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## SENIORS ANNOUNCE FUTURE PLANS AT DECISION DAY

On Wednesday, May 18, Orono High School held its annual Decision Day. Decision Day is where seniors share their post-high-school plans with their classmates and staff. Every senior is invited to participate. Students typically wear a shirt, jacket, hat or other garment displaying a logo signifying their post-high-school plans. Students have selected four-year colleges, technical colleges, work experience, or a gap year to work or pursue other interests. For our students with special needs, many choose a Transition program either at Orono or in the Twin Cities metro area. Although about 91 percent of Orono graduates attend a two- or four-year college after high school, Decision Day gives the student body a chance to recognize and celebrate the decision itself. (Photos courtesy Orono School District)

## Long Lake to Orono: Fire department is not for sale

BY TODD ABELN  
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There maybe some clarity in what will happen to the Long Lake Fire Department - and then again, maybe not.

The cities of Long Lake and Orono have been at odds over fire services in the two cities ever since Orono notified Long Lake that they would in 2025 be

terminating the contract that has Long Lake Fire Department provide fire services to the city of Orono.

Orono notified Long Lake in 2021 that they were terminating the fire services contract between the two cities and wanted to either take control of the Long Lake Fire Department itself or start its own Orono Fire Department.

ment.

On May 17, the Long Lake City Council sent a letter to Orono asking how much they willing to pay for Fire Station No. 1, which the two cities each own 50 percent stake in, and other financial and logistical questions the city needed answers to to decide if Long Lake was willing to sell the LLFD it has operated since 1915.

Orono responded a week later with answers to those questions and a deadline of Aug. 1, for the two cities to come to an agreement to transfer the LLFD to Orono or Orono would begin the process of creating the Orono Fire Department.

On Friday, June 10, Long Lake responded by sending a letter back to Orono basically telling Orono that the city was not interested in selling the LLFD.

"In light of those responses and many other factors, we have determined the City of Long Lake is not interested in transferring the ownership of the Long Lake Fire Department (LLFD) nor selling Station 1," the letter signed by Long Lake mayor Charlie Miner and the four Long Lake city council members states. "The City of Long Lake believes it to be in the best interest of our residents for us to continue operation and management of the LLFD."

From there Long Lake

told Orono that it intends to buy Orono's 50 percent share of Fire Station 1, located at 340 Willow Drive North in Orono.

"Per the valuation determined by the City of Orono, as noted in Item 3 of Appendix A in Mayor Walsh's letter referenced above and based upon the appraisal dated December 10, 2021, we hereby offer to purchase Orono's one-half interest in Station 1 and the real property on which it sits for \$850,000, subject to the cities reaching mutual agreement on terms of a purchase agreement," the letter stated.

Long Lake followed by proposing a closing date for the sale of Friday, July 29, to meet the Orono's Aug. 1 deadline.

That offer didn't go over well with Orono when it was discussed at its city council meeting on Monday, June 13.

"Them buying Long Lake Station 1 in the city of Orono, I will never vote for that and I will get that out there right now. I would not be OK with that," Orono council member Richard Crosby II said.

Orono council member Matt Johnson said the letter isn't helpful to the discussion of fire services in the area.

"We can't just willy-nilly sell a building without understanding the rest of the pieces. Any proposal that includes one component of all these components, is not helpful," Johnson said. "Its fodder. It's a meaningless letter in the sense that there isn't a plan there, its just 'here, fine we will buy

the building."

Johnson and fellow council member Victoria Seals urged both sides to take a deep breath and come back to the negotiation table so they can negotiate a deal that is good for both cities and residents.

"We owe it to ourselves and the residents just to chill out for a second and take a moment and have a sit down with them," Seals said. "I feel like we are shooting things across the bow, and not the best communications to be honest. Both cities can do better. We both think we are right and both are trying to come from a good place. I do feel like there is some middle ground that we just haven't found yet. We have an opportunity to do better. I think we need to pause for a second and figure this out."

Long Lake concluded its letter by asking for all necessary information for the sale of the Fire Station No. 1.

"We are disappointed that Orono has decided to abandon our successful collaborative fire services model in favor of one that gives Orono complete control and we stand behind our position expressed in our letter dated May 17, 2022. We look forward to an orderly transition in the coming years. Please provide available times for us to meet with you and discuss preparation and details of a purchase agreement and any other necessary documents to facilitate the transfer of Orono's interest in Station 1."

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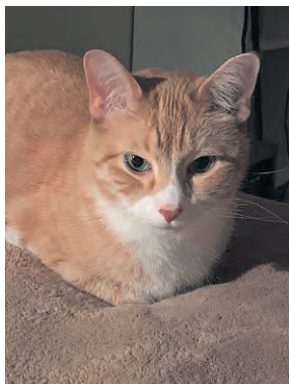
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## READERS WRITE

**Biden working to make life better for all of us**

To the editor,

I'd like to speak to those of us who voted for President Biden in the hopes of restoring some decency and sanity back in America. Although most legislation is being blocked, he is making sincere efforts on the part of all of us. To achieve any meaningful legislation we need two parties of "good faith" working toward solutions. We now have one party hell bent on big lies and wacky conspiracy theories.

The GOP has voted against infrastructure, health care, gas gouging investigations, gun safe-

ty, a baby formula bill and they even voted against the insurrection investigation after clamoring for it in the days after. And there is more obstruction to come.

President Biden is not lying to us incessantly, not bribing countries, not sleeping with porn stars, not abusing power, not attacking our institutions, not pardoning criminals, not having secret meetings with Putin, not coddling dictators, and he's not purposely causing civil unrest in order to steal an election. The last time we heard so much propaganda from one party was in 1930s Germany, and that did not end well.

One thing I think everyone can agree on: President Biden would

never, ever act with such malign intent against our nation to benefit himself or his party. That act is left for narcissitic wannabe dictators.

**Bill LaRue  
Cologne**

**Senate GOP takes funds from public schools**

To the editor,

Providing a great education for our children is something every parent strives for. I know; we raised four wonderful children who all went to the Eastern Carver County Schools.

Our public schools provide an

outstanding education for our children regardless of their needs and abilities. They do this despite the fact that the State of Minnesota has not adequately funded our public schools for decades! How do the schools do this? By making difficult decisions like cutting staff and requesting bond referendums. Surely, we want to avoid this!

As you may know, the State of Minnesota has a historic budget surplus in the range of \$9 billion. The legislature adjourned without agreeing how to fund our public schools. This is not acceptable! Support our local teachers! Your school system needs you.

Senate Republicans like Ju-

lia Coleman do not support public school funding. Instead, she co-sponsored a bill that required public schools to foot the bill for private school student services (SF925). Julia Coleman says she wants parents to have a choice whether to send their children to a public school or private school. But, she is really advocating for taking funding from the public schools and giving it to a private school. I will be supporting Dr. Dan Kessler because I know he puts the interests of our public schools first and foremost!

**Nancy Haaheim  
Chaska**

# U.S. Supreme Court is showing its evolution

In the wake of the leaked draft opinion by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito overturning *Roe v. Wade* and holding that there is no constitutional right to an abortion, there's been a tidal wave of commentary on the court's politicization. Much of it recently has come from the left or from abortion-rights advocates, arguing that the court has fallen prey to the same partisanship and polarization that have marked American politics in recent decades.

It's entirely possible that this alarm over the court's drift is simply a measure of the level of scrutiny its decisions have come in for. Certainly, over the course of my career I've seen rising public interest in what the court does and how it affects American social and political life as the justices have rendered controversial decisions that touch on the most intimate aspects of Americans' lives, from contraception and abortion to gay marriage, and on the workings of American politics in a divided age — I'm thinking particularly of the *Citizens United* decision and *Bush v. Gore*, though a series of redistricting decisions also come to mind.



**LEE  
HAMILTON**

GUEST COLUMN

At the same time, this is hardly the first time that the court's politicization has become a hot topic. It came up repeatedly during the hearings on President Trump's nominations of Amy Coney Barrett and, before her, Brett Kavanaugh, with their supporters on the right deploring the extent to which critics on the left were doing their best to undercut support for the nominees. It came up during George W. Bush's administration, when the appointments of Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts created a bloc of four conservatives who voted consistently with one another, creating an obvious ideological divide on the court. In fact, it's come up repeatedly during our history — all the way back to 1801.

To be sure, it seems inarguable that the court is more polarized than it was a few decades ago. This is, in the end, largely a reflection of the polarization of the Senate. In the past, presidents often sought to nominate justices who could command the broad center of that institution: people like John Paul Stevens, who was a liberal Republican, or Lewis Powell, a conservative Democrat. But those days are over, at least for now. When President Obama sought to nominate Merrick Garland — a judge who enjoyed support on both sides of the aisle — Senate leader Mitch McConnell blocked the move in a bid to ensure a justice purely to Republicans' liking, a gamble that culminated in President Trump's success naming three reliably conservative justices.

I've never bought into the idea that the court is above and beyond politics. Justices can't help but have their political biases. I think that, at least in the past, they worked hard to put them aside, but doing so completely is an impossible task. They do not check their politics at the front door, although most justices do try to be impartial

and to decide a case as the law requires — at least, as they see it.

In this day, can the court regain some of the respect it's lost among Americans at large? A lot, I believe, will depend on the justices' behavior. They have to be good listeners. They have to be prepared to learn from one another and to possess enough humility to recognize that they don't have the answer to every question. They need to pay attention to experts in the field they're considering. Obviously, they should have a deep respect, if not reverence, for the law and for precedence. They should pay attention to what the Congress says in its legislation and its legislative history. And, I would suggest, they need to balance the framers' points of view with the experiences of the ordinary Americans whose lives will inevitably be affected by every decision they make.

