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Orono replaces public comment with 'listening sessions'

BY TODD ABELN
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Orono school board meetings and public comment periods at those meetings are changing slightly.

Beginning with the board meeting on Monday, Oct. 25, the Orono school board will replace the community comments period during its board meetings with a listening session preceding each board meeting. The purpose of this session is to provide community members an opportunity to address the board in person, the district said.

According to the school district, this is a common practice among Minnesota school districts and works well to maintain order and set higher stan-

dards for civility, dignity and respect while welcoming all perspectives.

The listening sessions will start at 6:15 p.m. and run until 6:45 p.m., prior to each board meeting. The session can accommodate up to 10 individuals speaking for approximately three minutes each.

If a resident wants to speak at the listening session, there is a protocol to follow.

Orono Schools students, parents/guardians, staff, and district residents are asked to register by Google form on the district website to be considered for a speaking slot during the session. The form will open beginning Friday at 9 a.m. before every board meeting and close by noon on the day of the board meeting.

If more than 10 individuals register to speak at the listening session, the board will select speakers with priority given to Orono students, Orono parents, district residents, and district staff. Priority will also be given to individuals who have not addressed the board in two previous meetings, and whose topic is on that evening's board agenda. If more than 10 individuals meet the criteria and request to speak, a random selection process will be used.

The day of the listening session, speakers will be notified by email no later than 3 p.m. with their assigned three-minute time slot between 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. If a registrant does not receive an email with a time slot, then they have not been slated to speak at the session.

District residents are also invited to email a board member to share comments or concerns. Board members' contact information is available at www.orono.k12.mn.us/school-board.

If there are no registrants for the listening session by noon the day

of the board meeting, there will be no listening session that evening.

The sessions will be held in the District Office Assembly Room at 685 Old Crystal Bay Rd., Long Lake. Designated speakers should enter through Door E3, the district office main door. Six-foot seating arrangement for COVID-19 mitigation will be maintained for any waiting speakers.

The board chair, superintendent and up to two additional board members will attend these listening sessions on a rotating basis.

Speakers will be invited into the Assembly Room one at a time to share their comments. A waiting area for speakers will be located in the Intermediate School gym, with seating six-feet apart due to COVID-19 mitigations. Per the district's Safe Return to Learning plan, masks will not be required in the district office building after 3:30 p.m. However, masks are strongly recommended during periods of high COVID-19 transmission.

A presentation timer with green, yellow and

red lights will be on the speaker's desk to show the time remaining and help manage the session schedule.

Once speakers have concluded their remarks, they may return to the Assembly Room to attend the board meeting in person though space is limited due to COVID-19 mitigations; or proceed to the band room (overflow room) and await a livestream of the board meeting; or return home and watch the board meeting online.

Listening sessions will not be recorded or livestreamed.

Board members will listen to comments and may ask questions, but will typically not respond during the session. All comments will be considered and, if deemed necessary, discussed with district administrators.

Professional decorum is expected at all times during listening sessions. If at any time there are any violations of the rules of decorum, the chair reserves the right to call a recess or end the listening session.

If speakers have more

content than can be communicated in three minutes, comments should be shared by email with the board.

Board meetings will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the District Office Assembly Room. Community members are also welcome to attend a board meeting in person, with limited seating due to COVID-19 mitigations (seating six-feet apart). Overflow seating will also be available in the band room through Door E4 near the playground. E4 doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Attendees will be expected to follow the rules of order.

Beginning Oct. 25, the board meeting will be livestreamed via an Orono School Board YouTube channel. The link will be posted on the 2021-22 board meetings webpage by the day of the meeting. The board will maintain its customary practice of recording and posting meetings on the district website. There will be no opportunity for public comment during regular board meetings.

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Karlos and Julie Weisenhorn are returning with The Abiders to Tonka Brew Fest on Nov. 6. (Neil Schloner/Submitted photos)



Tonka Brew Fest has tunes, brews on tap

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD
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“I looked at him and I said, I don’t know what a music combine is...and what ‘band?’”

Karlos Weisenhorn laughs, recalling that moment when Doug Molland came up to him to say he’d signed “the band” up for a combine at Hopkins’ Mainstreet Bar.

That was before The Abiders had made themselves a name in Mound. Or anywhere. It was before his wife Julie’s first lone guitar grew into a collection resembling something “like an in-

festation” in their music room.

“A combine’s just like you Americans have for football players,” Karlos recalls the Liverpool-born Molland saying. “You go out and show your stuff to all these people, and people see if they want to buy you...and I went, ‘oh. Cool.’” He, Julie and Rick Anderson had been playing together just two weeks.

The band has changed since then. Members have come and gone. The sound has edged out to the different corners of Americana, sometime emphasizing the cross harp riffs of

blues or otherwise centering on the folk harmonies of country music.

“Even though we’ve been doing it for almost 11 years, with a different lead player, different music—we had a real country run for a while—what I like about it is we’re constantly changing, but our core is the same,” says Karlos. “It’s me and Julie, playing off each other.” All along, Karlos has hammed it up on stage and harped it up on the harmonica while Julie, who’s written more than half of the songs they’ve performed, has sung and played guitar.

The Abiders return to Mound-Westonka Rotary’s Tonka Brew Fest at Gale Woods Farm on Nov. 6. The band has played every Brew Fest since the Rotary started it in 2013. Since then, the event has given wide exposure to the band, to local breweries and to the Rotary, which through Brew Fest has raised and donated more than \$92,000 to local organizations and student scholarships.

In turn, Karlos has generally donated his time and talent to Brew Fest, asking only that his bandmates are paid. The payment to himself, he says, is in

the work that Mound-Westonka Rotary has done in the area and in the opportunity to join them in it. “This is all about our community and being local and it’s just so rich in so many things.”

This year’s Tonka Brew Fest is Saturday, Nov. 6 from 3-6 p.m. at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista. Find a list of confirmed participating breweries and purchase tickets ahead of time at tonkabrewfest.com. This is a 21 and up event.

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The mystery of the disappearing workforce

Let's see if this makes sense. Employers are begging for workers. Doing its part, the federal government has opened up the southern border, welcoming anybody with a pulse, no paperwork necessary. That also continues the spiraling increase in drug overdoses from fentanyl and the like.

Last year, 93,331 Americans died from drug overdoses, more than the total who died from car accidents and gun shots combined. In Minnesota, 1,008 died, a 27% increase over 2019. Through the first quarter of this year, the state was on track to surpass that dubious record by another 30%.

While the overwhelmed Border Patrol was waving people through, it did manage to confiscate a record amount of fentanyl – more than two and a half tons from Oct. 1, 2020, to March 10, 2021. That was more than it found in the previous 12 months.

Meanwhile, store shelves are becoming ever emptier as ships line up halfway to Hawaii to off-load their cargo. The reason? Allegedly nobody can find enough help.

Where did these people go? The common thought is that they are home eating Cheetos and watching soap opera reruns while living off the federal government's supplemental unemployment compensation. However, the politicians' excessive generosity ended last month.

The fact is, in a 14-county area of central Minnesota, ranging from Carver to Wadena counties, in the 12 months ending on Aug. 31, the available labor force shrunk by



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1,488 people while 4,205 more people were added to the employed work force. In all 14 counties, the jobless rate shrank, so now the highest rate is only 3.9% in Mille Lacs County and the lowest is 2.1% in Pope County. Almost any economist will tell you that, by definition, is full employment.

Where did these people go? Here's three possibilities: 1. Obviously some of them OD'ed, but not enough to explain such a labor shortage. 2. More Baby Boomers went on Social Security than Millennials entered the work force, and Social Security recipients don't show up on jobless totals. Again, that can only be part of it. 3. Some people got tired of waiting for Gov. Walz to take the clamps off the economy and went off to other states to find work. There's no current study of how many people, if any, did that. The U.S. Census Bureau does say that 26,253 more Americans left the state than moved here from 2010 to 2019.

Regardless, as the culture wars continue, the power elites are firing people who refuse to get vaccinated. From Chicago

cops to college football coaches to NBA millionaires, the refrain is, "Get vaxxed or don't get paid." Even public employees, who never have anything bad to say about Democrat office holders, are protesting mask and vaccine mandates.

Can someone explain how those people are going to be replaced when so much of the labor force has disappeared?

Because of the labor shortage, we are told, goods can't get to market. However, Minnesota state government is rolling in dough. The first quarter of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 found the state \$657 million over budget. Income and sales tax revenues were both up substantially, but over half of the surplus came from corporate taxes. Apparently, reducing workers and goods on shelves is good for the bottom line, but businesses are begging for more workers.

Not surprisingly, given the surplus of cash and thus demand and the shortage of goods and thus supplies, inflation is well into double digits on many products. Suddenly, unions are getting ornery because the increase in corporate profits has largely bypassed the workers on the factory floor.

About the only group that has yet to get that message is the Social Security Administration. (Conflict of Interest Alert: Your correspondent is of a certain age that he pays attention to such things.) The SSA said it will raise payments next year by 5.9%, the highest percentage in years. While an increase of that size should move

up the program's insolvency another year, it is based on the theory that food prices have risen 4.6%, energy costs are up 24.8% and everything else is up only 4.0%.

