

# **CORRESPONDENCE**




# H I S T O R Y 21



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 Anoka County  
Historical Society

# Annual Meeting

Squeeze years of piano lessons into a moment and become a player piano master with Nate Otto of Rum River Restoration.

*\*Note: ACHS business meeting, and piano shenanigans throughout.*



**DATE:** March 29  
**TIME:** 2 p.m. Social Time  
2.30p.m. Program  
**WHERE:** Anoka County History Center

*Front Cover: Columbia Heights Court House and Police Station, located on 40th Avenue between Monroe and Quincy Streets, 1960.*

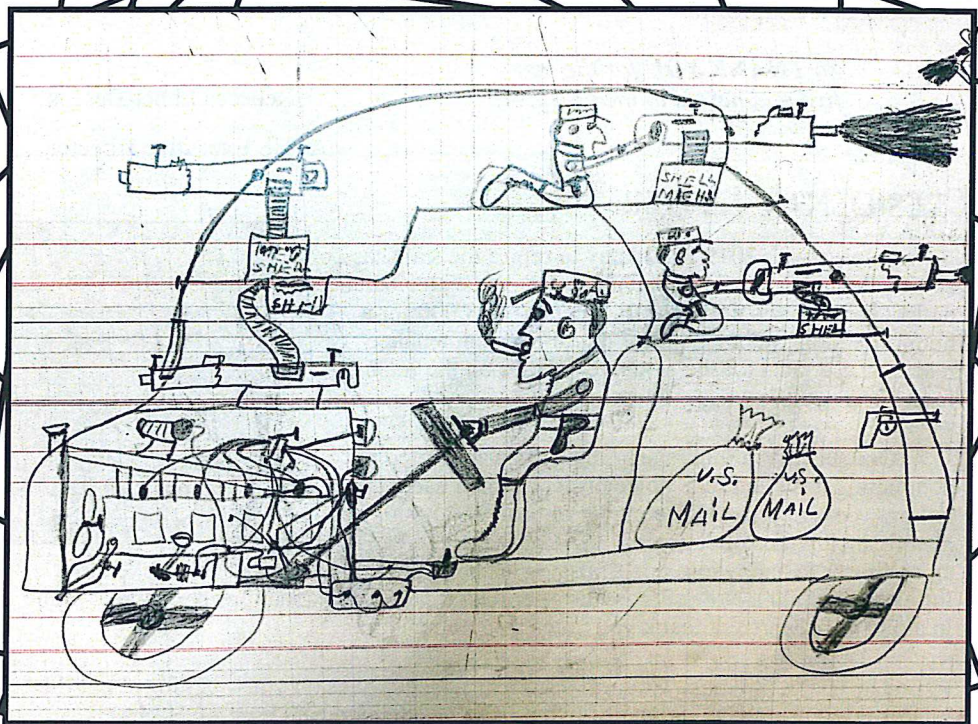
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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Believe it or not, we're rounding the corner on my five-year anniversary already. It's not untruthful to say that myself, the Board, staff, and even ACHS as an organization have all grown during this time.

We have succeeded at big projects like the TPT production, expanded old favorites like the Ghost Tours, and continued to create exhibits with academic rigor. We've added a gift shop and written research booklets, created new programs and updated old ones. We've made new friends who have given us new opportunities while maintaining hard-earned relationships with loyal partners and members. We've moved our data to a new content management system and improved the accessibility of our collections online. New website? Check. Social media presence? Check. Updated bylaws, policies, and investments? Check.

Through it all, you've stopped in with doughnuts, chocolate, coffee, cards, letters, ornaments, books, and doodads to make us smile. You've made us feel loved and appreciated in so many ways, reminding me (and all of the staff!) why we work at a nonprofit.

*So **THANK YOU** for the last five and here's to the next five!*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Ebnet-Desens".

Rebecca Ebnet-Desens

ACHS Executive Director

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

In reviewing 2019 I'm happy to report the staff has done an excellent job of again closing out the year with a balanced budget. This year's unbudgeted expense of \$8,000 for a humidification system, paid for out of our maintenance reserves, accounts for the negative balance on the financials found on page 17.

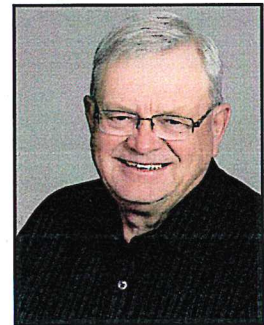
Our success in fundraising this year was limited to completing the Veteran's Voice project, which had a goal of not only covering the TPT contract of nearly \$45,000, but also financing the collection of oral histories and creation of an exhibit. I'm happy to report "mission accomplished!" To date we have taken in a little over \$58,000. Now six months after the premiere, the donations continue to come in along with heart-felt thank you notes from the public.

The health of Anoka County Historical Society relies on you—talking about the interesting things we're doing, the events you've attended, and how ACHS has impacted your life will continue this momentum and help us grow.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis R. Berg".

Dennis Berg, ACHS President





# THE 2019 ACHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Al Pearson, *District #1 Representative*

Kim Hogdal, *District #2 Representative*

Orville Lindquist, *District #3 Representative*

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Dave Bartholomay, *District #6 Representative*

Bart Ward, *District #7 Representative*

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Mary Nolan, *At-Large H*

Mandy Meisner, *Anoka County Commissioner Liaison*

## ACHS STAFF

Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, *Executive Director*

Audra Hilse, *Archivist & Collections Manager*

Sara Given, *Volunteer Coordinator*

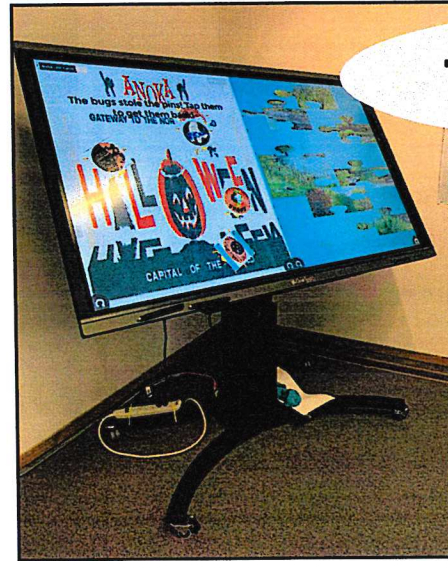
Carol Dordan, *Facilities Manager*

Don Johnson, *Office Staff*

Karen Johnson, *Office Staff*

Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Fridley, Ham Lake, Hilltop, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Linwood, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Ramsey, St. Francis, Spring Lake Park

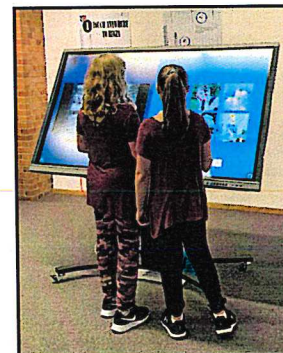
Andover, Anoka, Bethel, Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Columbia Heights, Columbus,



## TOUCH TABLE

Courtesy of funding from the Shavlik Family Foundation, we installed two multi touch tables at the museum this summer. The devices, which patrons can use standing or sitting, tilted or flat, are programmed by students from the Hennepin Technical College under the instruction of Richard Oxley.

