Kathleen Leslie, Community Education Coach

Nathan Porter, JV Coach

**Football**

Joe McPherson, Head Coach

Barry Wohler, V & JV Coach

Mark McConnell, V & JV Coach

Jason Seurer, V & JV Assistant Coach

Kyle Jensen, V & JV Coach

Peter Keding, C Coach

Rustin Olson, V & JV Coach

Troy Trimble, V & JV Assistant Coach

Brad Anderson, JV Assistant Coach

Mike Leuer, C Coach

Benjamin Joppur, V & JV Assistant Coach

Harry Schleeter, Volunteer

**Soccer – Boys**

Derek Engler, Head Coach

Greg Katchmark, Assistant Coach

Grant Steine, JV Coach

Neil Vassar, Assistant Coach

**Soccer – Girls**

Erin Murray, Head Coach

Kathryn Haagenson, JV Coach (50%)

Natalie Soper, Assistant Coach

Jennifer Hanson, JV Coach (50%)

Jessica Woessner, C Coach

Caitlin Tripp, Assistant Coach

**Swim Dive – Girls**

Mark Seguin, Head Coach

Barb Scouler, JV Coach

Todd Hansen, JV Coach

**Tennis – Girls**

Aaron Dvorak, Head Coach

Dawn Reidinger, C Coach

Anne Goldsmith, Volunteer

Scott Danielson, JV Coach

Chris Franco, Volunteer

**Volleyball**

Brandon Kuntz, Head Coach

Anders Carlson, C Coach

Kim King, JV Coach

- Accepted Donations Totaling: \$12,775.97

- Authorized the 2021-2022 LEA (Local Education Authority) Representative

- Approved the Annual MDE (Minnesota Department of Education) Statement of Assurances

- Approved Continued Membership in the following Organizations for the 2021-2022 School Year:

o AMSD – Association of Metropolitan School Districts

o ECSU – Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit

o MSBA – Minnesota School Boards Association

- Approved the Contract for the Interim Director of Business Services

- Approved Wage Increases for Substitutes, Proctors, Students, Casual Employees and Athletic Coaches for 2021-2023

- Approved **Bill Vouchers:** 310725-311121, 1437-1459, **EP Register:** 901206-901256, **EFT Vouchers:** 195-199, 6284-6290 and **Capitol One:** 51281-51377

The motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda was duly seconded by Member Sarah Borchers.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Sarah

Borchers, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander, Martha Van de Ven

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said Consent Agenda was declared duly approved.

5. – Superintendent's Report on Excellence

6. – Board Members Questions and Comments

7. – Community Members Questions and Comments

Board Chair Bob Tunheim shared a statement addressing several key questions and concerns that have been raised by community members in recent months, and asked that everyone remain respectful during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Several community members addressed the board about various topics.

8. – Old Business

8. A – Other Old Business as Necessary

No other old business was brought forward.

9. – New Business

9. A – Contract Signing Authority

Member Martha Van de Ven motioned and member Sarah Borchers seconded that the Board of Education approve James Westrum, interim Director of Business Services, to lease, purchase, and contract for goods and services within the budget, pursuant to MN Statute 123B.52 Subd 2.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said motion as declared duly approved.

9. B – Resolution to Continue Membership in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL)

Every year the Minnesota State High School League requires schools to file a resolution by August 31 to continue its membership in the league.

Member Ali Howe motioned to approve the plan.

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# Shoreline Drive at the Tanager Bridge closed for 30 days

BY TODD ABELN  
reporter.patriot@apgecm.com

Crews resumed construction activities on the Tanager Bridge in Orono, on Tuesday, Sept. 7, which requires the need to close bridge to traffic

The remaining work requires the need to close the bridge to complete the remaining tasks. There will also be periodic closures of the channel. Barring any delays or weather, Hennepin County anticipates the bridge being closed for 30 days.

All through traffic on Shoreline Drive, including large and heavy commercial vehicles, will need to use the detour taking: Highway 12, to Wayzata Boulevard (County Road 112), to Watertown Road/6th Avenue (County Road 6), to Shadywood Road / North Shore Drive (County Road 19).

People walking, biking and rolling will need to use other local routes as the bridge will be fully closed and the area will be an active construction site.

While the bridge is closed, access to the marinas, other businesses and homes near

the construction area will be provided.

In addition to the road closures and detours, the Tanager Lake Channel will be closed on weekdays from Wednesday, Sept. 8 through Monday, Sept. 20. The channel will be open on the weekends.

The weekday closures will allow crews to safely remove the old bridge and construct the shoreline along the southern half of the channel. There will be signs and buoys at both ends of the channel to inform people of the closure.

The work still needed to be done and ex-

pected to be completed during the closure is remove the existing bridge, realign the road to the new bridge, install new curbs and gutters, pave and stripe the new road connections, and improve erosion protections along the shoreline.

Once the work is completed, the road will reopen and traffic can start enjoying the new bridge. Crews will remain on site to complete work for a few weeks, but any traffic impacts should be minimal.

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## Legals

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 278  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ORONO  
HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2021**

The motion to approve the plan was duly seconded by Member Laura Wallander.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Sarah Borchers, Martha Van de Ven, Mike Bash, Laura Wallander, Ali Howe

And the following voted against the same: None  
Whereupon said resolution was declared duly approved.