Of course, senior citizens are mostly affected by housing, food and mobility costs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that fuel oil and gasoline prices are up 42%, natural gas is up 20.6% (with predictions that it will be up 30% this winter over last), new vehicles are up 8.7% and used vehicles are up 24.4%.

The Producer Price Index offers an even grimmer outlook. Just in the nine months since Joe Biden became president, the overall PPI is up 6.6%. The PPI is a precursor of consumer prices because it consists of the changes in prices for the raw materials used to assemble the finished products. Steel mill prices have doubled since Jan. 1. The PPI for food is up 10.5% during the same time frame.

This is why many local governments have adopted double-digit increases in their preliminary levies. Government employees need to eat, too.

Congress should stop trying to figure out how to spend \$5 trillion that it doesn't have on new programs and fix the problems in the programs that already exist. The economy is a mess.

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Auburn Homes & Services is one of the many senior care facilities facing extensive worker shortages. (Al Lohman/The Patriot)

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Nursing homes, assisted living communities face crisis, according to survey, local providers

BY AL LOHMAN

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The need for quality nursing care has never been more prevalent, from full hospitals posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to the need for nurses and aides to assist a growing elderly population in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. But staffing levels have never been thinner, with about one-third of U.S. nursing homes reporting lower levels of nurses and aides than before the pandemic began, according to an Associated Press report.

Meanwhile, results from a recent survey conducted by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) show that nearly every nursing home and assisted living facility in the U.S. is facing a staffing shortage. Almost 60 percent of nursing homes and nearly one-third of assisted living providers are experiencing a severe worker shortage.

Local nursing homes and assisted living facilities confirm the conditions.

"We are facing unprecedented, record-level workforce shortages in assisted living and nursing homes across our state," said Mike Senden, CEO, Auburn Homes & Services, which has senior living facilities in Waconia and Chaska.

"Our leadership team has been closely monitoring the situation and meets on a regular basis to discuss potential solutions," Senden wrote in a message that went out earlier this month to families and friends of the senior housing and care services provider.

"Businesses across the nation are grappling with worker shortages in the wake of the pandemic, and the long-term care industry is no exception," adds Michael Deuth, executive director of Good Samaritan Society, which has locations in 22 states, including an independent living, assisted living and long-term care campus in Waconia. "Our frontline staff

are the heart and soul of our organization and its mission – they're essential to helping us fulfill our core purpose of taking the best possible care of our residents."

But according to data from the Bureau of Labor, nursing homes and residential care facilities have lost more than 425,000 employees during the course of the pandemic. Long term care facilities are experiencing growing staff vacancies as burned-out caregivers exit the profession – both front-line workers and overwhelmed executive directors. And facilities say their workforce situation has gotten worse in recent months.

Even before COVID-19, thin staffing was a hallmark of nursing homes around the country, with too few caring for society's most vulnerable. As the pandemic surged, some workers fled over fears of exposure and some were laid off by homes as occupancy fell.

Others were lured to easier work at similar or higher pay in restaurants and stores, or have been slow to return as a result of generous unemployment benefits and relief packages. And now, others are resisting vaccine mandates by departing employment.

Due to these shortages, nearly every nursing home and assisted living community is asking staff to work overtime or extra shifts, according the AHCA/NCAL survey. Nearly 70 percent of nursing homes are having to hire expensive agency staff.

Whatever the reason for skeletal staffs, the result is residents have fewer helpers to answer their calls to keep them safe, clean and fed. Long-term residents require around-the-clock clinical assistance, and nationally there have been media reports about severe neglect.

Fewer caregivers also are forcing many facilities to have to turn away new residents. The AHCA/NCAL survey found that 58 percent of nursing homes have had to limit new admissions because of

a lack of employees.

It also has left hospitals sometimes unable to find places in nursing home for patients recovering from surgery.

A recent story in MarketWatch also highlighted the significant drop in nursing home occupancy during the pandemic. In just the span of a year, occupancy rates fell from 85 percent to 68 percent. So, between staffing shortages and occupancy rates, 61 percent of assisted living facilities and more than one-third of nursing homes say they are very concerned about having to shut down their facilities, according to the AHCA/NCAL survey. Some, like a facility in Wayzata, have shut down already.

What are other nursing homes and assisted living providers doing to survive?

Good Samaritan Society is a large provider with 300 locations, and Deuth points out that network enables the organization to temporarily move workers to help care for residents. Still, its location in Waconia is hiring workers in a variety of roles. It also is employing a number of tools to recruit and retain caring, skilled staff, including competitive benefits and wages.

Auburn Homes also has been focused on recruitment and adjusting hourly and yearly pay scales as much as fiscally possible to align with current market demands, Senden reports.

Recruitment actions include utilizing social media, job boards and employee referral incentives, plus hiring incentives to qualified applicants.

Another focus is employee retention, he adds, including efforts to make for a positive work environment, employee incentives for picking up shifts or working on a weekend, and additional employee appreciation events.

"We are actively hiring new mission-driven team members with a passion to serve others," adds Laurie Hilgers, executive director at The Harbor and The Haven at Peace Village in

Norwood Young America.

"We're also hopeful that the state will appropriate money to enhance caregiver wages to help with retention and recruitment efforts in long-term care," she said.

On a broader level, advocates for senior citizens and long-term care providers have formally launched campaigns at the state and federal level to encourage lawmakers to address the growing workforce crisis in senior care.

They say providers want to offer higher wages and better benefits to attract and retain employees but lack the necessary funds to do so. The reasons: historically low Medicaid reimbursement rates that do not adequately cover the cost of care, coupled with additional expenses from the pandemic, have left many facilities in financial turmoil. Approximately 1,800 nursing homes could permanently close without government assistance, according to industry leaders.

To address chronic staffing challenges, advocates are proposing a package of solutions such as assistance programs for caregivers through tax credits, loan forgiveness and childcare, as well as incentives for higher learning institutions to train the next generation of health care providers.

"Through all of our current challenges, I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our staff," Senden said. "They continue to show their loyalty and commitment...working double shifts when needed, working a weekend day when they usually work during the week and asking how they can help out in other departments."

As thousands of long-term care jobs remain vacant, the industry says lawmakers must recognize the severity of the workforce shortage and "work together to invest in these heroic caregivers, so no resident is left without the care they need."

Bottom line: Long-term care needs long-term solutions.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT. 30

ENCHANTED FOREST HALLOWEEN - Join us on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m. at Lowry Nature Center in Carver Park Reserve, Victoria for "Enchanted Forest Halloween." Dress up your whole family for outdoor Halloween fun! Walk the enchanted trail and visit larger-than-life costumed animals for treats. Enjoy carnival games, dance to the Roe Family Singers and laugh at the antics of the Mad Scientist. Snack concessions available for

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NOV. 1

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ence required. Everyone's welcome: solos, couples, and families. No charge. Partners provided. Casual attire. 612-759-9235 or Westonkawhirlers.com

NOV. 6

TONKA BREW FEST - Mound Westoka Rotary is hosting Tonka Brew Fest at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6. Learn more and buy tickets at tonkabrewfest.com.

NOV. 6

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City, hockey association team up for rink

Orono's Casco Point to house a lit up 5,000-foot outdoor rink this winter

BY TODD ABELN
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If you are looking to do some outdoor ice skating at night this year at Casco Point Park, you will have that chance.

That's because the City of Orono and the Orono Youth Hockey Association are teaming up to create a dedicated hockey rink at Casco Point.

The city approved the agreement at its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 25 that will see the city put up lights on the rink while the Orono Youth Hockey Association will provide the boards for 50x100 ft. rink, as well as provide maintenance to the rink this winter.

The city requested

bids for putting up six 25 ft. utility poles that would be installed with LED lighting attached. The lights will extend beyond the hockey boards and will provide light to the entire skating rink.

Two bids were received and the city selected the lowest bid from Holton Electric at \$20,215 to put up the lights. The quote could go up by \$5,000, depending on frost conditions.

"I'm excited about Casco again," council member Richard Crosby said. "It will be great. It's just a wonderful thing all the way around. The kids are active, they are outside playing having a good time, they are doing positive things. It's just a win-win."

Mayor Dennis Walsh added, "It will be used a lot more, you know that."

The council also approved changing the

2022 health insurance for employees from Health Partners to the Public Employees Insurance Plan (PEIP) at an increase of 3.4 percent over the current plan.

According to the city, the city left LOGIS health insurance pool in May 2020 to look for other opportunities to benefits at a more reasonable cost for city employees. In 2021, the city selected had Health

Partners as an insurance provider with the result of a slight decrease in premiums, only to see the renewal rate for Health Partners in 2022 increase by 25 percent over the 2021 rate.

The city currently allocates \$915 towards single employee contributions and \$1,472.50 towards family employee contributions. The contribution for single coverage will remain at

\$915. Based on union agreements, the family contribution is increased in an amount equal to 50 percent of the increase in family coverage. While the overall increase is 3.4%, the family coverage is increasing by 17 percent. The city contribution for family insurance in 2022 will increase to \$1,627.25.