They have raised engagement with historical facts through games, increased our flexibility during program events, and provided for exhibit enrichment. When we displayed cameras and other filming artifacts from the 1939 tornado, the actual film played on the table for people to experience. When Anoka Ambassador Karen George displayed her crown and gown, a series of photos from her year of service gave a depth to the exhibit we simply didn't have physical space for otherwise.



### FUN ON THE TABLE

- History Games
- Puzzles
- 1939 Tornado Video
- Halloween Photo Slideshow





**MISSION:  
ACCOMPLISHED**

CA COLLECTIVEACCESS

How exciting to check things off a never-ending to-do list! This year we turned our collections software public on our newly designed website. It feels like everything is coming together!

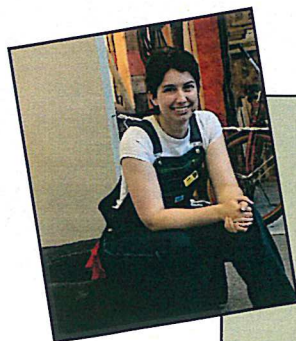
Removing a barrier for our researchers who either live too far away or can't visit during office hours drove the decision to turn much of our collection loose on the internet. While this will remain a never-ending project, every day more and more items are searchable at **AnokaCountyHistory.org**. Just click "What we do" and "online collections database".

Just donated a treasure to us? After it is processed, you and your family now have the ability to see it, double check the information, and even add more details about how it fits into Anoka County History.

June 

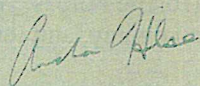
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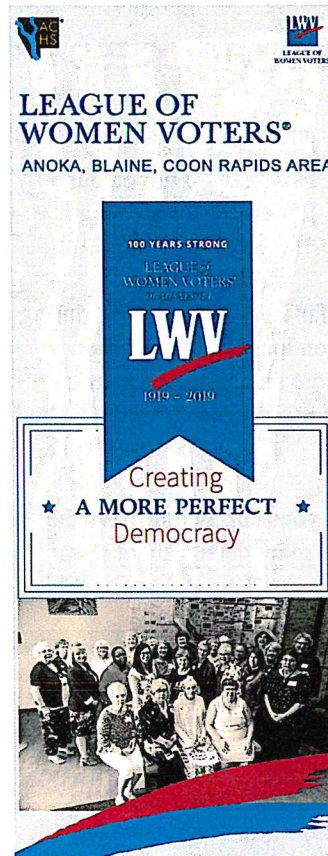
PAGE VIEWS IN  
FIRST 6 MONTHS



Thanks to the hard work of our interns and volunteers as well as staff we finished processing several large donations. The benefit of our new database is that you can see all of it from the comfort of your home.

Audra Hilse, Archivist &  
Administrator





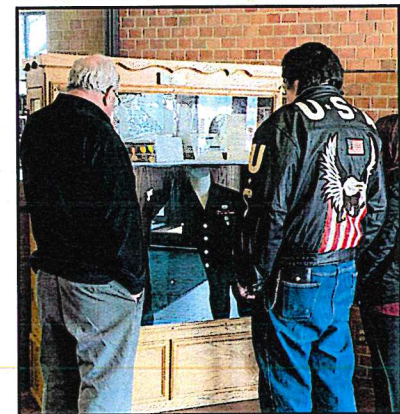
## TEAM PRESERVATION

The cliché says “Teamwork makes the dream work” and in this case, it sure held true! Thanks to a partnership with the League of Women Voters—ABC, we hosted a year-long exhibit showcasing the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage and the creation of the League. Now a part of their travelling toolkit, you can find the banners and artifacts wherever League members attend expos or fairs, presentations or events.

Our ability to help organizations organize, document, and present their story is a valuable asset for any business or group. The history center adds the artifacts and information to our database for future research, but (in this case) LWV-ABC maintains ownership and control of them. Together we can preserve more of Anoka County heritage!

## LOBBY EXHIBIT—LESLIE COWDEN

Specialist Cowden began his tour in Vietnam on March 1, 1968 as a replacement with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division known as the “Tropic Lightning” Division. On January 8, Cowden saved the life of Jon Hovde with his medical training and quick thinking. Tragically, Cowden was killed in action a few weeks later and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Anoka. Cowden was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for “Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces”, the Silver Star for extraordinary heroism while engaged against an enemy, and the Purple Heart. Read more in “Left for Dead” by Hovde.





## 2019 COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Giving all flags in the collection the spa treatment with fresh photos and brand new rolled storage.

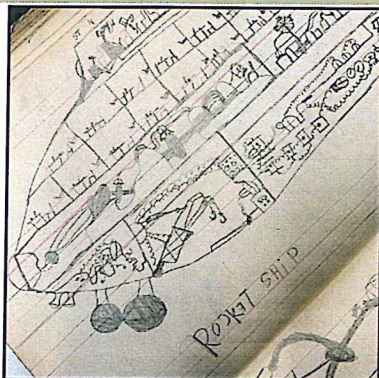
**Before**



**After**



Hidden in the back pages of a business ledger, Arlan Rathbun's interpretation of what cities, rocket ships, and even Mail Trucks [front cover] in Anoka County would look like in the future.



## RECORDING THE STORY

Are you ready to donate a treasure of yours to ACHS? Visit our website, click "Ways to Help" then "Contribute to the Collection".

Here you'll find guidelines, suggestions, and other FAQs as well as the artifact donation form we use to capture the story.

*(below) Skip and Christine took the time to give us some good details about their items.*





## ANOKA COUNTY:

### THANK YOU

It is with deep gratitude that ACHS acknowledges the role played by the County in continuing to fund a large portion of the History Center operations: **the equivalent of 43 cents per resident.**

Without this core support, ACHS couldn't maintain the professional standards of research, preservation, and heritage we're known for. These funds help us maintain outreach and educational opportunities, as well as operational tasks.