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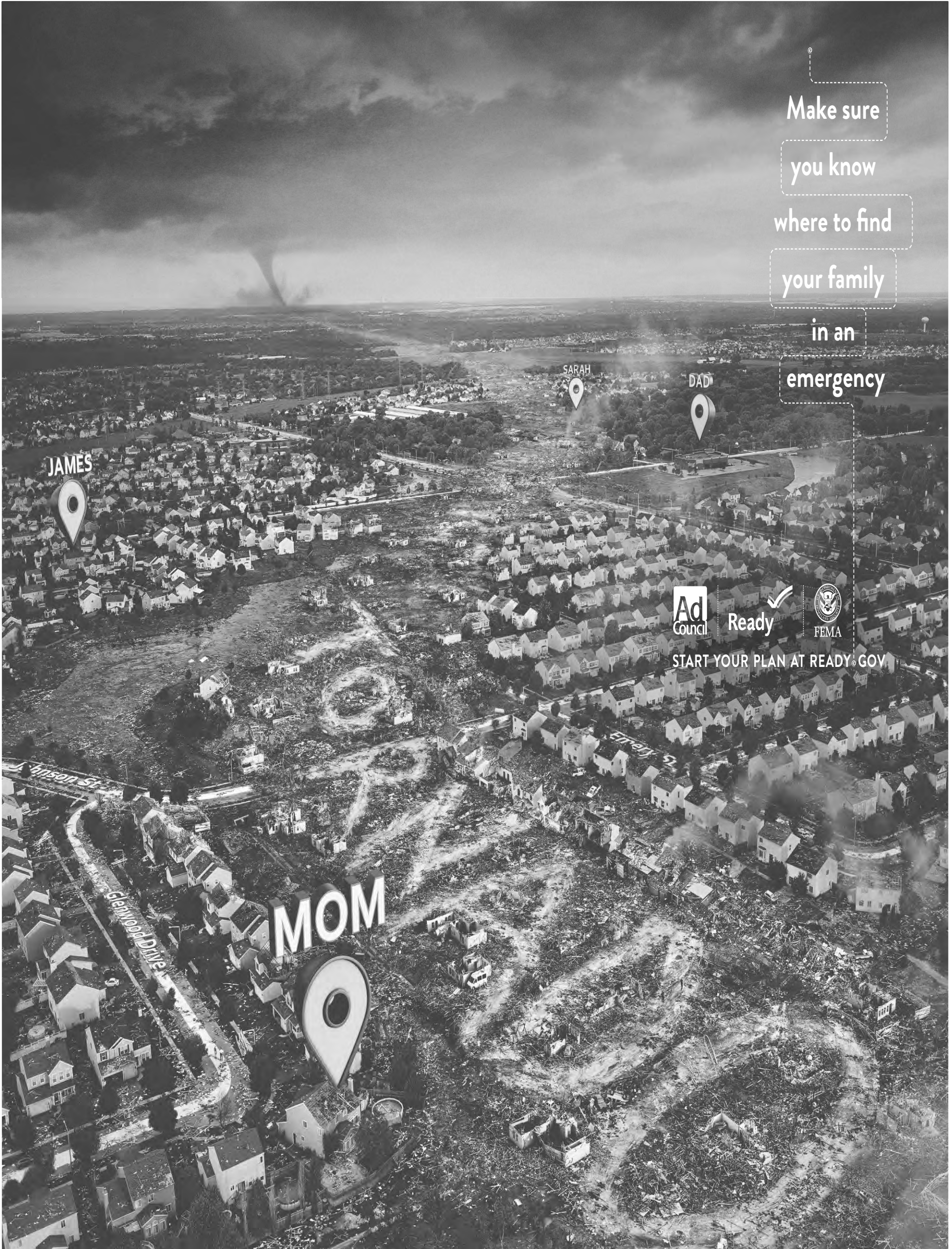
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## No COVID-19 'hero pay' upsets child care providers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Child care providers across Minnesota are upset that they're not eligible for the state's COVID-19 "hero pay" program.

Gov. Tim Walz signed the program into law in April. It enables people who were employed for at least 120 hours in at least one front-line sector job outside their homes between March 15, 2020, and June 30, 2021 to apply for state-funded bonuses. State officials have estimated about 667,000 workers will receive about \$750 each.

But the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported Sunday that about 6,450 child care providers who operate out of their homes are likely ineligible if they are sole proprietors rather than limited liability companies. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry has said sole proprietors and independent contractors aren't eligible because they're not considered employees.

Julie Fees, who runs an at-home day care in St. Paul, says it's "infuriating" that child care providers

like her aren't eligible, especially since by watching their children they enabled other workers to keep the economy functioning during the pandemic.

"When COVID happened, at the very beginning, everyone was petrified," Fees said, noting that state leaders, including Walz, asked day cares to stay open so doctors, nurses and others could go to work. "To be specifically called out and asked to step up and then be eliminated because we are sole proprietors?"

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# Maple Plain puts Collision Corner on notice

BY TODD ABELN  
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After years of trying to get Collision Corner to comply with a conditional use permit, the city of Maple Plain has taken the necessary steps to revoke the CUP.

The Maple Plain city council unanimously passed a motion that directed city staff to prepare a resolution to revoke the 2016 CUP for Collision Corner at 5060 US Highway 12 in Maple Plain at a special business meeting it held on Monday, June 13.

That resolution will be brought before the council for consideration at its next meeting on Monday, June 27. At that meeting, the council can either vote to revoke the CUP, reject the resolution or decide on another action involving the CUP for Collision Corner.

The CUP for Collision Corner was first issued in 1985, and there have been multiple amendments to the CUP since that time, most recently in 2016. CUPs are permits that provide a property with special rights over and above the basic zoning regulations, but a CUP also may impose conditions in exchange for those

special rights.

The city contends that Collision Corner has not been in compliance for multiple years. City planner Mark Kaltsas presented to the council the most recent findings on how Collision Corner is not in compliance with the CUP issued to the business in 2016.

The 2016 CUP calls for Collision Corner to have a total of 77 parking spaces with parking and storage in permitted areas only. Other conditions to the permits include no parking of vehicles shall be permitted on Boundary Avenue outside of the areas designated on the Site Plan; landscaping to screen the northeast corner of the Property; building and street lighting pursuant to the Site Plan; no parking signage as designated on the Site Plan; the business must provide emergency vehicle/public safety access route as designated on the Site Plan; a blacktop driveway to the For Sale area as designated on the Site Plan; and all parking spaces must be striped according to city standards.

Kaltsas told the council that staff inspected the property on Monday, June 6, and found

that they had 102 cars parked on the property. Kaltsas also said not all required landscaping is there, parking areas have not been striped, there is no blacktop driveway leading to the for sale area, permanent "No Parking" signage has not been installed, and an emergency vehicle/public safety access route as designated on plan is not provided.

The city certified \$31,000 to the tax rolls in unpaid fines in 2021 to Collision Corner.

After the presentation from Kaltsas, Collision Corner owner Kurt Kroll stepped to the podium and told the council he has been working hard to get into compliance and asked for 30 days to finish.

"It's been a little trying, but I'm doing as much as I can do trying to clean up what we have going on down there," Kroll said. "The last few years have been a little difficult but we are getting through it. We are over on the car count continuously, we realize that and we have been trying for the last few years to try to get a grasp on it and control it better."

Kroll said he did the landscaping a few years back but it all died and that since the

pandemic started its been tough to maintain employees in order to have the manpower to comply with the CUP.

"It's been a challenge," Kroll said. "We are trying to make some improvements to come into compliance with the Conditional Use Permit but we just don't have the manpower to do it as quickly as we would like to see it done, but we are trying. I'm asking for probably 30 days to come back with all this and see what we can do to bring it into compliance."

The council didn't give him 30 days but did give him until the next council meeting on Monday, June 27 to come into compliance before they take a vote on the resolution to revoke the CUP.

"It's been over the past 10 to 12 years that the city has truly tried to work with Kurt and Collision Corner to continue to modify these CUPs in order to allow his business to run and run according to how his business should operate," council member John Fay said. "I truly hear the same plea 'I just needed a little bit more time.' Have we forgotten what happened in 2012 and 14, and 15, and 16 and what's

transpired really over the last five years through three different mayors, three different administrators. There's been a lot of avoidance, deceit. I just don't know if you've given us an avenue to extend this out anymore."

Council member Mike DeLuca concurred with Fay, "This is one of the most painful things I've experienced. Considering revoking a CUP for a business in town is not something I take lightly. It's been 10 years. That business has not been in compliance with any conditional use permit in the 10 years that I've been on council and on the planning commission. I think it would be honest to say that there probably wasn't a moment in time that you've been in compliance."

With that the council told Kroll to show them something before the resolution comes before them on Monday, June 27.

"Give me a reason in two weeks that I can vote no for that," DeLuca said. "I challenge you to give me a reason in two weeks to vote no."

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## Hunt is on for Spirit of the Lakes medallion

The Spirit of the Lakes Festival is returning this year from Thursday, July 21 to Saturday, July 23.

Included in this year's festivities is a medallion hunt with clues being given each week until the medallion is found. The winner will receive a \$300 cash prize. For more information on the medallion hunt and the Spirit of the Lake visit the web site [spiritofthelakes.com](http://spiritofthelakes.com). The clues will be revealed on the website on the following dates at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 25, Sunday, June 26, Saturday, July 2, Sunday, July 3, Saturday, July 9, Sunday, July 10, Saturday, July 16, Sunday, July 17 and Saturday, July 23.