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Obituaries

Robert "Bob" T. Jennings

Bob Jennings passed away peacefully at noon on October 18, 2021 in the home of his daughter and son in law, Jean Ann and Bill Kottemann in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He spent the last three years of his life living there, but he was a lifelong resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Memorial Mass at All Saints Catholic Church on Saturday October 30, 2021 at 10 a.m. with a luncheon following. Visitation will held at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home, Friday October 29, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. Burial: Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Born in 1927, he was the eldest of three red headed boys born to Andrew and Angie Jennings. He attended Immaculate Conception High School. Upon graduation in 1945, he was hired as the head boys' basketball coach. His dear friend, Father Al White, who also worked at IC, introduced him to his future wife, Patricia Bauer. Both relationships would prove to be lifelong. Bob and Pat were married for 66 years until the time of her death in 2015. They had three beautiful children together, Mike, Debbie, and Jean Ann.

Bob attended the University of Iowa after a few years of coaching and had to hitchhike from Cedar Rapids to Iowa City to get to class. Not only was he the first person in his family to receive a college degree, but he went on to receive a graduate degree in school administration.

A coaching position at Regis High School opened up in 1959 and he was hired as both head basketball coach and as a teacher. His "fair but firm" coaching style made an instant impact. In 1962, he led his team to their first state championship win. In 1963, they placed third. In his 18 years of coaching, he won 330 games. Bob treated each player as an individual and he wanted them to win not just on the court, but in life, too. He remained close friends with many of his former players and was still meeting with them to eat and reminisce as recently as this summer. Bob was considered one of the greatest basketball coaches in the state but retired from coaching in 1966. He then moved on to Prairie High School as an athletic director and assistant principal where he worked until his retirement. He was inducted into the Iowa Coach's Hall of Fame, the Iowa Athletic Director's Hall of Fame, and the Regis Hall of Fame.

Even though he was retired, he continued to work tirelessly in service to others. He was devoted to the All Saints Church community and God was always his number one priority. After God, his family was the most important focus in his life. He spent the majority of his time caring for others, first, for his mother and father in their declining years and then, Father White and his brothers Jim and Don up until their deaths. He also tended to his wife Pat in her long battle with Parkinson's. His selfless devotion to his family will be one of his most enduring legacies.

It's hard to capture such a big, beautiful life in just a few words, especially because he had such a gift with delivering them. His locker room speeches could change the course of a game; his speeches at commencements, weddings, and even just a family dinner would inspire and stick with anyone who was in attendance. To the delight of his grandchildren, he told the best bedtime stories featuring Grandma and Grandpa Piggy that kept them laughing and asking for more. He used to always say "count your blessings" and he was the biggest blessing of all.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Michael Jennings (Cathy), Jean Ann Kottemann (Dr. William), and Debbie Suby. He was adored by his grandchildren John Jennings, Kitty Jennings-Linares (Marco), Robert Jennings, Dr. Kraig Kottemann (Dr. Laura), Dr. Scott Kottemann (Dr. Camille), Cheryl Lynn Suby, and Gary Suby (Shannon); and great grandchildren Frankie, Valerie, Olivia, Rian, Quinn, Evelyn, Ashlynn, Cayden, and Harper. He is also survived by his two sister-in-laws, Lois and Arlene Jennings, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be directed to All Saints Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be left for the family at cedarmemorial.com under obituaries.



Mary Ellen (Bosch) Bumann

Mary Ellen (Bosch) Bumann, a highly knowledgeable nurse and Lake Minnetonka lover, died peacefully from a stroke on October 20, 2021 at United Hospital in St Paul, MN.

Mary Ellen is survived by her loving partner and fiancé, Dennis Schulke, her four children, Kim, Lori, Jim, and Michael (Jennifer), ten grandchildren, four great grandchildren, sisters Julie, Patty (Bob), and Kathy (JS), brother Mike (LaVonne), and numerous cousins, nieces, nephew, friends, and extended family.

She is preceded by her parents, Simon and Mary (Hurley) Bosch, and her older brother, John Bosch.

Mary Ellen was born in Minneapolis, MN on May 2, 1944. The family moved to Halliday, North Dakota where Mary Ellen spent the rest of her childhood with her five siblings. Mary was a RN, BSN for more than 30 years, working at MedCenter One in Bismarck, North Dakota. She moved back to Minnesota and worked at Presbyterian Homes in Spring Park, Minnesota.

Mary Ellen not only was the matriarch of the family, but the light that brought so much happiness to those around her. She enjoyed her family above all else and had a never-ending supply of love for everyone she met. She enjoyed boating around the harbors of Lake Minnetonka, traveling around the country with Dennis to visit friends and family (and to escape the cold), and playing cards.

The amazing life of Mary Ellen Bumann will be celebrated on the water at Lord Fletcher's Old Lake Lodge, 3746 Sunset Drive, Spring Park, Minnesota from 5pm to 10pm on November 13, 2021 with a service beginning at 6:30pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to Haven Housing at 1803 N Bryant Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411. www.havenhousing.org.



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County OKs plan for safer crossing on Shoreline

Consolidated crossing at Dakota Trail coincides with next Shoreline resurfacing project in 2022

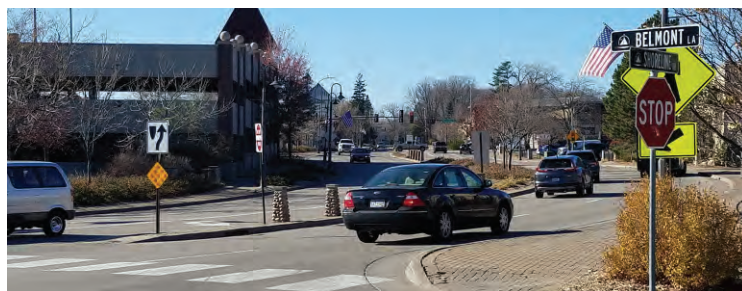
BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD
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Hennepin County handed Mound a victory earlier this month when it approved the city's fix for the often dicey downtown section of Shoreline Drive that includes the crossings at Belmont Lane and Auditors Road.

Expected in 2022 is a consolidated bike and pedestrian crossing at Auditors Road where the Dakota Trail traverses Shoreline Drive. The existing crosswalk at Belmont would be eliminated entirely.

"We've been waiting a long time and we finally got it," said an exuberant Mound Mayor Ray Salazar, who described the safety problems in the area as "a concern and a worry."

The city began working on safety improvements late in 2019



The city of Mound gained a win earlier this month when Hennepin County approved safe crossing solutions on Shoreline Drive. (Elizabeth Hustad/Laker Pioneer file photo)

for the section of road that is currently defined by its sharp S-curve and resulting poor sightlines. Council initiated a study of the issue last fall, and that report came back in June this year recommending the consolidated crossing.

Because Shoreline is a county road, the city had needed Hennepin County's approval for

any work to be done on it. The consolidated crossing will likely retain the existing alignment of the Dakota Rail Regional Trail, which after crossing to the west side of Shoreline extends along the northern border of the Harbor District.

Additional safety improvements for the new crossing will be a center refuge island and a

flashing beacon light that will signal when someone is waiting to cross.

With the consolidated crossing, the city intends to fully eliminate the looping strip of pavement called Auditors Road and which officials have long deemed a redundant thru-way. Removing Auditors Road would also feed into the city's plans for improving the park space at the Harbor District, a separate project that officials began in earnest this year after previously securing a co-operative living development in the area.

Hennepin County's approval for the new Shoreline Drive crossing had come in tandem with its upcoming resurfacing of Shoreline Drive, set to take place next year.

According to Mound city manager Eric Hoversten, Hen-

nepin County has committed to working out the "geometry changes for the trail crossing and closure of Auditors Road from the east before or as part of the major resurfacing project."

That resurfacing would "clean up Shoreline Drive from the 's-curves' west of Mound Marketplace all the way east to the Interlachen intersection in Spring Park," he said.

Also part of the larger project are under-the-roadway improvements for sewer and gas plus improved ADA ramps at intersection sidewalks.

Mayor Salazar iterated that although he and others have already been waiting years for improvements to Shoreline, another year didn't seem so far off anymore. "One more year? We can do that standing on our head."

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MINNETRISTA/ST. BONI POLICE REPORT**SUNDAY, OCT. 17**

Officers responded to a family domestic situation on Sunnybrook Circle.

A 911 hang-up call from an address along County Road 26 was found to be accidental.

A Dodge Dart was reportedly being driven erratically at Highway 7 and Main Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported being driven on Wildwood Avenue.

A Minnetrista resident returned home to find an open porch door. Inside she found a door open that is usually closed. She then called for police who walked through the home with her. Nothing else was out of place.

A male on Highland Road reported he had a guest at his home and he wanted her to leave. He then decided to let her stay for the night. The next day he reported she had stolen items from a

locked room in his house after he left for work.

MONDAY, OCT. 18

A white Tahoe was reportedly being driven erratically on Highway 7 near County Road 44.

Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Merganser Drive.

A property dispute in the 8700 block of Highway 7 was settled by the parties involved prior to police arrival.