## ANOKA COUNTY

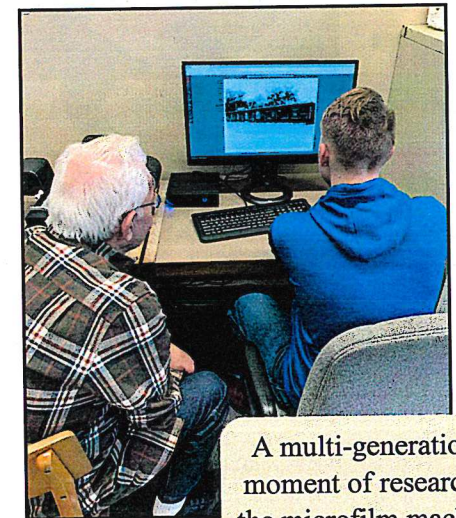
### LIBRARY

ACHS continues to be a part of the County Library system. Patrons can choose ACHS as a pick up location for library books, and for a significant number of people, the public computers here are the only access they have to the internet. Those that visit for these services become "regulars," friends, and part of our community.

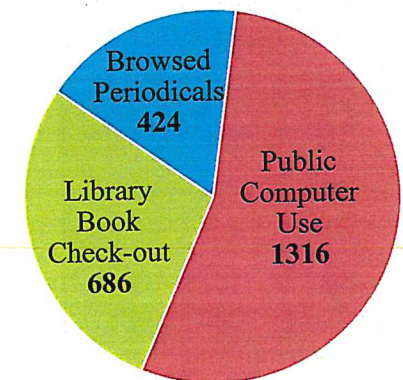
*Our partners provide ACHS with new connections to the community and a wider audience reach as well as a fresh approach to storytelling.*

# 12,335

## HISTORY CENTER VISITORS



A multi-generational moment of research at the microfilm machine.







**Senior Community Service Employment Program** is a federally funded, subsidized work program through the Anoka County Job

Training Center. Senior (55+) workers are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week at a public or private non-profit agency and are paid directly by Anoka County. Two volunteers are placed at ACHS through this program and worked **1,087 HOURS** at the front desk helping our visitors and staff with a wide variety projects.

Businesses that play together, stay together! Chema Malu, located on Main Street in Anoka, agreed to some cross-promotion

on the bags their customers receive at check-out. We appreciate the visibility and Chema's customers appreciate the interesting packaging and history.

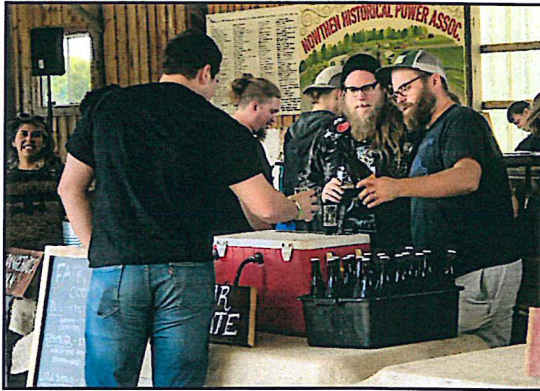


## BREWERS



**HAMMERHEAD**  
BREWING COMPANY

- HAYES' PUBLIC HOUSE
- JUNKYARD BREWING
- BAUHAUS BREW LABS
- KLOCKOW BREWING
- FAIR STATE BREWING
- DANGEROUS MAN BREWING
- NORTHBOUND SMOKEHOUSE & BREWPUB
- BENT BREWSTILLERY



### TRADITIONAL ALE & LAGER FESTIVAL

The skill of remaking (and sometimes remodeling) a heritage recipe received a spotlight at our first annual festival held on the Nowthen Threshing Show grounds in September. The afternoon included brews made especially for the event, plus programming, music, and food.

**Look for this fundraising event again this year!**

## 2019 PARTNERSHIPS



### WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

*I honestly don't think there  
was a dry eye in the room  
during the premiere  
showing!*

*Julie Braastad*

*Anoka County Commissioner*

The stories of Anoka County live in the memories of each and every resident, buried in day-to-day survival. This project took time to capture the fears, joy, and challenges that make modern-day deployments so vastly different than any other military experience in our history. Launched in August of 2019, the documentary continues to appear on TPT-MN several times each month, as well as online at [www.tpt.org/were-in-this-together](http://www.tpt.org/were-in-this-together).

**THANK YOU** to our donors and sponsors who raised not only enough money to cover the production of "We're In This Together" but also funding to get ACHS started on an exhibit, artifact storage, and oral history collection.



Thank  
you



LAND DEVELOPMENT



Spring Lake Park Lions  
Vietnam Veterans of  
America Chapter 470  
Dennis and Darlene Berg  
Signature Wealth  
Management  
Bank of the West



## VOLUNTEERS GAVE:

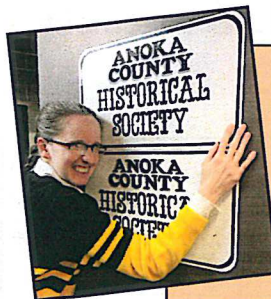


EQUIVALENT OF  
PAID STAFF TIME  
**\$107,720**

\* Based on reported  
volunteer hours.

At the end of the year we calculate one big number totaling the amount of volunteer hours given [see above]. While it's interesting to see the grand total, the year is about so much more than that. It is about the time people carve out from their busy lives to help at the History Center, the shifts that they take at the Anoka County Fair or Nowthen Threshing Show in the heat, rain or shine, and the unique skills each person brings to the table. These are all invaluable gifts and cannot be easily quantified.

**Volunteers bring life and love into the museum!**

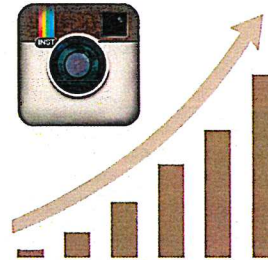


I learn and laugh so much with each volunteer that comes in to help at ACHS. We compare cat stories, sneak cookies from the kitchen, and connect about the highs and lows of the week all while tackling projects at the History Center. History is about people—the living as much as the dead.

**Sara Given, Volunteer Coordinator**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We continue to connect and grow our engagement on all of our social media platforms. For some, the ACHS Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram account is their first introduction to us, and for others it's a way they can connect with local Anoka County history after they move from the immediate area.