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# Mound greenlights Harbor District housing plan

BY EMMA LOHMAN  
FOR LAKER PIONEER

The Mound City Council has approved two separate housing projects to move forward, both located in the Harbor District in downtown Mound.

At its meeting on June 14, the council approved a purchase agreement from NHH Properties to acquire a fifth of an acre of city property for construction of seven row homes and approximately 4,000 to 6,000 square feet of commercial office space at the southeast corner of the intersection of Old Shoreline Drive and Commerce Boulevard. The council also approved an updated purchase and development agreement for the proposed Artessa Mound project, a 52-unit cooperative living project for individuals over age 62, which the council approved in 2020.

According to NHH Properties' proposed mixed-use project application, the row homes

and office space will be sold at market rate and will be overseen by a homeowners association. Prior to approving the purchase agreement, the council discussed the fact that the project is contingent on approval by the planning commission. Developer Adam Seraphine said he hopes to break ground before the end of the year, assuming the project receives all necessary approvals.

The council also heard from Ben Landhauser from Lifestyle Properties, LLC regarding the new timeline for the Artessa Mound project. The project was delayed due to issues related to recording of the city's plat. Landhauser explained that under the new plan infrastructure improvements will begin by Nov. 1 this year. Building construction is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 1, 2024, with landscaping to be done by April 1, 2024. According to Landhauser, 55 percent of the units have already been pre-sold. Sixty percent is the threshold needed to

start construction.

The council expressed concerns that a temporary easement granted to Lifestyle Properties for utilities hookup would affect farmer's market operations, but it was determined that the connection could be made outside of the time frame of the market season. However, development of the adjacent parking lot is likely to affect the current parking situation for farmer's market vendors and customers.

The council also approved bids and quotes on several sidewalk and street repair projects. Although the bid for the downtown paver sidewalks replacement project of \$245,000 came in 43 percent higher than the engineer's estimate, the council decided to accept it because the current state of the sidewalk represents a liability for the city and lower prices are not guaranteed by delaying and rebidding.

According to City Engineer Brian Simons, the nature of the work, a very busy construction

season, and rising material and labor prices contributed to the higher prices than estimated. In response, the council made a recommendation to city staff to start the bidding for sidewalk projects earlier in the season for the following year. The council also awarded a crack repair project for \$29,000 and a fog sealing project for several trails and alleyways for \$16,705.

In addition, Steve McDonald from Abdo, the city's accounting firm, presented the city's 2021 annual financial report to the council. He indicated that the city is in a healthy financial position, and that in looking at key performance indicators, Mound compares favorably to Hennepin County and benchmark cities in terms of tax rates and taxes per capita. Meanwhile, Mound's expenditures are actually less than comparable cities. While Mound's debt per capita is higher than Hennepin County and benchmark cities, it has been trending down over the

last four years, yet debt service expenditures as a percentage of total expenditures remains high.

Two other items on the council's agenda related to public nuisances. The council ordered the residents of 4900 Edgewater Drive to bring a yard light on the lakeside portion of the property into compliance after receiving several complaints that the light is very bright and shines on adjacent properties. The city had previously sent two notices and the residents were given 10 days to correct the problem.

The council also addressed the grass/noxious weeds abatement process. Currently, property owners are given 10 days to mow their lawn after they receive notice that they are out of compliance. After 10 days, Beniek Property Services is notified to come and force mow. The council decided that the force mow should be scheduled 10 days from when the notice is given in order to streamline the process.

## GOP candidate Jensen threatens retaliation against medical board

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen has threatened to retaliate against the Minnesota board that oversees doctors, which is investigating him for the fifth time, vowing that "this juggernaut will be dealt with" if he's elected.

Jensen is a COVID-19 vaccine skeptic who has called for civil disobedience over masks and promoted alternative treatments such as ivermectin. He has also said Minnesota's Democratic secretary of state, Steve Simon, should be jailed over his running of the state's election system. Jensen won the GOP endorsement last month to challenge incumbent Democratic Gov. Tim Walz, whom he has sharply criticized for his response to the pandemic.

Jensen, a family practice physician from Chaska and former state senator, criticized the board at a campaign event Monday and renewed his attack with a video he posted to Twitter Thursday night. Jensen said all five investigations were based on allegations from anonymous critics. Jensen said he has provided information to the board, but has heard nothing back in months.

"I should not have to

practice medicine, or run for governor, with this cloud of, if you will, uncertainty hanging over my head," Jensen said in his video. "And yet that's what I'm doing. I'm living with that."

Jensen noted in response to a question about the board at Monday's event that if he's elected, he'll get to appoint members to the medical board. "And I said this juggernaut will be dealt with," he added in his video, describing the board as a "massive, inexorable force" that's been turned against him for political reasons.

"I will not stand for the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice being weaponized," he said.

The governor-appointed board comprises 16 people — including physicians, members of the public and an osteopath — who can serve up to two consecutive four-year terms. All were first appointed by Democratic governors and nine seats are due for appointment or reappointment in the next gubernatorial term. Members generally can be removed only for cause or missing meetings.

"The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice investigates complaints as required by and in accordance with state laws and rules," its executive

director, Ruth Martinez, said in an email. "The Board does not have a response to Dr. Jensen's comments."

The board does not comment on any complaint unless it decides corrective action is necessary. According to Jen-

sen, it dismissed the first four complaints against him without action.

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which represents more than 12,000 physicians, residents and medical students, defended the Board of Medical Practice.

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# 10 Mound track stars earn All-State honors

Mound Westonka High School sent a record 13 athletes to the 2022 MSHSL State Track and Field Meet June 9-11 at St. Michael-Albertville High School. The White Hawks' state lineup included four individual event participants and three relay teams.

The top nine finishers in each event stand on the heralded podium and are named All-State. In the end, 10 White Hawks competitors earned All-State honors. It is estimated that over 25,000 spectators visited the stadium over the three days to cheer on the state's top athletes.

The girls 4x100 relay of junior Micah Boyce, junior Ellen Pruitt, ninth-grader Avery Olson and senior Bella Lund have been top placers all season long and entered the meet heavily favored to place in the top eight. With the completion of the qualifying heats, the White Hawks speedsters were seeded first heading into the finals. The first three legs of the championship race ran strong, giving Boyce the baton, tied for the lead, into the final stretch. In a dramatic sprint to



The Mound Westonka track and field teams earned 10 All-State honors at the state meet. (Submitted photos)

the finish, amidst the cheers of thousands in the stands, the team was rewarded with second place in an All-State performance of 49.45 seconds, breaking the school record set in the previous meet. This is only the second time in Mound Westonka track program history for a second-place state finish.

It had been 14 years since the White Hawks sent a thrower to state, but junior and two-sport state qualifier (wrestling, track and field) Sam Dioszeghy ended that drought. Making it

past the qualifying rounds, Dioszeghy's first throw in the finals, a 150 feet, was enough to earn him an All-State. He finished fifth overall.

The school pole vault record holder, junior Payton Kasper, also surpassed qualifying and sailed for a spot on the podium. Kasper battled until the bitter end with the state's premier vaulters and catapulted himself to third place overall with All-State honors in his first year in the sport.

Coming off their school record performance from the

previous week's section meet, the boys 4x800 relay team was not to be denied the podium. The race was a two-heat final with the White Hawks boys featured in the second, faster heat. Junior Jack Markstrom ran a solid opening leg with junior Logan Kevitt and senior Josh Engesser keeping them on pace. In his final race as a White Hawk, three-sport state qualifier (cross country, Nordic, track and field) senior Lance Nemecek brought the baton around the track two times quickly enough to secure

an eighth-place, All-State finish.

In another program first, the White Hawks sent two runners to the same running event. In addition to qualifying in the 4x800, Nemecek and Markstrom placed first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run at sections, earning them both a spot representing 6AA at state. Markstrom delivered a PR run in qualifications with a 2:00:35, and Nemecek ran a 2:00:84, placing them 11th and 12th, respectively.

When asked her thoughts about the team's performance, an enormously proud head coach Sara Schwartz exclaimed:

"The White Hawks competed great at the state meet. To have 13 kids earn a trip to state and have 10 of them earn All-State is amazing! They have worked so hard all season and it really paid off. They are a great group of athletes and people. We will miss our seniors next season but have a strong group coming back."

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## WESTONKA GOLFER COMPETES AT STATE

Matthew Uhas, a junior at Mound Westonka, competed at the Class 2A State Golf Tournament on June 14-15. Uhas shot an 81 on the first day in 20-30 mile per hour winds, and a 79 on the second day with a 2.5 hour rain delay. He finished 33rd out of 88 players at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan. (Submitted photo)

# Orono boys lacrosse wraps up season

The Orono boys lacrosse season came to an end on Tuesday, June 2 against Buffalo in the second round of the sectional playoffs.

The first-round opponent were the Waconia Wildcats and the Spartans won 14-1. Next up were the Buffalo Bison, the undefeated Lake Conference champions and the top offensive power in the state. The Spartans lost 13-4 to end the season. Defense-man Gage Kracht made the All-Section team.

The Spartans finished with a record of 5-10. What the record does not show is that we had one of the toughest schedules, playing six of the top-10 teams in the state.