A Big Lake motorcyclist on County Road 26 swerved when the vehicle ahead of him braked suddenly rounding a curve. He then struck the rear tire of a semi in the opposite lane and he was thrown from his motorcycle. He received minor injuries. The motorcycle appeared to be a total loss.

A player was hurt while on the football field. Mound Fire and paramedics responded.

A resident on Saunders Lake Drive

reported a drone had been hovering over his house for 20 minutes.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

A parking complaint was received on Woodland Cove Parkway. Construction vehicles were found to be legally parked.

A theft of money from a vehicle parked inside an open garage was reported on Hillview Drive.

A lost purse was reported along County Road 26.

A welfare check was conducted on an individual on County Road 26. Officers responded to an unwanted person at a residence on Highland Road.

Officers responded to a medical on Walnut Drive.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

A theft with a fake check was reported at a business along Highway 7.

A theft was reported along Cardinal Cove Road after construction

plans paid for were not completed.

A Chrysler minivan was reportedly being driven erratically on County Road 110.

Officers responded to a medical call on Kings Point Road.

A Woodland Drive resident reported someone was parked in his driveway. The 37-year-old Minnetrista male driver was arrested for DUI Refusal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21

A loose cow on Deer Creek Road was gone upon police arrival.

The owner of an abandoned vehicle on Big Woods Drive was advised to have it moved.

A civil dispute along County Road 110W was mediated.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

Lights valued at \$533 were stolen from a home under construction on Creekside Way.

A resident reported someone has been using his phone number as

part of a scam. He asked that it be documented.

A resident on Kennedy Memorial Drive exited her home with her children after smelling gas. St Boni Fire and CenterPoint also responded.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

A court order violation was reported on Main Street. After reviewing the Order, it was found the action committed was not a violation.

An officer made contact with a driver reportedly tailgating and driving with high beams on after a complaint was received on Highway 7. He denied the accusations.

Juvenile girls were reportedly ding-dong-ditching on Sunnybrook Circle. Officers met with a group of juveniles, but was unable to ascertain if they were involved. They were advised.

A resident reported feeling threatened by an acquaintance.

Timeline for Spring Park's Black Lake Road pushed out

BY ELIZABETH HUSTAD

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The timeline for improvements along Black Lake Road is still not fully defined but officials are talking about pushing it out to late next year to allow for an extended resident input process on what will be a more than \$2 million street and utility reconstruction of the roadway that juts out onto its namesake bay.

"I think we need to get the residents in now," said council member Mark Chase, citing the extensiveness of the project at a work session Oct. 18. "I think that has the potential to drop a lot of questions from residents."

The work is expected to include some give and take among property owners in the area who stand to gain or lose a foot in shifting property lines as the city contends with how best to bring the area up to standard, including a full replacement of both the sanitary sewer and watermain plus a 4-foot widening of the street itself.

Preliminary estimates put the total project cost at \$2.013 million or about \$400,000 more than the expected total for the ongoing West Arm West project. The city would be able to assess residents for just under \$1 million with the rest of the funding likely to come from bonding.

Unlike the West Arm West project, which used trenchless technology and cured-in-place piping, engineers are proposing traditional excavation for the

utility replacements along Black Lake Road, with city engineer Michael Nielson citing limited rights of way and the need to replace not only the main lines but service lines as well. A trenchless method for Black Lake Road "wouldn't save any inconvenience" and would also add an extra \$125,000-\$250,000 to the project cost, estimated Nielson.

The next two years will be "a little congested" from an administrative perspective, said Spring Park city administrator Dan Tolsma.

Through at least the first part of next year, the city will be working through the final stages of the West Arm West project, while the reconstruction of Black Lake Road had been scheduled to begin next summer. Also on the horizon, for spring of 2023, is Hennepin County's reconstruction of Sunset Drive.

The city is now weighing the option of a slight delay on Black Lake Road to next fall to allow for completion of West Arm West and to avoid running two projects at once.

Spring Park is in the process of improving the utilities throughout the city, and "It doesn't make any difference whether you do it this year or next year or three years [from now], it's not going to go away," said Mayor Jerry Rockvam, who agreed with council member Chase that residents should be brought in on it sooner than later.

"We talked about being proactive with our water and sewer projects and especially around the lake because we have

some surrounding communities that haven't been proactive, and they've had sewer discharges into the lake because of their infrastructure not being taken care of," added council member Jeff Hoffman. "I feel very strongly on this [...] we're trying to control our impact on the lake. This is critical."

The city is holding an info session for residents in the coming week and is ex-

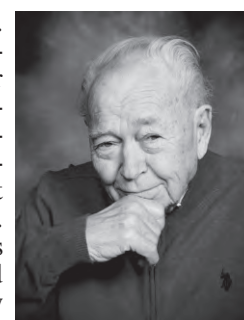
pected to sign off on the final feasibility report for Black Lake Road before the end of the year.

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Obituaries

Donald "Mr. G" E. Gulbrandson

Donald Gulbrandson (Mr. G), age 90, passed away peacefully in his home on October 20, 2021 surrounded by family. He endured a valiant two-year battle with advanced kidney disease, congestive heart failure and two recent strokes. Although Don's body was weak, his gentle but determined spirit was there until the very end.



He was born May 23, 1931 to Clarence and Emma (Mickelson) Gulbrandson and was raised on the family farm in Hartland Township (near Albert Lea, MN). He graduated from New Richland High School then went on to college, graduating from Winona State with a degree in English. Winona State is where he met Janis Randall who became his wife in June of 1957. Son Jon was born April of 1958.

Mr. G., as he was known to his students, taught Speech and English at Mound Westonka High school. He also directed the many plays and musicals at the school. For several summers Don also worked at Tonka Toys. He retired in 1987 after 30 years of teaching.

Don was a devoted husband, a loving father, a loyal friend and a well respected teacher. He enjoyed living on Lake Minnetonka. The summers anyway. He liked to draw, paint, play the Concertina, care for his bulldogs (Oliver, Caesar and Westy) and help his son on various car restoration projects.

Preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Emma; his wife, Janis and infant daughter, Jane. Don is survived by his son, Jon (Ginny) and grandson, David.

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 500 block Howard Ave., Maple Plain. Male was in pain and out of his pain medication requested transportation to the hospital. North Memorial EMS transported.
 300 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Caller reported a drunk male was having stomach problems, feeling weird / strange and wanted to go to the hospital. Hennepin County Medical EMS arrived and transported him to the hospital.

MONDAY, OCT 18

TUESDAY, OCT 19

WEDNESDAY, OCT 20

5200 block Bryantwood Dr Maple Plain. Victim reported a very loud noise when he started his vehicle. He exited his vehicle and looked under his car and noticed that catalytic converter was missing, stolen. Estimated loss \$400.

5000 block Main Street, Maple Plain. Female reported male was very intoxicated and yelling at her and her children but had since stopped. Argument was verbal, nothing physical and female requested police not to talk to the male, to not upset him further as he was going to bed soon.

2300 block Nelson Rd, Independence. 4-year-old with trouble breathing, had been coughing hard and was lethargic. Officer arrival checked the vitals of the 4-year-old, due to symptoms, could potentially have croup. Parents decided not to have medics respond and they would transport their son in to be seen.

THURSDAY, OCT 21

4800 block Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Reported a patient was unconscious but breathing. North Memorial EMS transported the patient to the hospital.

Hwy 12/ CR 90 Roundabout, Independence. Veh 1 and Veh 2 w/b on Hwy 12 at the roundabout. Veh 2 took a wider turn and crossed over the white dotted line, striking Veh1 tire to the front driver's quarter panel. No injuries.

4800 block Gateway Blvd, Maple Plain. Officer responded for an employee that had shortness of breath and weakness. North Memorial EMS arrived and took over patient care.

6100 block Hwy 12, Independence. Driver reported his vehicle broke down and he had a tow enroute. Vehicle was in safe location to wait for tow. No further assistance was needed.

CR 92N /Turner Rd, Independence. Caller reported large clumps of mud, debris were on the road from a tractor leaving a field. Contact with the tractor driver who was advised to clean up the roadway when he completed his field work as it was a road safety hazard. A later check, the debris was removed from the roadway,

9:21 p.m. 300 block Kuntz Dr, Independence. Officer contact with the driver of a vehicle parked in the middle of Kuntz Dr. Driver stated she just lives down the road and had stopped to use her phone. No signs of any impairment or criminal activity were found.

10:04 p.m. 6900 block Hwy 12, Independence. Officer observed a vehicle with its hazard lights on, stopped to assist the juvenile driver and passenger in the vehicle. Vehicle had run out of coolant, overheated and a family friend was bringing coolant. Officer stood by with squad lights on for safety until their help arrived and coolant was added, and they were on their way.

10:27 p.m. 5300 block Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Officer stopped to assist a driver in a vehicle pulled over to the shoulder of the roadway with its hazard lights on. Driver was on w/b on Hwy 12 on her way to Willmar, pulled over to use her GPS to look for a bathroom for her two little ones. Driver wanted to find a bathroom going west rather than turn around. Officer advised Delano was 5-10 min away. No signs of any impairment were found.