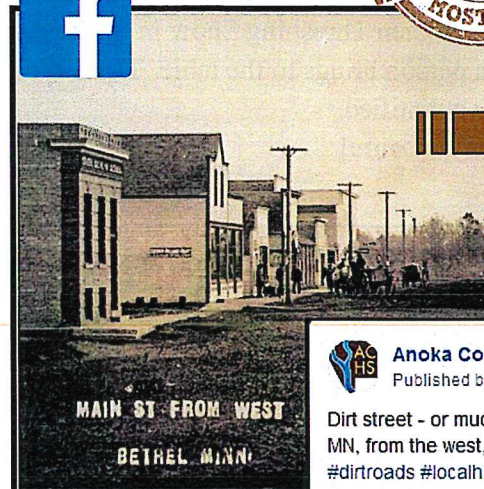
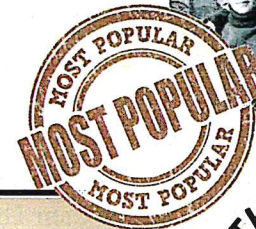
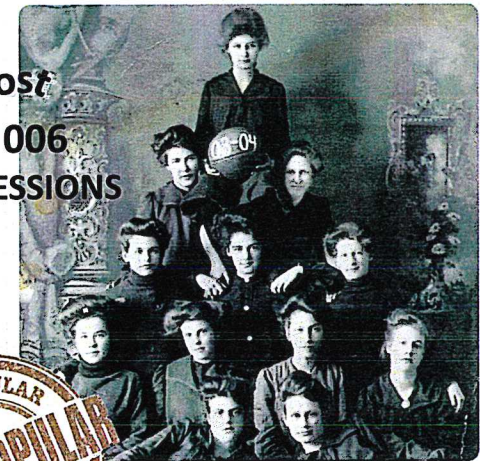


**DOUBLED**  
# OF FOLLOWERS  
ON INSTAGRAM



The Anoka High School girls basketball team of 1903-04. Beware their dribble and their hair.  
#nationalwomensportsday #anokacountyhistory  
#basketball P1700.5.26 @AHSchools

**This post**  
**4,006**  
**IMPRESSIONS**



**This post**  
**11,101 PEOPLE**  
**REACHED**  
**2,046 Engagements**  
**83 Shares**



Anoka County Historical Society  
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Dirt street - or mud river? It depends on the season. Main street in Bethel, MN, from the west, undated. #anokacountyhistory 570.1.01 #bethelmn #dirtroads #localhistory Bethel, Minnesota



## 16TH ANNUAL GHOSTS OF ANOKA WALKING TOURS



1,655

TICKETS SOLD

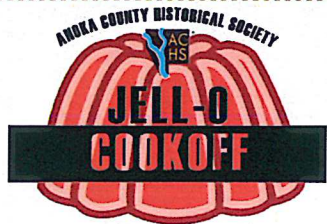


\$14,975  
EARNED



The Ghost Tours celebrated their sweet 16 this year. Nearly 1,700 people attended the 76 volunteer-led tours we hosted over the course of two months. Many came from Anoka County, but others traveled from across the metro area, and a few even from beyond the state.

Each \$9 ticket purchased directly supports our organization, is an opportunity to make new friends, and introduce them to the fun at ACHS.



### JELL-O HAS A STORY

With 10 different entries to taste, selecting “Best in Fluff” or “Best Suspension” became a challenge for some. But the real fun? Hearing all the stories of holiday desserts or family meals where a Jell-O salad resided as a staple on a special presentation plate. Entertainment included a Jiggler Toss, Jell-O art mural, and naked Jell-O (thumb) wrestling.



### TEEN COUNCIL

What would we give to know the minds of teenagers

from 1910? Even 1950? This group is making sure that doesn't happen for 2019. Every other week, they discuss school, home, and current events, expressing their thoughts on paper through doodles and other journaling techniques. Those pages will join other artifacts in the ACHS collections as a reminder that stories of every age should be preserved. Know a young person who'd like to join?

## Cool stuff with cool people:

- ◇ AARP– Tax Services
- ◇ Alexandra House
- ◇ Anoka American Legion Post 102
- ◇ Anoka Chamber of Commerce and Discover Anoka
- ◇ Anoka County Genealogical Society
- ◇ Anoka County Fair Board
- ◇ Anoka *UnionHerald*
- ◇ Andover YMCA
- ◇ Arfstrom Foundation
- ◇ Blaine Festival
- ◇ Breaking Bread Nonprofit coalition
- ◇ Centerville Festival
- ◇ CTN
- ◇ Hammerheart Brewing
- ◇ League of Women Voters-ABC
- ◇ MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce
- ◇ Minitex
- ◇ MN Digial Library
- ◇ Nowthen Threshing Show
- ◇ Nowthen Heritage Festival
- ◇ PEO Society
- ◇ Philolectian Society
- ◇ QCTV
- ◇ RSVP
- ◇ Multiple Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis
- ◇ TCART
- ◇ Vietnam Vets
- ◇ Wargo Nature Center

*History is an action verb in our lexicon and ACHS works with groups across the county—sometimes at the history center and sometimes in the community. Here are some of our fun adventures this year...*



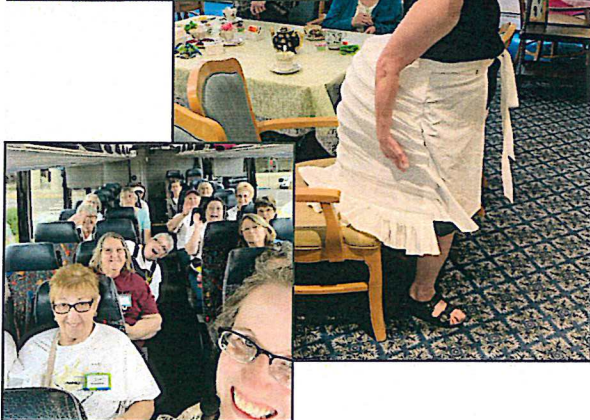
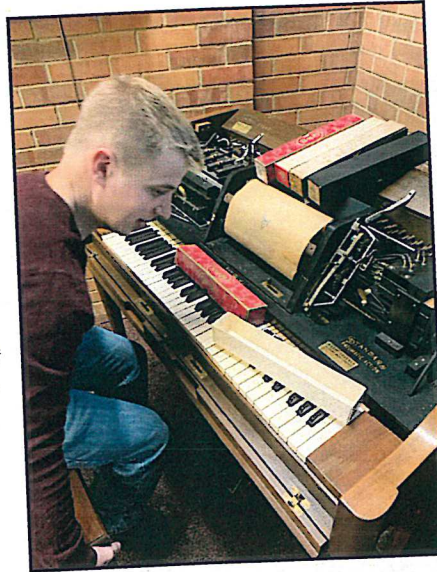
*ACHS enjoyed introducing ancient 3D technology to kids at the Anoka County Fair [top], meeting people on the street at Anoka's Riverfest [middle] and slowing down to enjoy the beauty of our county at Fridley's Home and Garden Tour [bottom.]*