**9. C – Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan**

Dr. Scott Alger, Director of Human Resources and Dr. Aaron Ruhland, Director of Learning & Accountability reported to the board on the Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan for the upcoming school year.

**9. D – Other New Business as Necessary**

No other New Business was brought forward.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the District Office Assembly Room.

Member Sarah Borchers motioned to adjourn the School Board Meeting.

The motion to adjourn the School Board Meeting was duly seconded by Member Laura Wallander.

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bob Tunheim, Mike Bash, Sarah Borchers, Ali Howe, Laura Wallander, Martha Van de Ven

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said motion was declared duly passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Bob Tunheim, Chair  
Martha Van de Ven, Clerk

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**CITY OF MOUND, MN  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Mound City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the City Hall to consider and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the Hazardous Building Abatement, to the parcel listed below. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at this hearing.

PID	Reason for Assessment	Amount
13-117-24-11-0121	Hazardous Building Abatement	\$ 3,000.00

The assessment will be certified to Hennepin County for collection based on the Removal Agreement (the "Agreement") dated February 18, 2021. Per the agreement, the assessment is proposed to be payable in one annual installment, and will bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. The owner of the property waives the right to object or appeal the assessment.

No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by November 15, 2021. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year.

According to Mound City Code, a property owner may make partial prepayment (\$100 minimum) by November 15, 2021, with the balance then being certified to the county auditor.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

Kevin Kelly  
City Clerk

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**LAKE MINNETONKA  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA AN  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE LAKE MINNETONKA  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
CODE OF ORDINANCES  
TO EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT  
DELIVERIES ON THE LAKE  
ORDINANCE NO. 241**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDAINS:

**Article I. Deliveries Prohibited.** Article 8, Chapter 1, Section 8-1.11, Subd. 4 of the LMCD Code is hereby amended as follows:

Subd. 4. **Commercial Sales on the Lake.** It is unlawful for any person to sell or deliver food, beverages, supplies or other merchandise, products or goods as part of a commercial transaction, no matter how initiated, from any watercraft or vehicle on the Lake, except that food and beverages may be sold on a watercraft for hire that has a current certificate of registration from the LMCD.

**Article II. Incorporation of Amendments.** The LMCD Attorney is authorized to incorporate these amendments into the LMCD Code and is authorized to make such corrective changes as may be needed to correct formatting, maintain internal consistency, renumber sections, and as may otherwise be needed to implement the changes intended by this ordinance.

**Article III. Declaration.** This enactment is adopted by a majority vote of all the members of the Board, has the effect of an ordinance, and is in effect on the first

day of publication after adoption.

"The ordinance is effective immediately. A copy of this ordinance and the full LMCD Code of Ordinances is available on the LMCD website ([lmcd.org](http://lmcd.org)) and may be obtained by contacting the LMCD office." Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director.

Adopted by the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Board of Directors this 28th day of July, 2021.

Attest: Gregg Thomas,  
Chair  
Dan Baasen,  
Secretary

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**CITY OF LONG LAKE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Long Lake will hold a public hearing during their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers located at 450 Virginia Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm or as close thereto as possible, to hear comments and consider adoption of an Ordinance establishing a Residential Permit Parking Only Zone on a portion of Glenmoor Lane between Wayzata Boulevard W and 280/287 Glenmoor Lane, as requested by written petition of a majority of impacted residents within the affected area.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or to obtain a copy of the agenda and informa-

tion regarding the above public hearing, please feel free to contact Long Lake City Hall staff at 952.473.6961.  
Jeanette Moeller  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF SHOREWOOD  
LEGAL NOTICE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of Shorewood will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the Shorewood City Hall, 5755 Country Club Road, Shorewood, Minnesota, on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible. The purpose of the hearing is to review a draft of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan up-

date and review the land use classification of several parcels.

Verbal and written comments will be considered at that time.

Anyone having questions relative to this matter may contact the Planning Department by phone at 952-960-7900 or by email at [planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:planning@ci.shorewood.mn.us).

City of Shorewood  
MARIE DARLING, AICP  
Planning Director

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**CITY OF MOUND, MN  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Mound City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall to consider and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment for the property nuisance abatements, to the parcels listed below. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at this hearing

PID	Reason for Billing	Amount	PID	Reason for Billing	Amount
24-117-24-44-0247	MOWING	\$324.78	19-117-23-34-0063	MOWING	\$499.56
24-117-24-44-0246	MOWING	\$324.78			

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in one annual installment, and will bear interest at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution.

Interest shall be added to the first installment on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2022 (15 months).

No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid by November 15, 2021.

If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the aforementioned date, the rate of interest that will apply is five percent (5%) per year.

According to Mound City Code, a property owner may make partial prepayment (\$100 minimum) by November 15, 2021, with the balance then being certified to the County auditor.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may, upon such notice, consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten (10) days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

Kevin Kelly  
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### Information Technology and Computer System

Keeping abreast of the fast-moving changes and advancements in technology is the responsibility of computer systems designers and IT professionals. Community colleges are a great resource for training to attain certification and earning an associate's degree in these fields can pave the way for success.

### Aerospace

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