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Long Lake adds permits to Glenmoor Lane parking

BY TODD ABELN

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If you want to park on a portion of Glenmoor Lane in Long Lake you will need to have a permit.

That's because the Long Lake City Council approved a ordinance at its Tuesday, Oct. 19 regular meeting establishing a residential permit parking-only zone on a portion of Glenmoor Lane.

So if you want to park on Glenmoor Lane, starting at 287 Glenmoor Lane on the west side of the street and 280 Glenmoor Lane on the east side and extending north to Wayzata Boulevard W., you will have to have residential parking permit issued by the city starting Oct. 30.

With the passing of the ordinance, the city will issue three residential parking permits to each residential address within the established permit zone on an annual basis at no cost to the residents. Permits must be displayed so the entire permit is visible by police, public works or other city enforcement personnel. Permits can either be placed on the dashboard or hung from the rear view mirror. According to the ordinance, a permit may not be sold, leased or otherwise transferred to another and the permit may only be used by the legal occupants of the address for which the permit was issued. If the permit is sold, leased

or transferred the person is guilty of a misdemeanor. If the permit is lost or damaged, the cost to replace the permit will be \$25.

The residential permits allow for parking on Glenmoor Lane during daytime hours only. All night parking in the city of Long Lake is prohibited.

If a vehicle is found to be parked on Glenmoor Lane without a permit, the owner of the vehicle is subject to a petty misdemeanor and a fine of \$100 plus applicable surcharges. Every day a vehicle is parked there is considered a new violation. If a vehicle is in violation, a police officer may have the vehicle removed at the expense of the vehicle's owner.

Public Works will put up signs on Glenmoor Lane to let people know they need a permit to park on the street.

The need for the residential permit parking only zone came from requests from residents that parking from Birch's on the Lake restaurant would overflow onto Glenmoor Lane when the parking lot at Birch's would be full.

The city said they have received complaints about the parking issue since Birch's opened in 2015 and on Sept. 20, the city received a written petition from the residents of Glenmoor Lane requesting the residential permit parking only zone.

The petition was signed by over 75

percent of the residents of Glenmoor Lane, the city reported.

In other Long Lake City Council action, the council approved the sale of a portion of city-owned property located at the south side of the properties located at 2145 and 2165 Daniels St., immediately north of Highway 12 to the Barbara A. Hendrickson Revocable Trust for the price of \$50,000.

The process would subdivide the parcel into two pieces and separately combine those pieces with two properties to the north, re-platting both into

larger parcels. The eastern property is the city's public works site and the western portion is owned by the Hendrickson Trust.

The Hendrickson Trust intent with the property is to expand the existing building and public safety drive isle on the property located at 2165 Daniels St. The city would continue to use the portion added to the south of the city property for public works purposes.

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Three Rivers board will hold public hearing on 2022 budget

The Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners has scheduled a public hearing about the 2022 general fund budget and operating levy. The public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center, 3000 Xenium Lane N., Plymouth.

The proposed 2022 General Fund Operating Budget, which funds the day-to-day operations of parks and trails, totals \$46,034,204. This amount represents an increase of 5.45 percent over the 2021 budget.

The largest revenue source for the budget is the property tax levy collected in suburban Hennepin County. The 2022 property tax levy is estimated to be \$45,476,384, which is a 3.97 percent increase over the 2021 levy. The property tax levy has two components: an operating levy to fund the budget, and the debt service levy required to fund principal and interest payments due on borrowed funds.

The proposed budget will be available on the Park District's website at ThreeRiversParks.org beginning on Nov. 1. Copies of the budget will also be available

for review at the Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center.

Following the public hearing, the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners will consider adopting the 2022 general fund budget at the regular Board meeting on November 4. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is expected to review Three Rivers Park District's general fund budget on November 9, and the Park District Board will consider approval of the final 2022 property tax levy and reaffirmation of the 2022 general fund budget on December 16.

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Bob Cameron, 87, spent two days in his hometown

hospital in Hallock, Minnesota, where caregivers searched nonstop for space in a larger hospital that could find and fix the source of his severe gastrointestinal bleeding and treat his COVID-19.

The bleeding exhausted the hospital's blood supply, so state troopers shuttled new units 130 miles from Fargo,

North Dakota to Hallock to keep Cameron alive. A bed was secured Oct. 12 at Sanford Health in Fargo, but his condition worsened after surgery there to find the source of his bleeding. He died Oct. 13, the Star Tribune reported.

"We can't say for certain, of course, that if he got to

an ICU bed sooner that he would have survived, but we just feel in our hearts that he would have," said Cameron's granddaughter, Janna Curry.

During a three-week stretch this month, rural hospitals were caring for more COVID-19 patients than Twin Cities hospitals.

"We're playing tag back and forth between Aitkin, Crosby, Brainerd and Princeton," said Dr. Arden Virnig, supervisor of a five-bed ER at Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia, Minnesota. "Basically, we're calling each other all day long to say, 'Who's got a new bed open?'"



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Conference honors, individual wins for White Hawks

Prior to Oct. 19, you'd have to scroll back in time to 2015 to find the last time a White Hawks Boys Cross Country runner outright won the Conference meet. On the girls' side, there were recent back-to-back wins in 2018 and 2019 by Laura Sunnarborg. Time to update the record books: on a perfect fall day in Jordan senior and six-year team veteran Lance Nemecek earned top place honors with a commanding performance at the Wright County East Conference Boys Cross Country Championship.

The flat, two-loop, urban course traversed through various practice fields, grassy areas and a wooded path on the Jordan High

School campus. From the start and finish area, spectators were treated with great views of the course and could keep runners in sight for much of the race.

Nervous excitement could be sensed as the boys' Varsity runners neared the start line. With the sound of the starting gun, runners sprinted forward to determine their conference legacy. Early on the pack was tight, but as they strode on, Nemecek took the lead by a few lengths, looking determined and focused. The aggressive pace began to separate the runners significantly, and with the completion of the first lap only Nemecek and a Jordan runner were in the lead group. Not far be-

hind, and having the race of his life, was junior Jacob Trost in pursuit.

With his signature red sunglasses and calf-length crew socks and seemingly energized by the cheers of spectators along the course, Nemecek increased the pace and the competition could not respond. The gap continued to extend with the entirety of the second lap, leaving Nemecek alone at the finish line jubilantly exclaiming "I won, I can't believe it!" Nemecek's time was a 16:50, giving him the win, a new PR and a 22-second lead over second place.

The future is bright for the White Hawks with Jacob Trost having a phenomenal race, finishing as

the number two Westonka runner for the first time this season with a PR of 17:35 and sixth place overall. Senior Josh Engesser was next with a 17:39 and seventh place finish. Nemecek, Trost and Engesser each earned All-Conference honors by placing in the top nine finishers.

The next two White Hawks were Max Epsky with a 18:14 in 13th place and Charlie Paul with a 18:16 in 14th place; both awarded with All-Conference Honorable Mention for their finishes. Rounding out the White Hawk finishers were Brandon Knock with 18:52 in 20th place and Owen Paul with 19:47 in 29th place. The team

missed the top podium spot by only 3 points and took home a strong second place finish.

A determined and prepared girls Varsity team next contested their race. Junior veteran Laura Sunnarborg and eighth-grade newcomer Emma Andreu courageously covered the 5K course with the leading runners. With the completion of their two laps, White Hawk finishers were Sunnarborg with a 20:46 in fifth place, Andreu with a 21:01 in eighth place and Audrey Kirscht with a 21:12 in ninth place and earning All-Conference honors. Next came Allison Soule with a 21:36 in 11th, Sophia Engesser with a 21:50 in 15th place

and Brooke Garlock 22:01 in 17th place, all receiving All Conference Honorable Mention. Mari Engesser rounded out the field with a 22:23 in 19th place. The girls team earned second place overall by the narrowest of margins.

This would be the final race for the JV and Middle School teams, and they made the most of it. The JV girls placed first with their perfect score of 15 with freshman Gabby Callahan leading with a 22:37 in first, eighth-grader Bette Mae Grogan with a 23:33 in second, sophomore Cassie Nemecek, 23:46 in fourth, eighth-grader Payton Stover with a 24:27 in fifth and freshman Claire Rashleger with a 24:57 in sixth.

The JV boys took second place overall with junior Ethan Garlock with a 19:24 in seventh, sophomore Mathew Von Edeskuty 19:24 in eighth, senior Wyatt Carlson with a 19:27 in ninth, Isaac Hays with a 19:35 in 11th and Andrew Finley with a 20:25 in 15th. Isaac Aud, Miles Lund and Micah Esky with 21:33, 22:03 and 22:41 in 25th, 28th and 34th respectively completed the lineup.

The undefeated Middle school boys' team remained just that. Their leader Gavin Thelen delivered a 9:28 for second place, Liam Grant with a 9:30 in third, Owen Trost with a 9:41 in fourth, Luke Sunnarborg with a 10:00 in sixth and Drew Carlson with 10:01 in seventh. Bobby Trost, Brendan Rashleger, Gabriel Lundgren, Dillon Peterson, Brody Olson, Deacon Ranthum, August Lang and Joseph Puskarich also crossed the finish line. The Middle School girls race had Ellie Cordahl with a 11:34 in sixth place.