*We engage with the greater museum communities and our colleagues through local and national organizations and events. The History Whatever [top] held at Swedish Institute and MALHM conference in Red Wing were two of our favorites.*

*[Below] Nate Otto from Rum River Restoration created an impromptu sing-a-long for members at an appreciation event.*



*Staff and volunteers gave programs in and outside of the county.*

*Top left: a makeshift rain shelter for program supplies at Wargo Nature Center where we gave programs to 2,000 kids.*

*Middle left: attendees tested out an 1880s style bustle after a Fashion Trends program.*

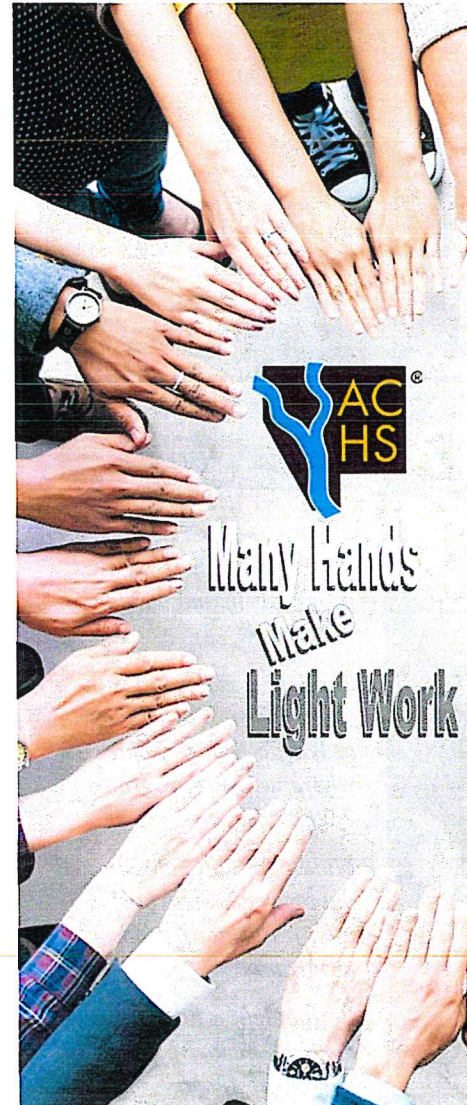
*Bottom left: a little silliness during a history bus tour of the city of Anoka.*



### MEMBERSHIPS

Your membership is not just a financial donation, but a declaration that you believe local history plays a vital role in the community by preserving the story of the path we walk together. We thank our current members who continue their commitment to the operation of the History Center and look forward to welcoming new members.

**Help us double our numbers by inviting a friend to join today!**



**532**  
**members**  
**SUPPORT**  
**LOCAL HISTORY**

DID YOU KNOW?

#### **YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES**

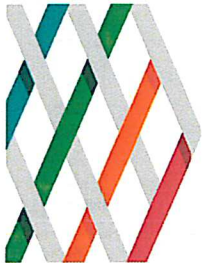
**Free Group Tour** - All members are entitled to bring up to 15 friends for a guided Museum tour of your choice once per year (\$30 value). Tour choices include one of the following: A) Guided Gallery Tour of current exhibits; B) Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the ACHS Collections; or C) Kids' Scavenger Hunt Tour. Tour must be scheduled in advance.

**What other member benefits would you like to see?**





While donations of money are essential to the operating budget of ACHS, contributions made in-kind cannot be understated. The City of Anoka's support includes providing office space for our collection and exhibits within walking distance of the downtown excitement. We extend sincere thanks to the City of Anoka for their continued support of local history!



**Facing Change:**  
Advancing Museum Board  
Diversity & Inclusion

## FACING CHANGE

The Anoka County Historical Society was selected as one of 50 museums nationwide to participate in a pilot project called Facing Change. Led by consultants hired by the American

Alliance of Museums, during the next two years, the Board of Directors will work to craft a policy relating to diversity and inclusion at the governance level of ACHS. The long-term goal includes expanding our organization to better reflects the population demographics of Anoka County in our leadership, membership, and collections archive.



## SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS

ACHS treasures each and every donation that arrives in support of local history. Collectively, every dollar adds up and makes an enormous difference. Larger gifts, however, make a special impact for a project's success. Thank you so very much to everyone who gives according to their ability!

**\$500 & Over**  
Steve Florman  
League of Women  
Voters  
Orville Lindquist  
YMCA—Andover

**\$1,000 & Over**  
Anonymous  
Bank of the West  
Federal Cartridge  
Gloria Given  
Signature Wealth  
Management  
Tim & Rose Talbot