This year we had the largest roster for our high school lacrosse program with 42 players on both junior varsity and varsity. The team was led by senior co-captains David Antonenko, Charlie Brophy, Jack Kopesky, Sam Swearingen and Junior co-captain Joey



The Orono boys lacrosse team wrapped up the season with a loss in the second round of the playoffs to Buffalo. (Submitted photo)

Lieberman.

Swearingen was the recipient of the "60 for No. 60" Jersey, representing Jake Anderson's legacy of kindness, leadership, sportsmanship and character, the four pillars of the Give 60 for No. 60 Foundation.

Named All-Conference were junior defenseman Spencer Greene and junior attack Avery Anderson. Honorable

mention for All-Conference went to sophomore defenseman Gage Kracht and junior attack Joey Greenagel.

At the team banquet on Tuesday, June 14, MVP went to junior Avery Anderson, Rookie of the Year to senior Cal Ehlen and Most Improved player went to junior Wyatt Dixon. All-Academic went to senior Jack Kopesky, who will be attending the University of

Notre Dame in the fall.

The recipients of the junior varsity Awards were MVP freshman Caleb Reader, Most Improved Player junior Victor Mshihiri and Rookie of the Year to freshman Alex Losie.

The players voted Anderson and Greenagel co-captains to join returning captain Lieberman. The No. 60 jersey was presented to Avery Anderson by Swearingen alongside

Kristi and Bill Anderson, Jake's parents.

The team was led by Coach Cory Childs and his staff Alex Horras, Brett Templin and former Spartan Cooper Tokar. The senior team Managers were Ruby Thomas, Sophia Capeces and Tyler Pleimann.

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**ORONO ROTARY CLUB** - The Orono Rotary Club meets weekly on Thursdays throughout each month. Meetings are held in Orono City Hall, 7:15-8:15 am, each Thursday. All meetings are open to visitors and

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Zvago Long Lake future members join Long Lake mayor Charlie Miner in a traditional soil melding ceremony evolved by development team Lifestyle Communities. (Submitted photos)

# Groundbreaking held for Long Lake development

BY TODD ABELN

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Long Lake mayor Charlie Miner presided over the official groundbreaking ceremony of Zvago Long Lake on Thursday, June 16 at the construction site along with many of the future Zvago owners and key stakeholders that all helped make this development possible.

Zvago Long Lake is a new 57-unit cooperative coming to Long Lake and has already sold over 60 percent of the homes. This is the sixth Zvago cooperative community developed by OneTwoOne Development, a partnership between Lifestyle Communities, LLC and Ecumen.

Lifestyle Communities over its many years of cooperative developments has created a long-standing tradition with

new cooperative members taking part in a Soil Melding Ceremony. This soil melding ceremony symbolizes combining the old with the new and has the future Zvago members bring soil from their previous homes to blend with the soil of their future home.

“We have had individuals travel far and wide to collect dirt from their childhood homes to their current homes to a potted plant to bring and blend with the soils of their future home. It truly is a magical experience,” said Dena Meyer, President of Lifestyle Communities. She said that this soil melding ceremony, is a favorite tradition for many members. “We’re committed to creating exceptional living options with personalized design in locations that connect with people’s interests and lifestyles. Zvago Long Lake does just that in a beautiful setting.”

Zvago Long Lake offers an amenity-rich community, including a private pickleball court, makerspace, great room, wellness studio, entertainment suite, lakeside terrace, rooftop patio, guest suite for visiting friends and family, electric car charging station, and more. In addition to the nearly 8,000 square feet of indoor common space, Zvago has easy access to dining, shopping and outdoor recreation including Long Lake, Nelson Lakeside Park, Baker Park Reserve, several revered golf courses and the Luce Line Trail.

“Members are active, and Zvago Long Lake’s location will make access to common conveniences, recreation and entertainment easy, in a very walkable community,” Meyer said, “We’re excited to bring this new housing option to the west metro.”

Zvago Long Lake is located at 1948 Wayzata Boulevard. Long Lake is next door to Wayzata, Orono and Plymouth, and is only 20 minutes from downtown Minneapolis. For more information, visit [zvagoliving.com](http://zvagoliving.com) or call 952-206-2006.

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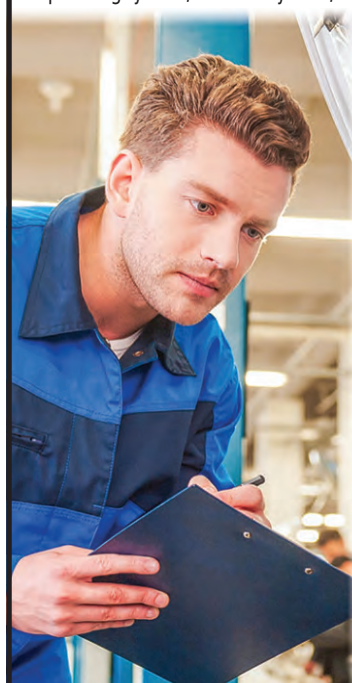
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| Watertown                   | 46     | 27      | 58   | \$332,195       |
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# WeCAN to participate in Food Shelf Challenge

BY LORRIE HAM  
FOR LAKER PIONEER

You are invited to accept the 2022 Food Shelf Challenge from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN) this July.

Minnesota summers were made for trips to the cabin, boat rides on the lake, and farmers’ market outings. But for thousands of Minnesotans, children are home from school and the family budget is tight. To help fill that gap, WeCAN provides nutritious foods through the Kids’ Food Bag Program.

WeCAN sees an increase in child visits during the summer. When school is out for summer vacation, many children miss out on free school meals and their families turn to WeCAN for support.

You can make an impact on hungry

families by donating throughout the month of July. The more you donate, the larger WeCAN’s grant from Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless will be. The challenge funds will proportionally match your donation. Your financial donation will go further since WeCAN is able to purchase food from area food banks for pennies on the pound.

WeCAN is hosting a custom designed tee-shirt sale fundraiser this year in conjunction with the summer challenge. Visit their website at [wecanmn.org](http://wecanmn.org) for details. All proceeds will go toward the match challenge.

WeCAN appreciates the support of Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless and Hunger Solutions Minnesota for providing this challenge grant opportunity.

“We are grateful for the community’s

support in helping us fight local hunger this summer,” said program coordinator Emily Graupmann.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the Kids’ Food Bag Program are also appreciated. Items needed include peanut butter, cereal, mac and cheese, fruit cups, juice boxes, apple-sauce, breakfast bars and kid-friendly snacks.

Since 1986, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless has targeted millions of dollars to strategically fight hunger and homelessness in Minnesota. With help from these funds, organizations throughout the state are better able

to serve the growing number of Minnesotans who can’t afford enough food for their families.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota is the statewide organization that coordinates this challenge grant opportunity. Hunger Solutions works to end hunger via the Minnesota Food HelpLine and by advancing fair public nutrition policies on behalf of hungry Minnesotans.

WeCAN’s Kids’ Food Bag Program runs throughout the summer and during other school breaks. For more information on WeCAN, visit [wecanmn.org](http://wecanmn.org) or call 952-472-0742.



WeCAN staffers show off the new T-shirt designed specially for the Summer Food Challenge. (Submitted photo)

## Legals

### CITY OF SPRING PARK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Spring Park Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter on Wednesday July 13, 2022, at Spring Park City Hall, located at 4349 Warren Avenue, to consider the application for a zoning code text amendment to the C-4 Office Commercial Zoning District to allow by conditional use permit the conversion of an

office building to a hotel/restaurant with outdoor dining. The C-4 zoning district is applicable to the property legally described below within the City of Spring Park Minnesota:

Legal Description:  
ADDRESS:  
4165 Shoreline Drive.  
PID: 181-172-344-0022  
Legal: Register Land Survey  
Number 1106

citizens regarding the proposed zoning code text amendments will be heard at the public hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting and will be afforded the opportunity to speak on the applications during the public hearing.

Jamie Hoffman  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF SHOREWOOD, MINNESOTA  
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SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT  
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

|                                    | Total        |             | Percent<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) |   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                    | 2021         | 2020        |                                   |   |
| Revenues                           |              |             |                                   |   |
| Taxes                              | \$6,223,993  | \$6,411,517 | (2.92)                            | % |
| Franchise fees                     | 319,409      | -           | N/A                               |   |
| Licenses and permits               | 556,916      | 535,220     | 4.05                              |   |
| Intergovernmental                  | 434,679      | 765,716     | (43.23)                           |   |
| Charges for services               | 195,427      | 85,422      | 128.78                            |   |
| Fines and forfeitures              | 56,978       | 52,115      | 9.33                              |   |
| Special assessments                | 6,432        | 5,395       | 19.22                             |   |
| Interest on investments            | (1,749)      | 96,326      | (101.82)                          |   |
| Miscellaneous                      | 1,178,386    | 1,185,960   | (0.64)                            |   |
| Total Revenues                     | \$8,970,471  | \$9,137,671 | (1.83)                            | % |
| Per Capita                         | \$1,153      | \$1,152     | 0.07                              | % |
| Expenditures                       |              |             |                                   |   |
| Current                            |              |             |                                   |   |
| General government                 | 1,641,103    | \$1,524,219 | 7.67                              | % |
| Public safety                      | 1,950,567    | 1,870,788   | 4.26                              |   |
| Public works                       | 1,072,369    | 1,120,619   | (4.31)                            |   |
| Culture and recreation             | 382,188      | 368,957     | 3.59                              |   |
| Capital outlay                     |              |             |                                   |   |
| General government                 | -            | 46,612      | (100.00)                          |   |
| Public safety                      | 474,560      | 485,275     | (2.21)                            |   |
| Public works                       | 4,634,027    | 2,199,638   | 110.67                            |   |
| Culture and recreation             | 362,646      | 354,723     | 2.23                              |   |
| Economic development               | 246,166      | 233,354     | 5.49                              |   |
| Debt service                       |              |             |                                   |   |
| Principal                          | 955,000      | 940,000     | 1.60                              |   |
| Interest and service charges       | 148,034      | 109,498     | 35.19                             |   |
| Total Expenditures                 | \$11,866,660 | \$9,253,683 | 28.24                             | % |
| Per Capita                         | \$1,525      | \$1,166     | 30.73                             | % |
| Total Long-term Indebtedness       | \$8,585,500  | \$6,255,000 | 37.25                             | % |
| Per Capita                         | \$1,103      | \$788       | 39.91                             | % |
| General Fund Balance - December 31 | \$5,648,836  | \$5,323,473 | 6.11                              | % |
| Per Capita                         | \$726        | \$671       | 8.17                              | % |