Coach Humbert later went on to say, "It was a delightful day and experience in Jordan last night with several highlights... there was a lot to celebrate yesterday at the WCC East meet." The White Hawks competed at Sections in Dassel-Cokato on Oct. 28. Sections took place after press time.

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Orono girl swim and dive team strong in pool

The Orono girls swim and dive team kept cruising last week with a dual meet win against Waconia and a runner-up finish at the Class A True Team State meet.

The Spartans started off with an impressive 122-64 win against the Wildcats on Tuesday, taking first place in seven of the nine individual events and one of the three relay events.

Placing first for the Spartans were Graycin Andreen in the 200 free (1:59.99), Hailey Ball in the 200 individual medley (2:21.40), Skye Thalhuber in the 50 free (26.28), Elle Davis in the 100 free (57.90), Mallory Knutson in the 500 free (5:38.30), and Addie Thalhuber in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.23). Makena Rasmussen took first place in diving with a new pool record score of 255.55. The win in Waconia



The Orono girls swim and dive team had quite a week by improving to 8-0 in dual meets and finishing second at the Class A State True Team meet. (Submitted photo)

moved the Spartans conference record to an impressive 8-0.

On Thursday, the swimmers and divers traveled to the University of Minnesota for the team's first ever appearance at the True Team State Meet.

The Spartans qualified for the meet with by winning the Section 3A True Team Meet the previous weekend. In a format where all of a team's four entries per event score, the Spartans depth shined through, leading them to a

runner-up finish in the meet with 1,963 points, roughly 340 points behind champion Visitation and 310 points ahead of third place Delano.

The Spartans had several top 8 finishers, led by Makena Rasmussen (2nd) and So-

phia Capece (3rd) in diving. Eighth grader Graycin Andreen placed 5th in the 200 free and 8th in the 500 free. Junior Addie Thalhuber placed 6th in the 200 IM and 5th in the 500 free, Junior Skye Thalhuber placed 4th in the 100 breaststroke and Junior Hailey Ball placed 7th in the 200 IM. The Spartan top relays placed 9th in the 200 Medley Relay, 7th in the 200 Free Relay, and 3rd in the 400 Free Relay.

"The girls really came to compete tonight," head coach Mark Sequin said. "With it being a 7 p.m. start, MEA, and the fifth meet in 10 days, there were a lot of easy excuses not to be motivated for this meet. The girls really rallied around each other and put on a historic performance for the program."

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North Shore Gymnastics has another solid performance

The North Shore Gymnastics Association's Xcel Silver, Level 3, and Level 4 women's teams put on another great show this past weekend at Harvest Invite meet, which was hosted by Rising Stars Gymnastics Association at North St. Paul High School.

The packed Level 3 Junior field was divided into three groups, and a trio of North Shore athletes earned the first-place All-Around podium spots in all three groups. Liesl Rosha's (8, Independence) first-place finishes on bars and floor catapulted her to the top All-Around score in group A. Her teammate Evelyn Belgarde (8, Wayzata) was close behind, coming in second-place on bars, third on floor, and third in the All-Around.

In group B, it was Ellenora Leland (9, Wayzata) taking home the top All-Around placement. Leland wowed the judges with a first-place finish on floor, and second-place finishes on vault and bar. Kaia Johnson (9, Plymouth) nailed it on the beam and walked away with a first-place medal for that event and a fifth-place finish in the All-Around.

Over in group C, Alice Fogle's (9, Corcoran) skills on the floor earned her a third-place medal. Katelyn Nagen-gast (10, Shorewood) had a fantastic day, soaring to a third-place finish on vault and racking up gold medal worthy scores on all other events, ultimately earning the Level 3s a clean sweep of the

All-Around gold medal podium spots across all three groups. These impressive results helped the Level 3 ladies take home yet another first-place banner for the meet to add to their growing collection.

No less impressive were the Level 4s from North Shore. The Juniors and Seniors were both divided into two groups a piece. In the Junior A group, Avery Merz (9, Orono) brought the heat by earning the top beam score of the group and racking up second-place finishes on all other events. Merz took home a silver medal in her group's All-Around. In the Junior B group, Kennedy Farley (9, Long Lake) took third in the beam. Her teammate Emmy Haag (9, Rockford) grabbed another first-place All-Around finish thanks to a third-place performance on vault, a second-place on floor, and a rousing, first-place-worthy beam routine.

In the Level 4 Senior group A session, Elva Schilplin (10, Minnestrista) led the charge. Schilplin earned a bronze medal on floor, silver on vault, and then gold, gold, gold on bars, beam, and the All-Around. Jenna Dennis's (10, Medina) fourth-place finish on beam also helped North Shore in their quest for another team banner. North Shore's sole athlete in the Level 4 Senior B group, Taylor Hansen (12, Delano), brought home a second-place medal in the All-Around, thanks to a strong second-place finish

on the floor. Together, the North Shore Level 4s racked up enough points in the team competition for another first-place banner, joining the Level 3s in being undefeated as a team in their first three meets so far.

The Xcel Silver team also managed to bring home a banner of their own this time as well—their first of the season. The Silvers went up against eight tough teams and came home with the fourth-place banner. Stand-out Silvers included Hannah Erikson

(9, Plymouth) who flipped her way to a second-place finish on bars, Penny Juusola (9, Long Lake) with her third-place beam routine, Ava Peterson (10, Delano) who took fourth-place on the vault, and Olivia Johnson (10, Long Lake), whose steady composure helped her secure a fifth-place finish in the Junior group B All-Around.

These exciting athletes from North Shore will next be competing at the Throw Back Invite on Nov. 13 and 14 at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul.



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Orono soccer qualifies for state tourney

The Orono men's soccer team is headed to the state tournament.

Orono hosted the Blake Bears at Pesonen stadium on Tuesday, Oct. 19, for the Class AA Section 5 Final.

Orono came into the game determined to clean up some unfinished business, after winning their section last year and having the state tournament cancelled due to COVID. Orono advanced to this year's Section 5 Final having defeated both Delano and Benilde St. Margaret's in the week prior.

As expected by the Spartans, Blake's strategy at the kickoff was to play a physically aggressive and defensive game against the more skilled Spartans.



The Orono men's soccer team defeated the Blake Bears 1-0 to win the section title and qualify for the state tournament. (Photo courtesy Frank Landis)

However, the Spartans were prepared for it, having recently played the Bears in a regular season game.

The entirety of the first half,

Blake struggled to get through Orono's midfield and despite the referee allowing them to play through a number of nasty fouls, they were unable to

get much offense going. The Spartans had the upper hand in both possession and opportunities, however, the score remained tied 0-0 at halftime.

The second half of the game started off much the same until a cleared free kick resulted in a signature Ben Halloff long throw in, which defender Cal Ehlen headed past the goalie to put Orono up 1-0.

In order to stay in the game, the Bears had to adjust to playing a more offensive game. That strategy provided them with opportunities, but they were no match for the Spartans.

With their senior heavy lineup, Orono was able to hold onto their 1-0 lead until the end of regulation.

The Spartans claimed their section title for the third year in a row, despite a change in class and tougher competition. They were also named the No. 1 seed going into the Class AA State Tournament next week.

After the game, head coach Derek Engler commented, "Our strong section opponents have helped prepare us for a deep state run. We also have several seniors that have state tournament experience and I am excited to see how that all pays off for us over the next two weeks. We are playing our best soccer at the right time and it is fun to watch."

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Westonka girls fall at sections

Mound Westonka Girls Soccer concluded their season back on Thursday, Oct. 14 with a tough one goal loss to The Blake School in Hopkins. The visiting White Hawks had most of the possession and generated many chances but could not get the ball in the net. Mound's defense was strong all game long, with standout performances from senior captain Anna Elliott and junior Annika Hoisington. Blake scored the only goal of the game at the 72nd minute against the run of play, and it was enough to see them through to victory.

With an overall record of eight wins and eight losses in the regular season, coach Doug Lurfald was pleased with the performance his team gave all season long. "The girls worked hard this year to play with more possession and control of the ball. When we got in the attacking zone the girls created a great deal more scoring chances than in the last several seasons."

Coach was also really pleased with the performance and leadership provided by the team's senior captains, Megan Wanner, Libby McCue, Quinn Jensen and Anna Elliott.

"The four seniors that led the program provided the backbone for the team's success. They gave this team the belief that we were good enough to play with and best teams that have beaten us in the past. They also convinced the returning players that if they put the time and effort in during the off season to improve their skills, the success that we had this year will continue into the future."

At the end of season award ceremony, Coach was pleased to share recognition to several key players. Wanner was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player award and was also honored as an "All Wright County Conference" player. McCue was awarded an "All Wright County Conference" honorable mention. Sophomore Natalie Miner was awarded the team's "Most Improved Player" award. Senior captains for next season were also announced and will be Alicia Hatlestad and Alaina Mather.

MWHS Girls Soccer Final Score: Mound Westonka 0 - The Blake School 1.