**\$5,000 & Over**  
Lyle Bradley  
Spring Lake Park Lions  
  
**\$10,000 & Over**  
Anoka County  
Connexus Energy

## 2019 FINANCIAL GROWTH

### Anoka County Historical Society

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: BUDGET FY2019 - FY19 P&L

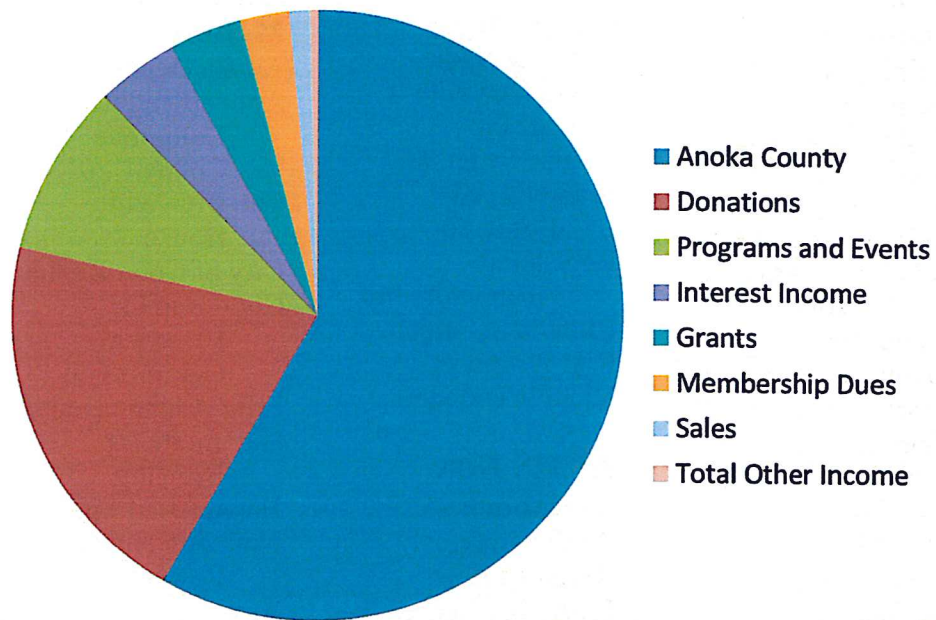
January - December 2019

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
Inkind Revenue	80,000.04		80,000.04	
Sales	100.74	5,000.00	-4,899.26	2.01 %
TOTAL SUPPORT				
Admissions		600.00	-600.00	
Anoka County	152,623.00	152,623.00	0.00	100.00 %
Donations	53,162.21	67,835.00	-14,472.79	78.60 %
Grants	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Interest Income	11,423.50	2,489.39	8,934.11	458.89 %
Membership Dues	6,755.00	7,200.00	-445.00	93.82 %
Other Income	1,209.98	1,198.79	11.19	100.93 %
Programs and Events	23,751.14	31,224.53	-7,473.39	76.07 %
Sales	2,807.05	3,573.23	-766.18	78.56 %
Total TOTAL SUPPORT	261,731.88	266,543.94	-4,812.06	98.19 %
Uncategorized Revenue	68.21	271.60	-203.39	25.11 %
Total Revenue	\$341,900.87	\$271,815.54	\$70,085.33	125.78 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$341,900.87	\$271,815.54	\$70,085.33	125.78 %
Expenditures				
Advertising	221.21	662.00	-440.79	33.42 %
Auto Expense	17.00		17.00	
Bank Service Charges	275.97	992.37	-716.40	27.81 %
Building Expenses	32,546.27	33,039.65	-493.38	98.51 %
Computer/Software Expense	8,082.27	4,800.00	3,282.27	168.38 %
Donor Recognition	2,959.28		2,959.28	
Dues and Subscriptions	2,140.18	1,720.00	420.18	124.43 %
Food	309.50	900.00	-590.50	34.39 %
Furniture & Other Equipment	340.00	960.00	-620.00	35.42 %
Gifts	424.31	300.00	124.31	141.44 %
Human Resources Expense	736.00	1,500.00	-764.00	49.07 %
Inkind Rent	80,000.04		80,000.04	
Insurance	4,920.66	4,716.53	204.13	104.33 %
Museum Exhibit Expense	23,436.52	18,700.00	4,736.52	125.33 %
Networking	35.00	360.00	-325.00	9.72 %
Office Supplies	10,549.22	9,661.07	888.15	109.19 %
OPERATING EXPENSE	181.09		181.09	
PAYROLL	154,389.13	164,908.44	-10,519.31	93.62 %
Postage and Delivery	2,485.63	2,700.00	-214.37	92.06 %
Preservation Supplies	1,583.54	3,600.00	-2,016.46	43.99 %
Printing and Reproduction	2,651.48	2,400.00	251.48	110.48 %
Professional Fees	5,465.00	7,450.00	-1,985.00	73.36 %
Program Expense	7,042.60	6,400.00	642.60	110.04 %
Purchases	398.15	900.00	-501.85	44.24 %
QuickBooks Payments Fees	0.54		0.54	
refund	25.00		25.00	
Repair/Maintenance-Non-Building	2,621.12	720.00	1,901.12	364.04 %
Research Expense		360.00	-360.00	
Travel Expense	2,175.63	3,000.00	-824.37	72.52 %
Uncategorized Expenditure	37.97		37.97	
Total Expenditures	\$346,050.31	\$270,750.06	\$75,300.25	127.81 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -4,149.44	\$1,065.48	\$ -5,214.92	-389.44 %
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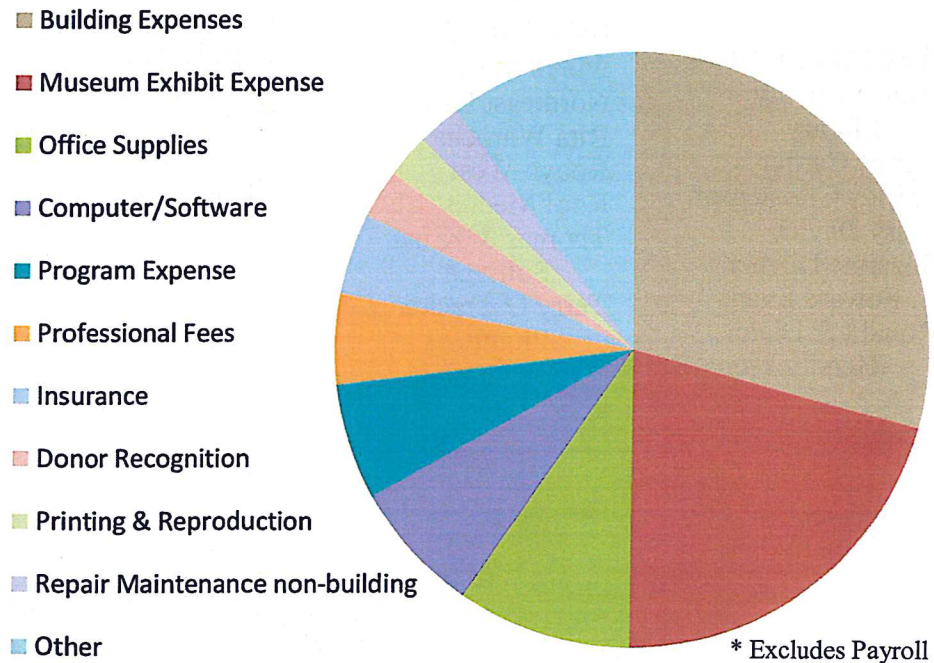
Unaudited 2019 expenditures exceeded revenues by \$4,149. This is the result of an unbudgeted expense of \$8,000 to replace the humidification system. If this project expenditure is excluded, the operational revenues exceeded operational expenditures by \$3,851.