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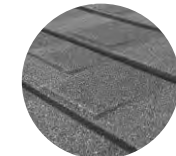
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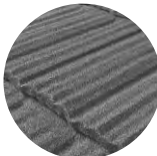
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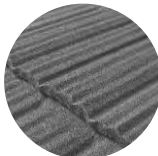
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# Summer meal plans cut after funding dries up

**BY TODD ABELN**  
reporter.patriot@apgecm.com

Unlike the past couple of summers, Orono Public Schools will not be offering meals this summer to students.

The Orono Child Nutrition announced that their kitchen operations are closed for this summer but offered other options for area families for free meals for kids. The Westonka School District is also unable to offer free meals at any school or any drop site in the summer of 2022 due to federal COVID-19 waivers expiring on the last day of school.

However, there are options for your family this summer.

Free Nutritious Meals For Kids 18 And Under is only a click away with the Free Meals for Kids mobile app that helps families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota.

Here is how it works: 1. Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone; 2. Use the app to find the nearest site providing

meals by GPS; 3. Click on the nearby site and use the Site Updates tab for more details; 4. Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media. Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores.

There are free meal sites across the state at schools and community locations. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of operation. More sites are added daily. For more information: [www.hungerimpactpartners.org](http://www.hungerimpactpartners.org). Several locations are in public parks or within close access to a library or playground to provide an extra activity before or after mealtime.

Another option is the Free Farmer's Markets provided by The Westonka Food Shelf. The Westonka Food Shelf will be holding free farmer's markets for fresh local produce over six weekends this summer. There is no registration or requirements to participate. Dates and locations are posted on the Orono Child Nutrition Instagram page.



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| CITY OF MOUND, MINNESOTA<br>SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT<br>REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS -<br>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS<br>FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020  |              |              |                             |             |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|   | Total        |              | Percent Increase (Decrease) |             |              |
|   | 2021         | 2020         |                             |             |              |
| REVENUES  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Taxes   | \$7,576,661  | \$7,599,933  | (0.31)                      | %           |              |
| Licenses and permits  | 497,617      | 454,660      | 9.45                        |             |              |
| Intergovernmental   | 880,991      | 1,834,294    | (51.97)                     |             |              |
| Charges for services  | 996,765      | 932,546      | 6.89                        |             |              |
| Fines and forfeitures   | 28,273       | 22,939       | 23.25                       |             |              |
| Special assessments   | 692,330      | 772,846      | (10.42)                     |             |              |
| Interest on investments   | 11,443       | 27,938       | (59.04)                     |             |              |
| Miscellaneous   | 456,682      | 428,425      | 6.60                        |             |              |
| Total Revenues  | \$11,140,762 | \$12,073,581 | (7.73)                      | %           |              |
| Per Capita  | \$1,185      | \$1,278      | (7.28)                      | %           |              |
| EXPENDITURES  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Current   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| General government  | \$1,137,971  | \$1,694,250  | (32.83)                     | %           |              |
| Public safety   | 3,719,610    | 3,568,621    | 4.23                        |             |              |
| Public works  | 740,960      | 789,247      | (6.12)                      |             |              |
| Culture and recreation  | 607,339      | 582,428      | 4.28                        |             |              |
| Housing and economic development  | 78,575       | 92,800       | (15.33)                     |             |              |
| Capital outlay  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| General government  | -            | 28,211       | (100.00)                    |             |              |
| Public safety   | 83,658       | 213,547      | (60.82)                     |             |              |
| Public works  | 604,243      | 910,193      | (33.61)                     |             |              |
| Culture and recreation  | 118,297      | 154,577      | (23.47)                     |             |              |
| Housing and economic development  | 165,590      | 148,439      | 11.55                       |             |              |
| Debt service  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Principal   | 2,821,633    | 2,891,119    | (2.40)                      |             |              |
| Interest and service charges  | 517,245      | 683,479      | (24.32)                     |             |              |
| Total Expenditures  | \$10,595,121 | \$11,756,911 | (9.88)                      | %           |              |
| Per Capita  | \$1,127      | \$1,245      | (9.48)                      | %           |              |
| Total Long-term Indebtedness  | \$16,924,886 | \$19,746,519 | (14.29)                     | %           |              |
| Per Capita  | 1,801        | 2,090        | (13.83)                     |             |              |
| General Fund Balance - December 31  | \$3,323,695  | \$3,327,320  | (0.11)                      | %           |              |
| Per Capita  | 354          | 352          | 0.57                        |             |              |
| The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Mound to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at City Hall, 2415 Wilshire Blvd, Mound, Minnesota 55364. Questions about this report should be directed to Catherine Pausche, Administrative Services Director at (952) 472-0633. |              |              |                             |             |              |
| STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION<br>PROPRIETARY FUNDS<br>DECEMBER 31, 2021  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| 609   | 601          | 602          | 670                         | 675         |              |
| Municipal Liquor  | Water        | Sewer        | Recycling                   | Storm Water | Total        |
| 2021  | 2021         | 2021         | 2021                        | 2021        | 2021         |
| Assets  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Current Assets  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Cash and temporary investments  | \$861,962    | \$-          | \$-                         | \$-         | \$861,962    |
| Receivables   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Accounts  | -            | 538,283      | 686,772                     | 57,298      | 1,314,917    |
| Special assessments   | -            | 261,153      | -                           | -           | 261,153      |
| Due from other funds  | -            | -            | 1,814,346                   | 203,457     | 2,017,803    |
| Inventory   | 478,232      | 12,100       | -                           | -           | 490,332      |
| Prepaid items   | -            | -            | -                           | -           | -            |
| Total Current Assets  | 1,340,194    | 811,536      | 2,501,118                   | 260,755     | 4,946,167    |
| Noncurrent Assets   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Capital assets, at cost   | 1,477,701    | 28,801,428   | 21,704,263                  | -           | 58,814,935   |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation  | (699,777)    | (10,262,129) | (9,222,456)                 | -           | (22,681,821) |
| Net Capital Assets  | 777,924      | 18,539,299   | 12,481,807                  | -           | 36,133,114   |
| Total Assets  | 2,118,118    | 19,350,835   | 14,982,925                  | 260,755     | 41,079,281   |
| Liabilities   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Current Liabilities   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Accounts payable  | 37,851       | 54,160       | 168,228                     | 14,495      | 274,734      |
| Deposits Payable  | -            | -            | 17,395                      | -           | 17,395       |
| Accrued salaries payable  | 10,054       | 5,283        | 5,283                       | -           | 20,620       |
| Due to other governments  | 38,113       | 363          | -                           | -           | 38,476       |
| Due to other funds  | -            | 3,698,695    | -                           | -           | 4,971,710    |
| Accrued interest payable  | -            | 147,103      | 101,136                     | -           | 283,176      |
| Unearned Revenue  | -            | 157,459      | -                           | -           | 157,459      |
| Current portion of compensated absences payable   | 21,878       | 15,499       | 15,499                      | -           | 52,876       |
| Current portion of bonds payable  | -            | 1,122,505    | 707,255                     | -           | 2,126,366    |
| Total Current Liabilities   | 107,896      | 5,201,067    | 1,014,796                   | 14,495      | 7,942,812    |
| Noncurrent Liabilities  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Compensated absences payable  | 14,586       | 10,333       | 10,333                      | -           | 35,252       |
| Bonds payable   | -            | 11,435,434   | 10,071,319                  | -           | 24,473,628   |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities  | 14,586       | 11,445,767   | 10,081,652                  | -           | 24,508,880   |
| Total Liabilities   | 122,482      | 16,646,834   | 11,096,448                  | 14,495      | 32,451,692   |
| Net Position  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Net investment in capital assets  | 777,924      | 6,218,094    | 1,703,233                   | -           | 10,140,949   |
| Unrestricted  | 1,217,712    | (3,514,093)  | 2,183,244                   | 246,260     | (1,513,360)  |
| Total Net Position  | \$1,995,636  | \$2,704,001  | \$3,886,477                 | \$246,260   | \$8,627,589  |
| The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.   |              |              |                             |             |              |
| STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION<br>PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| 609   | 601          | 602          | 670                         | 675         |              |
| Liquor  | Water        | Sewer        | Recycling                   | Storm Water | Total        |
| 2021  | 2021         | 2021         | 2021                        | 2021        | 2021         |
| Operating Revenues  |              |              |                             |             |              |
| Sales   | \$3,873,955  | \$-          | \$-                         | \$-         | \$3,873,955  |
| Cost of sales   | (2,756,169)  | -            | -                           | -           | (2,756,169)  |
| Gross Profit  | 1,117,786    | -            | -                           | -           | 1,117,786    |
| CONTINUED.....  |              |              |                             |             |              |