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White Hawks' Doshan earns All State award

White Hawks senior captain Michael Doshan earned a second consecutive All State award at the end of the recently concluded high school soccer season. This came after he was also voted as the best outfield player in Wright County along with earning an All Conference recognition. Two other players, junior captain Dylan Mather and sophomore Sam Holmberg, were also recognized with All Conference awards.

Head coach Manuel Jordan was pleased to announce these awards at the end of season banquet and award ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Coach Jordan summed up the season by saying "While we were disappointed with our loss to Blake in the playoffs, we view the season as a great success. The team sustained multiple injuries to key players, some of which were really lengthy, and the team did well to produce the results we did." The team's overall record of nine wins, three losses and four ties was the team's best record since 2018.

Despite losing a great crop of senior players, including Doshan who has been a Varsity player for 5 straight years, the team is optimistic for next year. Next season's senior captains will be Dylan Mather, Payton Kasper and Logan Kevitt. Sam Holmberg was also named captain as a junior.

The team's season came to an end on a crisp 52 degree evening at Haddorff Field in the opening



Michael Doshan won a second consecutive All State award after the recently completed high school soccer season. (Submitted photo)

round of the boys 5AA sectional playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 14.

Early on, it was a tightly played match with few chances by either team. In the 17th minute, Blake played a clever short corner kick and as the White Hawks scrambled to recover a foul was committed in the box. Tristan Poul took the penalty for the Bears and he buried a strong shot into the left side of the net.

After their goal, the Bears created more chances including several

more corner kicks, but the White Hawks defense and senior goalkeeper, Cooper Kantola, held firm until half-time.

After the half, the White Hawks came out on fire and created several early chances, but each shot was blocked by a Bears defender or saved by goalkeeper Keaton Rannow. Nine minutes after half-time, a bouncing ball from Blake's Jonah Halper eluded Kantola and the Bears went up 2-0.

Shortly after Blake's second goal, the White Hawks earned a throw-in deep in Blake territory. Junior Payton Kasper's long forward flip throw-in to the front of the goal resulted in a scramble that ended when eighth-grader Leif Hagen finally passed the ball to the back of the net to cut Blake's lead to 2-1.

From there, the game opened up going both ways. Kantola made several saves on strong shots from Blake attackers. The White Hawks generated some good offensive pressure the rest of the way but with 12 minutes to go in the game, Blake put the game away with a third goal. The White Hawks could not change the 3-1 outcome and their season came to an end after a hard fought battle.

MWHS Boys Soccer Final Score: Mound Westonka 1 - The Blake School 3.

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With their victory over Spectrum, The White Hawks ended the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record, securing the #1 seed and a first round bye in the Section 6AAAA playoffs. (Sue Rodelius/Submitted photos)

White Hawks shut out Spectrum Sting, 28-0

Westonka football team finishes the regular season with perfect 8-0 record

In the final regular season game, the Mound Westonka White Hawks hosted the Spectrum Sting. While the game probably meant little in terms of postseason seeding, White Hawk pride was on the line going into the game 7-0.

The game began like many others this season with the Sting receiving but the White Hawks' defense giving up very little territory. Soon Spectrum was forced to punt. Tyler Albert got to work right away and the play calling seemed to be, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" when rush after rush after rush, Albert kept moving the ball, then the chains, and then the score, making it 7-0 with Ben Neve's extra point.

With 8 minutes left in the quarter, the Sting took over and while they briefly gained a few yards, the White Hawks de-

fense swarmed on the offense, first with a huge tackle for loss and then a fumble recovery by Jaaron Konkell. The White Hawks would take over on the 43. This series was not a typical set of downs by the White Hawks as they were plagued by several penalties and incompletions, but they cleaned up their mess as Jake Gaylord found Jake Dallman for a 25-yard reception just 1 yard short of the endzone. Fletcher Anderson would take it the final yard. The White Hawks faked the extra point attempt and converted for 2 when Kade Tappen found Joe Zachow in the endzone, making it 15-0 with 5 minutes left in the first quarter.

The Sting's final drive of the first quarter, which brought them into the second quarter, was one of the most successful of the game, moving the chains

and converting on 3rd and 4th downs. When they found themselves on the 16-yard line on 4th down they decided to go for 3 and the kick was no good so the White Hawks would take over. Despite the momentum shift and the strong hold by special teams, the White Hawks offense could not convert on the next drive and was forced to punt, pushing the Sting back to the 17. Not long after, Tyler Von Bank would pick off the Sting's quarterback, running it back to the 22-yard line. Again, the White Hawks were plagued by penalties and it didn't seem like this drive was going to go anywhere. Tyler Albert helped inch them back from 3rd and 25 to 4th and 18th. The White Hawks called timeout to strategize and strategize they did. Gaylord found Tyler Von Bank for a 23-yard touchdown with

Neve making it 22-0. The Sting would be left stranded at mid-field as the half expired.

The second half would go much quicker as horizontal rain and wind prompted a White Hawks drive that would gobble up almost every single minute of the third quarter. Jaaron Konkell, Tyler Albert and Cam Peterson would show the Sting how worker bees behave and take turns pushing the ball up the field in a steady and strong offensive drive. Tyler Von Bank would cap off the drive with a 5-yard run. While the 2-point conversion wasn't successful, the plan to eat up time on the clock was. The 6-point drive took the entire third quarter and the White Hawks led 28-0 moving into the fourth.

The 4th quarter would go much the same as the previous three for the Sting. Their first

drive was cut short as Andrey Sivtsov would recover a fumble, stopping the Sting short of their offensive attempt. The White Hawks would also not have much luck moving the chains and soon were also forced to punt, backing Spectrum up to the 27 with just 3 and a half minutes to go. Issac Paul stepped up with a set of big tackles on defense giving the Sting nowhere to go and sealing the victory.

The White Hawks finished their regular season with a perfect 8-0 record and have secured the #1 seed and a first round bye in the Section 6AAAA playoffs. The White Hawks will host either the #4 seed Orono Spartans (2-6), or the #5 seed Delano Tigers (2-6) on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.

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Westonka swimmers, divers moves to 6-1 on the season

The Mound Westonka - Holy Family (MWHF) Girls Swim and Dive team visited Orono Thursday, Oct. 14 and walked away with another win in the now 6-1 season.

In what's become a familiar pattern, sophomore Catherine Dueck took the top spot in each of her individual events for the fifth time in as many weeks. Dueck's 2:13:17 won the 200 IM while teammates Annie Springer (SR, captain) and Courtney French (JR) followed just behind in second and third. MWHF also finished first, second and third in the 500 Freestyle with Dueck (5:27:66) ahead of Annemarie Johnson (FR) and French.

Jaylyn Storm (JR) also had a perfect evening of first place finishes. Storm won the 50 Freestyle (25:49) with Kate Johnson (JR) finishing third and Kathryn Collins (SR, captain) fifth. The competition was fierce in the 100 Freestyle with first and third places separated by just 00:00:11. Storm took the top spot (56:86) with Ellen Ries (SR, Captain) in third and Collins fifth.

Kate Johnston (JR) led MWHF in the top three spots of the 100 Breaststroke (1:09:15) ahead of Hanna Hall (SR, captain) in second and Onna Sullivan (FR) third. Springer took second in the 100 Butterfly (1:03:48) with Abigail Ries (SO) in fourth and Camille Ness (FR) in sixth.

E. Ries won the 200 Freestyle (2:02:86) with team mates Johnson finishing second and Kristin Collins (JR) in fourth. Kr. Collins took third in the Backstroke with Ness and Onna Sullivan (FR) finishing fifth and sixth.

It was a sweep of first place finishes for MWHF in the three relay events of the meet. Kr. Collins, Johnston, Springer and Storm won the 200 Medley Relay (1:54:45), E. Ries, Storm, Johnston and Dueck won the 200 Freestyle Relay (1:42:75) and E. Ries, Springer, Johnson and Dueck won the 400 Freestyle Relay (3:50:03).

Varsity diver Bailey Monette (7th grade) will see her name on the school

record board. Monette's 217.45 points topped the previous Holy Family record as she earned a hard-fought third place finish against the powerful Orono divers. Teammates Sammy Christensen (8th grade) Britta Elliott (8th grade) finished fourth and sixth respectively.

Next meet is Mound Westonka - Holy Family vs Blake on Tuesday, Oct. 26. That meet took place after press time. The Oct. 26 meet concluded the dual meet season, and the team will move to Conference on Oct. 30, Sections Nov. 11 and 13 and State Nov. 18-20.

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**CITY OF LONG LAKE
HENNEPIN COUNTY,
MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02
AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING
A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT
PARKING ONLY ZONE
ON A PORTION OF
GLENMOOR LANE**
The City Council of the City of Long Lake does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds that there are residential areas within the City which are adjacent to or very near intense nonresidential uses. The Council recognizes that patrons of or persons employed by these nonresidential uses frequently park their vehicles on nearby streets, resulting in safety issues and the potential for damage to real property in impacted residential areas.