## REVENUE



## EXPENDITURES



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**Visit the History Center! Open 5 days a week, FREE:**

Tuesday 10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

**ACHS Board Meetings**

Second Thursday of each month. 6 p.m. at the Anoka History Center. Open to membership and the public.

**Anoka County Genealogical Society Meeting**

Meetings held at the Anoka County History Center.

Email questions or suggestions to [acgsmn@yahoo.com](mailto:acgsmn@yahoo.com)

**Board of Directors Election Ballots Due**

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 26

**TIME:** 5 p.m.

**ACHS Annual Meeting**

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 29

**TIME:** 2-4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Anoka County History Center

**WHAT:** Player piano concert by Nate Otto, a brief business meeting, and annual report (shenanigans promised!)

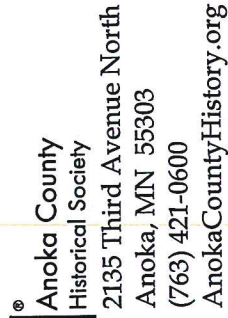
For more information on our programs, check out the Events section on the ACHS Facebook page.

**ACHS Remembers**

To those members, volunteers, friends, and neighbors who are no longer with us—you will be missed.

Robert Blewett  
1930–2020

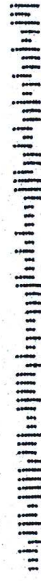
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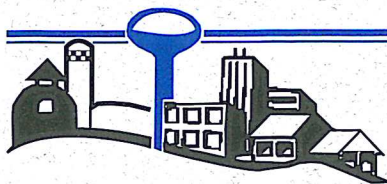
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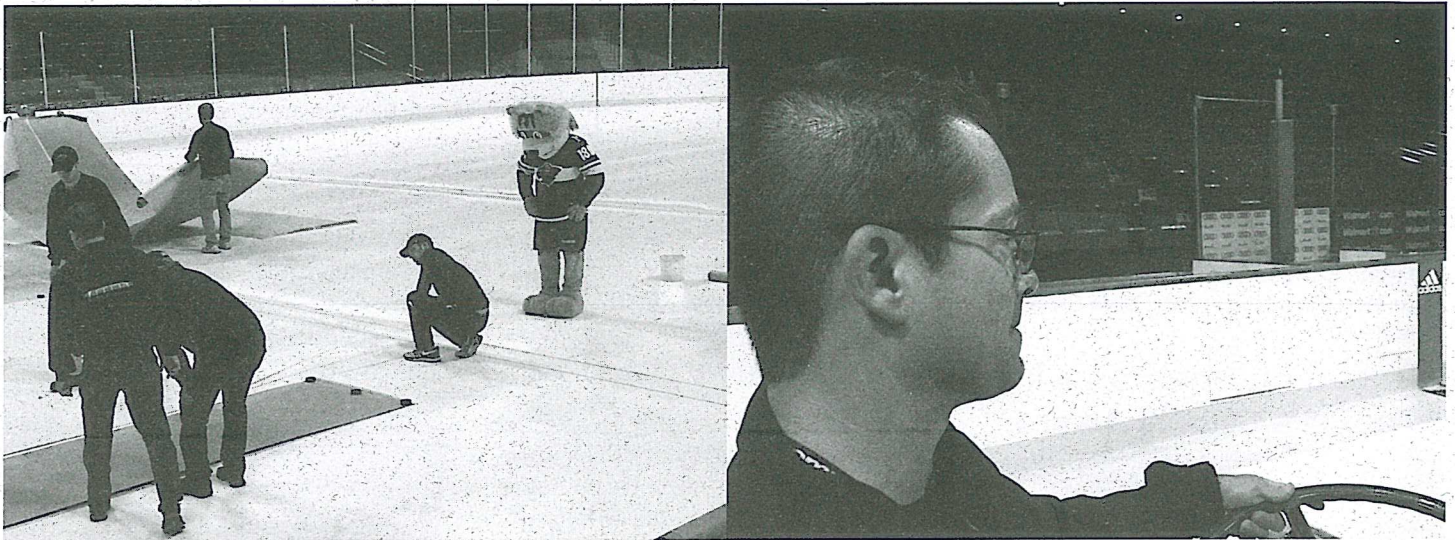
# WATERLINE

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIERS IN MINNESOTA

## St. Paul Water Leads the Way in Wild Rink Preparation



With a furry mascot overseeing the operation, lines and logos were painted on the rink of the Xcel Energy Center in preparation for the 2019-2020 Minnesota Wild season. Chris Aase spent the next morning applying water from St. Paul Regional Water Services to form the 1-1/4 inch thickness. See page 4 for the full story.

## Service Connection Fee Increase Takes Effect

The increase in the safe drinking water fee (also known as the service connection fee) to \$9.72 per year per service connection took effect January 1.

The fee was established in 1992; it directs each municipal water system to collect and forward the funds to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to cover the cost of testing public water systems as well as for inspections, source water protection plans, and technical assistance to the 7,000 public water systems in the state.

“With the fee increase, we will be able to continue our proactive approach to drinking water protection,” said Sandeep Burman, manager of the MDH Drinking Water

Protection Section. “This approach, including sampling and technical assistance, results in 99 percent compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act year after year.”

Burman noted that MDH services are especially helpful to small systems, which have more difficulty meeting water standards. Because of smaller customer bases, these systems have fewer resources for testing, investigations, and physical improvements.

The fee increase, among other benefits, expands MDH’s capacity to provide assistance to public water systems and to restore \$80 million funding over 20 years to the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for infrastructure projects.

### *More Information on the Safe Drinking Water Fee*

*Safe Drinking Water Fee:* [health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/scf.html](http://health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/scf.html) (tinyurl.com/yxk37e3a)

*How the Safe Drinking Water Fee Supports Drinking Water Protection Efforts:* [health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/fee.pdf](http://health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/fee.pdf) (tinyurl.com/ygh4mm7l).



## Lake Harriet Pump



David Scott, a member of the Old Minneapolis Facebook group, drew this picture of one of the hand pumps at Lake Harriet in south Minneapolis. The pumps are noncommunity public water systems regulated under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

## Crookston Honored with People's Choice Award



Crookston water was voted the best tasting in Minnesota at the Great Minnesota Tap Water Taste Test at the Minnesota State Fair last summer. In November, Bert Tracy and Carol Kaszynski of the Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association traveled to Crookston to present the award to public works director Pat Kelly in front of the mayor and city council.