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

|  | Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund |               |               |                   |                     |               |
|--|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | 609  | 601           | 602           | 670               | 675                 |               |
|  | Liquor<br>2021                             | Water<br>2021 | Sewer<br>2021 | Recycling<br>2021 | Storm Water<br>2021 | Total<br>2021 |
| Charges for Services   | -  | 2,075,743     | 2,553,817     | 182,193           | 136,925             | 4,948,678     |
| Penalties  | -  | 40,664        | 42,560        | 3,139             | 914                 | 87,277        |
| Total Operating Revenues                                     | 1,117,786                                  | 2,116,407     | 2,596,377     | 185,332           | 137,839             | 6,153,741     |
| Operating Expenses   |  |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Personnel services   | 340,218                                    | 291,218       | 290,522       | 527               | (6)                 | 922,479       |
| Supplies   | 16,401                                     | 74,750        | 29,053        | -                 | 1,800               | 122,004       |
| Professional services  | 48,566                                     | 76,965        | 73,668        | -                 | -                   | 199,199       |
| Communications   | 17,413                                     | 13,993        | 11,682        | -                 | -                   | 43,088        |
| Insurance  | 17,898                                     | 7,819         | 17,902        | -                 | -                   | 43,619        |
| Utilities  | 22,664                                     | 46,317        | 48,695        | -                 | -                   | 117,676       |
| Repairs and maintenance                                      | 27,294                                     | 15,503        | 33,740        | -                 | -                   | 76,537        |
| Rent   | 11,891                                     | -             | -             | -                 | -                   | 11,891        |
| Other contractual services                                   | 8,774                                      | 153,930       | 138,896       | 197,459           | 36,335              | 535,394       |
| Metropolitan Council Environmental Services disposal charges | -  | -             | 900,870       | -                 | -                   | 900,870       |
| Depreciation   | 39,411                                     | 882,785       | 594,688       | -                 | 234,948             | 1,751,832     |
| Miscellaneous  | 104,673                                    | 13,716        | 9,624         | -                 | -                   | 128,013       |
| Total Operating Expenses                                     | 655,203                                    | 1,576,996     | 2,149,340     | 197,986           | 273,077             | 4,852,602     |
| Operating Income (Loss)                                      | 462,583                                    | 539,411       | 447,037       | (12,654)          | (135,238)           | 1,301,139     |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)                             |  |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Interest on investments                                      | -  | 362,124       | -             | 18,301            | -                   | 380,425       |
| Miscellaneous  | -  | -             | 180,000       | -                 | -                   | 180,000       |
| Interest and other   | 683  | -             | 1,600         | 207               | -                   | 2,490         |
| Miscellaneous  | 679  | 25,900        | 21,623        | -                 | -                   | 48,202        |
| Interest and other   | -  | (354,882)     | (231,826)     | -                 | (82,466)            | (669,174)     |
| Gain on sale of capital assets                               | -  | 17,067        | 24,942        | -                 | -                   | 42,009        |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)                       | 1,362                                      | 50,209        | (3,661)       | 18,508            | (82,466)            | (16,048)      |
| Income (Loss) Before Transfers and Contributions             | 463,945                                    | 589,620       | 443,376       | 5,854             | (217,704)           | 1,285,091     |
| Capital Contributions  | -  | -             | -             | -                 | 1,015               | 1,015         |
| Transfers Out  | (200,000)                                  | -             | -             | -                 | -                   | (200,000)     |
| Change in Net Position                                       | 263,945                                    | 589,620       | 443,376       | 5,854             | (216,689)           | 1,086,106     |
| Net Position, January 1                                      | 1,731,691                                  | 2,114,381     | 3,443,101     | 240,406           | 11,904              | 7,541,483     |
| Net Position, December 31                                    | \$1,995,636                                | \$2,704,001   | \$3,886,477   | \$246,260         | \$(204,785)         | \$8,627,589   |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

|  | Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds |               |               |                   |                     |               |
|--|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | 609   | 601           | 602           | 670               | 675                 |               |
|  | Municipal Liquor<br>2021                    | Water<br>2021 | Sewer<br>2021 | Recycling<br>2021 | Storm Water<br>2021 | Total<br>2021 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities   |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Receipts from customers and users  | \$3,873,955                                 | \$2,182,786   | \$2,621,746   | \$180,100         | \$137,097           | \$8,995,684   |
| Other operating receipts   | 679   | 25,900        | -             | -                 | -                   | 26,579        |
| Payments to suppliers  | (3,190,075)                                 | (434,097)     | (1,282,659)   | (197,459)         | (83,110)            | (5,187,400)   |
| Payments to employees  | (335,355)                                   | (291,189)     | (290,493)     | (527)             | 6                   | (917,558)     |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities   | 349,204                                     | 1,483,400     | 1,048,594     | (17,886)          | 53,993              | 2,917,305     |
| Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities  |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Receipt (Payment) of due to other funds  | -   | 829,773       | 289,855       | (203,457)         | 325,807             | 1,241,978     |
| Transfers out  | (200,000)                                   | -             | -             | -                 | -                   | (200,000)     |
| Intergovernmental receipts   | -   | 519,583       | -             | 18,301            | -                   | 537,884       |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities  | (200,000)                                   | 1,349,356     | 289,855       | (185,156)         | 325,807             | 1,579,862     |
| Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities   |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Acquisition of capital assets  | -   | (1,387,402)   | (726,064)     | -                 | (4,861)             | (2,118,327)   |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets   | -   | 17,067        | 24,942        | -                 | -                   | 42,009        |
| Property Taxes   | -   | -             | 180,000       | -                 | -                   | 180,000       |
| Proceeds of bonds issued   | -   | -             | -             | -                 | -                   | -             |
| Proceeds from capital grants   | -   | -             | -             | -                 | 1,015               | 1,015         |
| Payment on refunding bonds   | -   | -             | -             | -                 | -                   | -             |
| Interest paid on bonds   | -   | (366,237)     | (229,609)     | -                 | (85,088)            | (680,934)     |
| Principal paid on bonds  | -   | (1,096,184)   | (589,318)     | -                 | (290,866)           | (1,976,368)   |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital Financing Activities   | -   | (2,832,756)   | (1,340,049)   | -                 | (379,800)           | (4,552,605)   |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities   |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Interest received on investments   | 683   | -             | 1,600         | 207               | -                   | 2,490         |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents   | 149,887                                     | -             | -             | (202,835)         | -                   | (52,948)      |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1   | 712,075                                     | -             | -             | 202,835           | -                   | 914,910       |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31   | \$861,962                                   | \$-           | \$-           | \$-               | \$-                 | \$861,962     |
| Reconciliation to Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used)                                |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| by Operating Activities  |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Operating income (loss)  | \$462,583                                   | \$539,411     | \$447,037     | \$(12,654)        | \$(135,238)         | \$1,301,139   |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Other income   | 679   | 25,900        | 21,623        | -                 | -                   | 48,202        |
| Depreciation expense   | 39,411                                      | 882,785       | 594,688       | -                 | 234,948             | 1,751,832     |
| (Increase) decrease in assets  |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Accounts receivable  | -   | 20,290        | 3,746         | (5,232)           | (742)               | 18,062        |
| Special assessments receivable   | -   | 46,089        | -             | -                 | -                   | 46,089        |
| Inventory  | (104,870)                                   | (3,453)       | -             | -                 | -                   | (108,323)     |
| Prepaid items  | -   | 344           | -             | -                 | -                   | 344           |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities   |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Accounts payable   | (52,756)                                    | (15,359)      | (61,034)      | -                 | (2,230)             | (131,379)     |
| Deposits payable   | -   | -             | 27,412        | -                 | -                   | 27,412        |
| Accrued salaries payable   | 5,442                                       | (8,356)       | (8,356)       | -                 | -                   | (11,270)      |
| Due to other governments   | (706)                                       | (12,636)      | 15,093        | -                 | (42,745)            | (40,994)      |
| Compensated absences payable   | (579)                                       | 8,385         | 8,385         | -                 | -                   | 16,191        |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities   | \$349,204                                   | \$1,483,400   | \$1,048,594   | \$(17,886)        | \$53,993            | \$2,917,305   |
| Noncash Capital and Related Financing Activities   |   |               |               |                   |                     |               |
| Acquisition of capital assets on account   | \$-   | \$12,674      | \$95,396      | \$-               | \$-                 | \$108,070     |
| Amorization of bond premium  | \$-   | \$2,598       | \$13,140      | \$-               | \$2,757             | \$18,495      |

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# Minnetonka Beach aims to fill open post

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Minnetonka Beach may have found their new council member.

The Minnetonka Beach city council and mayor discussed their options to fill former council member Steve Howarth's seat at the council meeting on Monday, June 13. Horwarth resigned from the council on Monday, May 9.

Mayor Jaci Lindstrom told the council that it has four options when it comes to filling the open seat - leave the seat open until the general election in November; fill by appointment with an application process; fill by appointment without an application process; or to hold a special election.

The special election was not really an option as Hennepin County informed the city that they would not be able to hold a special election until February 2023 because of the general election in November.

The mayor indicated that she was inclined to leave the seat open since it's so close to the election and she didn't want to make it look like the council was endorsing anybody for the seat by appointing a person to fill the open seat.

"I'm inclined not to fill the vacancy," Lindstrom said. "We are really close to the elections. Filing starts Aug. 2, that's just weeks away. It's so close to the election, I'm just uncomfortable with appointing somebody."