Section 2. A written petition has been received requesting the City establish a Residential Permit Parking Only Zone on a portion of Glenmoor Lane, beginning at 287 Glenmoor Lane on the west side and 280 Glenmoor Lane on the east side, and extending north on both sides of the street to Wayzata Boulevard W. The petition was signed by seventy-five percent or more of the owners or occupants of all tax parcels within the proposed area with an occupied structure locat-

ed thereon. Each signer thereon wrote his or her name, address, and phone number. The petition received described precisely the area requested to be established as a Residential Permit Parking Only Zone and identified the specific parking problem.

Section 3. Upon receipt of the petition, the Council set a time and place for a public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance establishing the requested Residential Permit Parking Only Zone. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing, written notice was mailed to the affected property owners or occupants including businesses within the petitioned area. At least ten (10) days prior to the hearing, notice was also posted in the official newspaper.

Section 4. The Council thereafter held the properly noticed public hearing and considered all information provided therein. By adoption of this Ordinance, the Council finds that the residences within the proposed Residential Permit Parking Only Zone are detrimentally impacted by parking of nonresidential traffic associated with the Birch's on the Lake restaurant use located at 1310 W Wayzata Boulevard, which has created an unreasonable increase in hazardous traffic conditions. The Council further finds that the health, safety, and welfare of the residents; and the at-

tractiveness, livability, and integrity of the neighborhood will be better protected by a system of permit parking as provided under this Ordinance.

Section 5. The City will issue three (3) residential parking permits to each residential address within the established Residential Permit Parking Only Zone on an annual basis at no cost to residents. In order for a Residential Parking Permit to be considered valid, it shall be displayed so that the entire permit is visible to Police, Public Works, and any other public safety or City enforcement personnel. Permits shall be placed on the driver's side dashboard of a vehicle so that the entire permit is clearly visible through the windshield; or may be hung over the post holding the rear view mirror to the windshield so that the entire permit is clearly visible through the windshield. Vehicles which display a permit that is not entirely visible from outside of the vehicle as set forth herein shall be considered unpermitted. In the event any of the permits issued under this Ordinance are lost, duplicates may be obtained from the City Clerk at a cost of \$25.00 per permit replacement. No duplicate shall be issued unless and until the applicant has furnished to the City Clerk a written, notarized statement that he or she has lost the original permit; and no person shall apply for a duplicate permit unless the original permit has, in fact, been lost. No more than three (3) current residential parking permits may be issued per residence at any one time. A permit that has been issued pursuant to this section may not be sold, leased, forged, altered, or otherwise transferred to another and the permit may only be used by the legal occupants of the address to which the permit was issued, and the designated guests of the legal occupant(s). In the event that the right of occupancy of a property is transferred to a new owner or tenant, the vacating occupant shall return all permits issued to him/her to the City and new permits will be issued to the new occupant(s). A person who sells, leases, forges, alters, or otherwise transfers a permit issued pursuant to this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 6. Permits enable residents and/or their designated guests to park on street during daytime hours only. All-night on street parking is prohibited, and no person, except an operator of an emergency vehicle on emergency call, shall park a vehicle on any street between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am of any day. A temporary exemption to the all-night

on street parking prohibition may be requested for special circumstances for a specific residence by special permission of the City Administrator or City Clerk; however, the temporary exemption request must be submitted to City staff at least two days prior to the start of the temporary on street overnight parking request. If a temporary exemption request is granted for a residence within the established Residential Permit Parking Only Zone, all vehicles parked on street must have their residential parking permits displayed in accordance with this section.

Section 7. The Public Works Director shall cause appropriate signs to be posted in the Residential Permit Parking Only Zone so as to inform the motoring public of the permit parking restriction.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to park on street without a permit in the posted Residential Permit Parking Only Zone. The registered owner (or driver, if present) of any vehicle found parked in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$100, plus applicable surcharges. Every day a vehicle is parked in violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a new violation. Additionally, and regardless of whether a citation is issued or not, if any vehicle is found to be parked in the Residential Permit Parking Only Zone in violation of this Ordinance, a Police officer may have any such vehicle removed at the expense of the owner or operator thereof to a garage, impound facility, or other place of safety.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately following adoption and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Lake this 19th day of October, 2021.

A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person during the City Clerk's regular office hours.
Date of Adoption: October 19, 2021
Date of Publication: October 30, 2021
Effective Date: October 30, 2021
BY: Charlie Miner, Mayor
ATTEST: Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk
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**LAKE MINNETONKA
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
7:00 PM,
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**Shawn Wischmeier
540 Big Island, Orono, 55331
Lower Lake South,
Lake Minnetonka**

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) will hold a public hearing to consider applications from Shawn Wischmeier for a residential multiple dock license and length variance for a proposed dock facility at 540 Big Island in Orono (PID 22-117-23-42-0001). The applicant proposes to store nine (9) watercraft at the site. The length variance is requested to address navigational concerns given the site's shallow water depths near shore. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to comment. Details are available at the LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364 or by calling (952) 745-0789.

Pursuant to a statement issued by the presiding officer under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021, the meeting and hearing may be conducted remotely using electronic means. The LMCD's usual meeting room may not accommodate the public or the Directors. Information on how to attend the hearing will be posted on the LMCD's website. Those desiring to participate in the hearing may also email the Executive Director at vschleuning@lmcd.org for information on how to attend. The usual meeting place is Wayzata City Hall, 600 Rice Street, Wayzata, MN 55364. Information about meeting location and meeting logistics will be available on the LMCD website, www.lmcd.org.

Details are available at the LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364 or by calling (952) 745-0789.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Orono, Minnesota will hold a regular meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6 pm. Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the matter of reviewing the following land use applications:

LA21-000066
City of Orono proposes a text amendment to Section 78-72 Lots of Record regarding hardcover limitations. (Staff: Melanie Curtis)

LA21-000069
Hoxie Homes & Remodeling, LLC – Jeff Hoxie, **4635 Tonkaview Lane**, regarding variances from the front yard setback to allow additions onto the existing home which encroaches across the property line into the right-of-way. (Staff: Melanie Curtis)

LA21-000070
The Metropolitan Council – Terrie DeBaker, **3447 Crystal Bay Road**, conditional use permit to allow a public service structure for a Lift Station and a variance to allow a gate at the entrance. (Staff: Laura Oakden)

All persons wishing to be heard are encouraged to attend these meetings. This is not a final agenda and is subject to change prior to the hearings. The applications and proposed ordinance language will be available on the City website

(www.ci.orono.mn.us) the Friday before the meeting, or by contacting the City Hall at 952-249-4600 and speaking with the planner associated with that application. Written comments are requested by November 8, 2021 but will be accepted until the Council meeting.

City of Orono
By: Planning Commission
Jeremy Barnhart,
Community Development Director

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**CITY OF MOUND
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF MOUND
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC
HEARING TO CONSIDER
AMENDMENTS TO CITY
CODE CHAPTER 129
ZONING PERTAINING TO
PARKING, FENCING,
AND FOOD TRUCKS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mound City Council, as part of its regular meeting being held on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers in the Centennial Building located at 5341 Maywood Road, Mound, MN, will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 129 Zoning.

The proposed changes to City Code Chapter 129 include modifications to the parking regulations to reorganize the section, update parking standards, and adjust parking minimums to reflect new uses and trends. The amendments will also change City Code Section 129-203 to establish the minimum height for fences located in yards of residential lots which are adjacent to unimproved fire lanes, alleys, or street frontages. Also amended will be multiple sections of City Code Chapter 129 to allow for and establish standards for the use of food trucks on private property.

Information about the proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 129 is on file and available for viewing at City Hall, by appointment, during office hours, and is also available on the City of Mound website at www.cityofmound.com.

Written or email comments about the proposed amendments will be accepted and should be directed to Sarah Smith at 2415 Wilshire Boulevard, Mound, MN 55364. Email comments can be sent to sarahsmith@cityofmound.com. Comments or emails received by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021 will be included in the City Council agenda packet. Comments received after that time will be presented to the City Council at the meeting. Information submitted will be made part of the public record.

By: Sarah Smith
Community Development Director

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**DISTRICT 4 SANITARY SEWER
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids for the construction of the District 4 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project will be received online through QuestCDN vBid™ until **Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. local time.** Immediately following expiration of the time for receiving bids, representatives of the City of Long Lake will publicly view bids at an online bid opening meeting. Those interested in viewing the online bid opening are welcome to join the meeting by logging on to <https://zoom.us/join> and entering **Meeting ID 994 0898 0700** and **Passcode 154687**, or attending in person at Long Lake City Hall located at 450 Virginia Avenue, Long Lake, MN 55356. The as-read online bid results will be available at www.questcdn.com following the bid opening.

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Bids will only be accepted via the electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any bids received without explanation. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DATED: October 19, 2021
BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
s/s Jeanette Moeller
City Clerk
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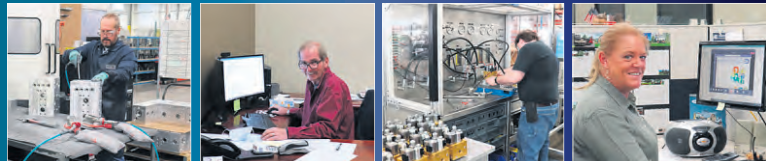
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