Council member Tracey Breazeale agreed with the mayor.

"It's probably a more likely scenario that we get two or three people that are already thinking they are going to run in the general election and are endorsing one of them by coming on early and giving them a leg up on the other one or two people?"

Despite that sentiment, council member Vibhu Sharma offered a solution of appointing city treasurer Chris Zinn to the open spot - if he wanted it.

Zinn said he would accept the appointment to the council and that he wouldn't be running for the council position in the upcoming general election.

"I do plan on re-running for treasurer not for council," Zinn said. "We can make that clear so applicants would now they aren't competing with me. I'm just filling a need for the city, temporarily."

One problem with that solution was that city staff or members of the council weren't quite sure if Zinn could hold both the role of city treasurer and city council member at the same time.

With that question lingering, the council approved a motion to appoint Zinn to the open council seat pending approval from the city attorney on whether it was legal or not for Zinn to hold dual roles with the city. That motion was passed on a 3-0 vote.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Minnetonka Beach city administrator Heidi Honey said they have not heard back from the city attorney on whether the appointment can go through or not.

## Legals

### CITY OF MINNETRISTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Minnetrista to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 7701 County Road 110 West, Minnetrista, MN 55364. Questions about this report should be directed to Brian Grimm, Finance Director at 952-446-1660.

|  | Total<br>2021 | Total<br>2020 | Percent<br>Increase/<br>Decrease<br>2021 |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| Revenues                               |               |               |  |
| Taxes                                  | 5,104,471     | 4,909,287     | 4.0%                                     |
| Special Assessments                    | 564,718       | 291,189       | 93.9%                                    |
| Licenses and Permits                   | 812,506       | 956,557       | -15.1%                                   |
| Intergovernmental Revenues             | 853,863       | 2,033,571     | -58.0%                                   |
| Charges for Services                   | 351,709       | 325,603       | 8.0%                                     |
| Fines                                  | 31,180        | 22,743        | 37.1%                                    |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                  | 467,671       | 411,641       | 13.6%                                    |
| Total Revenues                         | \$8,186,118   | \$8,950,591   | -8.5%                                    |
| Per Capita                             | \$991         | \$1,104       |  |
| Expenditures                           |               |               |  |
| Current                                |               |               |  |
| General Government                     | 1,091,723     | 1,140,411     | -4.3%                                    |
| Public Safety                          | 2,937,134     | 2,820,850     | 4.1%                                     |
| Streets and Highways                   | 1,501,049     | 1,561,996     | -3.9%                                    |
| Parks and Recreation                   | 172,437       | 147,269       | 17.1%                                    |
| Miscellaneous                          | 24,571        | 14,055        | 74.8%                                    |
| Capital Outlay                         | 2,255,519     | 709,382       | 218.0%                                   |
| Debt Service:                          |               |               |  |
| Principal Retirement                   | 756,328       | 834,922       | -9.4%                                    |
| Interest and Fiscal Charges            | 272,857       | 276,696       | -1.4%                                    |
| Total Expenditures                     | \$9,011,618   | \$7,505,581   | 20.1%                                    |
| Per Capita                             | \$1,091       | \$926         |  |
| Total Long Term Indebtedness           | \$18,913,364  | \$20,426,364  | -7.4%                                    |
| Per Capita                             | \$2,289       | \$2,519       |  |
| General Fund and Special Revenue Funds |               |               |  |
| Fund Balance - December 31             | \$5,569,085   | \$6,335,505   | -12.1%                                   |
| Per Capita                             | \$674         | \$781         |  |

Minnetrista Summary Financial Report - Figure 1

### Statement of Net Position Enterprise Funds December 31, 2021

|   | Business-Type Activities |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|   | Water<br>(601)           | Sewer<br>(602) | Storm Water<br>(651) | Recycling<br>(671) | Cable TV<br>(673) | Totals       |
| <b>ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                    |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>   |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents   | \$1,520,245              | \$1,145,858    | \$433,428            | \$200,470          | \$252,559         | \$3,552,560  |
| Receivables:  |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Accounts Receivable   | 198,041                  | 289,733        | 108,586              | 41,601             | -                 | 637,961      |
| Accrued Interest  | 1,475                    | 1,074          | 416                  | 202                | 242               | 3,409        |
| Delinquent Special Assessments, Net                                 | -                        | -              | 6,712                | 6,292              | -                 | 13,004       |
| Special Assessments, Net  | 25,360                   | 24,672         | -                    | -                  | -                 | 50,032       |
| Prepays   | 2,566                    | 2,307          | 604                  | -                  | -                 | 5,477        |
| Due from Other Governmental Units                                   | 628                      | 343            | 152                  | 143                | -                 | 1,266        |
| Total Current Assets  | 1,748,315                | 1,463,987      | 549,898              | 248,708            | 252,801           | 4,263,709    |
| <b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>  |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| <b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>   |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Land and Land Improvements  | 102,471                  | -              | -                    | -                  | -                 | 102,471      |
| Construction in Progress  | 2,385,903                | 783,614        | 380,091              | -                  | -                 | 3,549,608    |
| Buildings and Improvements  | 26,410,060               | 14,422,778     | 5,345,537            | -                  | -                 | 46,178,375   |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation                                      | (7,365,950)              | (7,167,846)    | (2,320,748)          | -                  | -                 | (16,854,544) |
| Total Noncurrent Assets   | 21,532,484               | 8,038,546      | 3,404,880            | -                  | -                 | 32,975,910   |
| <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                               |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Deferred Outflows - Pensions  | 93,770                   | 58,582         | 15,754               | 5,225              | -                 | 173,331      |
| Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources                     | \$23,374,569             | \$9,561,115    | \$3,970,532          | \$253,933          | \$252,801         | \$37,412,950 |
| <b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION</b> |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>  |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Accounts and Contracts Payable                                      | \$411,392                | \$144,986      | \$67,517             | \$103              | \$510             | \$624,508    |
| Accrued Salaries Payable  | 8,032                    | 4,909          | 635                  | -                  | 1,689             | 15,265       |
| Compensated Absences Payable  | 8,633                    | 8,063          | 3,304                | -                  | -                 | 20,000       |
| Accrued Interest Payable  | 66,279                   | 6,260          | -                    | -                  | -                 | 72,539       |
| Bonds Payable   | 770,400                  | 67,600         | -                    | -                  | -                 | 838,000      |
| Total Current Liabilities   | 1,264,736                | 231,818        | 71,456               | 103                | 2,199             | 1,570,312    |
| <b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                                       |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Compensated Absences Payable  | 1,001                    | 935            | 383                  | -                  | -                 | 2,319        |
| Total OPEB Liability  | 29,243                   | 17,722         | 4,787                | 1,575              | -                 | 53,327       |
| Net Pension Liability   | 127,862                  | 79,880         | 21,482               | 7,124              | -                 | 236,348      |
| Bonds Payable   | 10,106,042               | 418,400        | -                    | -                  | -                 | 10,524,442   |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities  | 10,264,148               | 516,937        | 26,652               | 8,699              | -                 | 10,816,436   |
| Total Liabilities   | 11,528,884               | 748,755        | 98,108               | 8,802              | 2,199             | 12,386,748   |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>                                |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Deferred Inflows - Pensions   | 117,676                  | 73,516         | 19,771               | 6,556              | -                 | 217,519      |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>   |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets                                    | 10,656,042               | 7,552,546      | 3,404,880            | -                  | -                 | 21,613,468   |
| Unrestricted  | 1,071,967                | 1,186,298      | 447,773              | 238,575            | 250,602           | 3,195,215    |
| Total Net Position  | 11,728,009               | 8,738,844      | 3,852,653            | 238,575            | 250,602           | 24,808,683   |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position  | \$23,374,569             | \$9,561,115    | \$3,970,532          | \$253,933          | \$252,801         | \$37,412,950 |

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|--|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|  | Business-Type Activities |                |                      |                    |                   | Totals       |
|  | Water<br>(601)           | Sewer<br>(602) | Storm Water<br>(651) | Recycling<br>(671) | Cable TV<br>(673) |              |
| OPERATING REVENUE  |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Sales and User Fees  | \$1,425,519              | \$1,122,506    | \$365,889            | \$146,241          | \$51,573          | \$3,111,728  |
| OPERATING EXPENSES   |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Personnel Services   | 283,653                  | 201,665        | 51,256               | 18,760             | -                 | 555,334      |
| Professional Services  | 60,644                   | 88,865         | 70,364               | -                  | 17,224            | 237,097      |
| Operating and Maintenance Supplies   | 22,132                   | 290,264        | 68,781               | -                  | 3,129             | 384,306      |
| Utilities  | 320,945                  | 14,761         | -                    | -                  | -                 | 335,706      |
| Depreciation   | 896,061                  | 392,318        | 199,474              | -                  | -                 | 1,487,853    |
| Maintenance and Repairs  | 18,224                   | 1,646          | -                    | -                  | -                 | 19,870       |
| Administrative Charges from the General Fund   | -                        | -              | -                    | -                  | 42,801            | 42,801       |
| Insurance  | 22,640                   | 5,729          | -                    | -                  | -                 | 28,369       |
| Other Expenses   | 4,159                    | 347,706        | 15,442               | 197,277            | -                 | 564,584      |
| Total Operating Expenses   | 1,628,458                | 1,342,954      | 405,317              | 216,037            | 63,154            | 3,655,920    |
| OPERATING LOSS   | (202,939)                | (220,448)      | (39,428)             | (69,796)           | (11,581)          | (544,192)    |
| NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)  |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Area Charges   | 343,831                  | 20,674         | -                    | -                  | -                 | 364,505      |
| Special Assessments for Capital Purposes   | 409                      | 165            | -                    | -                  | -                 | 574          |
| Investment Earnings  | 877                      | 1,093          | 110                  | 227                | 435               | 2,742        |
| Unrealized Loss on Investments   | (12,372)                 | (9,325)        | (3,527)              | (1,631)            | (2,055)           | (28,910)     |
| Interest Expense   | (119,093)                | (14,033)       | -                    | -                  | -                 | (133,126)    |
| Intergovernmental Grants   | -                        | -              | -                    | 28,281             | -                 | 28,281       |
| Miscellaneous Revenue  | 96                       | -              | -                    | 14,438             | -                 | 14,534       |
| Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)  | 213,748                  | (1,426)        | (3,417)              | 41,315             | (1,620)           | 248,600      |
| INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS   | 10,809                   | (221,874)      | (42,845)             | (28,481)           | (13,201)          | (295,592)    |
| Capital Contributions  | 183,491                  | 411,583        | 198,206              | -                  | -                 | 793,280      |
| CHANGES IN NET POSITION  | 194,300                  | 189,709        | 155,361              | (28,481)           | (13,201)          | 497,688      |
| NET POSITION   |                          |                |                      |                    |                   |              |
| Beginning of Year  | 11,533,709               | 8,549,135      | 3,697,292            | 267,056            | 263,803           | 24,310,995   |
| End of Year  | \$11,728,009             | \$8,738,844    | \$3,852,653          | \$238,575          | \$250,602         | \$24,808,683 |

Minnetrista Summary Financial Report - Figure 3

| Statement of Cash Flows<br>Enterprise Funds<br>December 31, 2021                              |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|   | Business-Type Activities |             |             |            |            | Totals      |
|   | Water                    | Sewer       | Storm Water | Recycling  | Cable TV   |             |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Cash Receipts from Customers  | \$1,426,800              | \$1,104,501 | \$361,629   | \$139,289  | \$51,573   | \$3,083,792 |
| Cash Paid to Suppliers  | (130,034)                | (744,372)   | (97,250)    | (197,256)  | (63,067)   | (1,231,979) |
| Cash Paid to Employees  | (279,966)                | (186,925)   | (54,921)    | (16,284)   | 367        | (537,729)   |
| Other Receipts  | 96                       | -           | -           | 14,438     | -          | 14,534      |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities  | 1,004,524                | 163,879     | 205,931     | (61,444)   | (13,182)   | 1,299,708   |
| CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES                                      |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Connection Fees Received  | 343,831                  | 20,674      | -           | -          | -          | 364,505     |
| Special Assessments for Capital Purposes  | 409                      | 165         | -           | -          | -          | 574         |
| Principal Payments on Bonds   | (760,400)                | (67,500)    | -           | -          | -          | (827,900)   |
| Interest Payments on Bonds  | (183,213)                | (14,033)    | -           | -          | -          | (197,246)   |
| Acquisition of Capital Assets   | (1,524,657)              | (787,448)   | (394,020)   | -          | -          | (2,706,125) |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities                          | (2,124,030)              | (848,142)   | (394,020)   | -          | -          | (3,366,192) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Interest Received on Investments  | 2,937                    | 2,404       | 510         | 345        | 542        | 6,738       |
| CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Grants Received   | -                        | -           | -           | 28,281     | -          | 28,281      |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS  | (1,116,569)              | (681,859)   | (187,579)   | (32,818)   | (12,640)   | (2,031,465) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of the Year  | 2,636,814                | 1,827,717   | 621,007     | 233,288    | 265,199    | 5,584,025   |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF THE YEAR   | \$1,520,245              | \$1,145,858 | \$433,428   | \$200,470  | \$252,559  | \$3,552,560 |
| RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Operating Loss  | \$(202,939)              | \$(220,448) | \$(39,428)  | \$(69,796) | \$(11,581) | \$(544,192) |
| Adjustments to Operating Loss:  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Noncash Expenses Included in Net Income:  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Depreciation  | 896,061                  | 392,318     | 199,474     | -          | -          | 1,487,853   |
| Miscellaneous Income  | 96                       | -           | -           | 14,438     | -          | 14,534      |
| Change in Fair Value of Investments   | (12,372)                 | (9,325)     | (3,527)     | (1,631)    | (2,055)    | (28,910)    |
| Change in Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows:                       |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| (Increase) Decrease in:   |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Accounts Receivable   | (1,899)                  | (18,104)    | (4,378)     | (7,062)    | -          | (31,443)    |
| Due from Other Governmental Units   | 1,146                    | (11)        | (4)         | (5)        | -          | 1,126       |
| Prepaid Assets  | (44)                     | 27,970      | (22)        | -          | -          | 27,904      |
| Special Assessments Receivable for  |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Delinquent Utility Bills  | 2,034                    | 110         | 122         | 115        | -          | 2,381       |
| Deferred Outflows - OPEB  | (13,707)                 | (8,154)     | (2,244)     | (740)      | -          | (24,845)    |
| Deferred Outflows - Pensions  | (49,906)                 | (33,348)    | (8,177)     | (3,066)    | -          | (94,497)    |
| Increase (Decrease) in:   |                          |             |             |            |            |             |
| Accounts Payable  | 318,754                  | (23,371)    | 57,359      | 21         | 87         | 352,850     |
| Accrued Salaries Payable  | 2,184                    | 488         | (684)       | -          | 367        | 2,355       |
| Compensated Absences Payable  | (199)                    | (18)        | 59          | -          | -          | (158)       |
| Total Other Postemployment Benefits   | 2,538                    | 1,580       | 429         | 145        | -          | 4,692       |
| Net Pension Liability   | (46,884)                 | (14,925)    | (11,336)    | (80)       | -          | (73,225)    |
| Deferred Inflows - OPEB   | 461                      | 301         | 65          | 27         | -          | 854         |
| Deferred Inflows - Pensions   | 109,200                  | 68,816      | 18,223      | 6,190      | -          | 202,429     |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities  | \$1,004,524              | \$163,879   | \$205,931   | \$(61,444) | \$(13,182) | \$1,299,708 |

Minnetrista Summary Financial Report - Figure 4

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Pictured are some of the photos in Michael Deering's collection. (Submitted photos)

# A LIFE IN PICTURES

Mayer man compiles a 'documentation of life and the human existence'

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Michael Deering of rural Mayer speaks earnestly about taking an inventory of one's life.

"If you want to know where you're going, look back," he says. "Slow it down and take an inventory of what life shows you every single day."

Deering has been doing that for more than 25 years. His personal inventory consists of more than 9,000 print photographs he has taken every day since his 30th birthday – his "picture of the day."

His photos document everything from the mundane to the milestones – his son's birth, his father's funeral, even his own open-heart surgery, although that was one of only three pictures of the day over the years that he didn't shoot himself. Deering's surgeon took the photo of his heart outside his chest cavity.

Deering calls his photo collection a "documentation of life, death, highs, lows, joys, woes and the human existence."

He takes all his photos with a point and shoot film camera – a technology that approached obsolescence with digital devices, but oddly now is making a comeback, pushing up the price that Deering pays per roll of film.

Anyone can snap off a string of digital photos, Deering explains. His film print picture of the day is about creating rather than just snapping.

"Something has to speak to me," he said.

Sometimes he waits for the shot, other times it just appears. Like one morning a few years ago.

Deering seldom takes Highway 5 to his public relations agency office in downtown Minneapolis, but he did that morning. Passing Paisley Park

in Chanhassen, Deering spotted flashing lights and emergency vehicles. It turned out to be the day that Prince died and Deering captured a photo of the first bunch of flowers placed on a fence outside the famous artist's recording studio.

As he looks back, Deering notes that early photos revolved around him. He estimates that he is in 70 percent of those. In fact, you might say that his are some of the first selfies.

"I can make a tripod out of most anything," Deering says.

Now, he looks more outwardly – to his family now that he has children, but also beyond.

He happened to be in Jordan, Minn., on a day that 12 senior citizens were having coffee and made them his picture of the day. Another day he passed a farmer near Watertown tilling his field. Deering stopped, waited and captured a photo of

farmer and tractor on the green horizon.

"Some people never know they were a part of my life," he said.

Although he is a PR guy, Deering says he is not one to pitch his own story.

His picture project started out unassuming, but over the years a growing number of friends and acquaintances became aware of, or in his picture of the day. Eventually, it became the subject of a five-minute short documentary and the Minneapolis Star & Tribune carried a feature in its "Inspired" section last fall. And just over a week ago NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt aired the story.

"The producer of NBC Nightly came across the Strib piece and reached out way back in January, but they were on the verge of covering the Olympics, then Ukraine, etc. so it kept getting delayed," Deering said.

The NBC film crew finally descended on his farm south of Mayer in May.

"A 10-hour shoot for a two-minute segment," Deering marvels.

The TV segment shared a sampling of Deering's photos and a look inside the fireproof safe where he keeps them – all 9,600 photos marked with the date each was shot. One might call it the ultimate scrapbook.

"Besides my family this is probably the most important thing in my life," Deering said.

There are times he has come close to missing his picture of the day, and there are lots of nuances to keeping his project going, such as having film, camera and replacement battery, not to mention the challenge of sourcing film and developing prints.

Asked what's his favorite picture of the day, Deering replies, "It's the one I haven't taken yet."





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