## Check Out Patty Potty and Other Worthy Sites

The San Jacinto River Authority in Texas has introduced Patty Potty to promote its "No Wipes in the Pipes" campaign. Patty wants to keep people from flushing things that shouldn't be flushed and has promotional materials for cities to use. Check out the bill stuffers, posters, bumper stickers, magnets, display items, and more at [pattypotty.com](http://pattypotty.com).

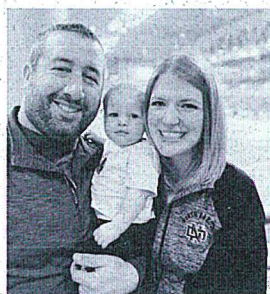
### MDH Introduces New Communication Resource

The Minnesota Department of Health has a new communication/education resource about how it protects drinking water from source to tap. It provides information about community and noncommunity water systems, data on compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, and an infographic on drinking water protection, which can be used by water systems for their educational efforts. (The document is intended to be printed and folded in half, with "Drinking Water Protection in Minnesota" as the cover and "How are we doing?" as the back page.)

The resource is available at:

[health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/sourcetap.pdf](http://health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/sourcetap.pdf)

## Community Water Supply Additions



**Eric Weller** is the district engineer in northwestern Minnesota. Eric is from Perham and graduated from the University of North Dakota and worked at C & H Engineering in Bozeman, Montana. Back in Minnesota, he was at Karvakko Engineering in Bemidji before joining MDH.

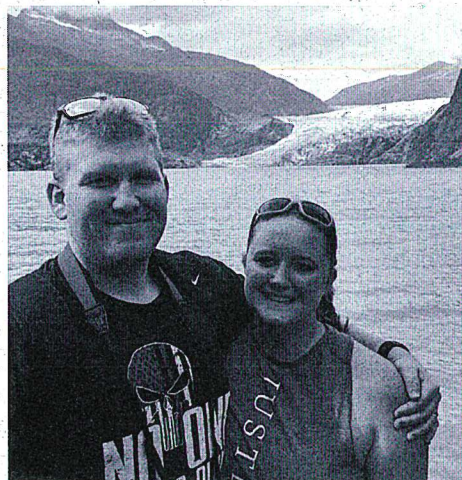
Eric and his wife, Leah, have a 15-month-old daughter, Jacey, another on the way, and a Great Dane, Millie.

Eric enjoys anything outdoors, including hunting, fishing, golfing, and camping.

**Corey Mathisen** (right) has joined the Minnesota Department of Health as an infrastructure engineer. He comes to MDH after 12 years at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, where he was involved in wastewater permitting and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

A St. Paul native, Corey got his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Minnesota. He lives in Rosemount with his wife, Nancy, and miniature Dachshund, Willow.

Corey is in charge of a state agency golf league and invites anyone to contact him if interested in joining.



**Jessie Kolar** has joined the Minnesota Department of Health as the district engineer for the South Metro. She graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, with a degree in civil engineering. Jessie worked for RFC Engineering, designing roads and storm-water systems.

Her family includes a cat, Callie; dog, Sage; and husband, Josh (pictured at left with her in Alaska last summer). Jessie grew up skiing and snowboarding and makes an annual trip to Colorado to snowboard. Her other hobbies include camping, hiking, and quilting.



## Help Possible for Lead Service Line Replacements

Pending approval from the Minnesota legislature, funding may be available to cities to help homeowners cover the cost of replacing lead service lines. The law would provide grants for 50 percent of the project cost to replace the privately owned portion of drinking water lead service lines.

Watch for information on how to apply for such funding on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Project Priority List.

Contact Chad Kolstad, 651-201-3972, [chad.kolstad@state.mn.us](mailto:chad.kolstad@state.mn.us), [mn.us](http://mn.us), for more information.

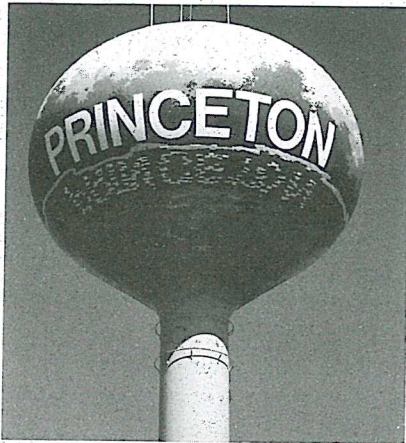
"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

—James Baldwin

"No problem is so big or complicated that it can't be run away from."

—Linus Van Pelt

## What Are Those Spaceship-looking Things?



The Curious Minnesota column in the November 22, 2019 *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis) answered the questions, "Why do we have water towers? What do they do?" (The questions were prompted by someone who had previously asked, "What are those spaceship-looking things?")

John Reinan, author of the column, provided the answers (to keep water pressure in the system, to use the benefit of gravity) and also called on an expert, Joe Dusek of Eden Prairie. Joe explained the function of towers and used the two in his city as an example. The story pointed out that water towers are a "Midwestern thing" with so many towers in the region because the area is so flat.

The link to the *Star Tribune* story is [tinyurl.com/yee4chb5](https://tinyurl.com/yee4chb5).

For more information and photos of Minnesota towers, check out a story from the MDH *Waterline*: [tinyurl.com/ygjjk63p](https://tinyurl.com/ygjjk63p).

And learn how one Minnesota city solved an overflow problem by raising one of its towers: [tinyurl.com/yk6xrhhm](https://tinyurl.com/yk6xrhhm).

## Sniff This

Central Arkansas Water (CAW) has two new employees.

One has the job title of leak detection specialist, not an uncommon position at a water utility. The other, however, holds a unique spot on an organizational chart: canine handler. Vessel and Stephen Sullivan are the new hires, part of CAW chief executive officer Tad Bohannon's determination to lower their unaccounted water usage.

Vessel's resume included a recommendation from the Arkansas Department of Corrections' Paws in Prison program. At CAW, she underwent training, passed her tests, and found a new home along with a new best friend in Sullivan (who had been a foreman at CAW before moving into the new position).

Vessel sniffs for chlorine to determine if a puddle on the ground is groundwater or a leak in the distribution system. If it's a leak, Vessel barks to alert Sullivan.

CAW's unaccounted water has been approximately 11 percent. Bohannon has a goal to reduce that to 5 percent, well below the industry standard of 9 percent. As the largest water



Vessel (left) and Stephen Sullivan

supplier in the state, serving more than 450,000 residents in seven counties, CAW is drawing attention from other utilities for their innovative approach. Others may follow Vessel on social media at [CAWdetectedog](https://www.facebook.com/CAWdetectedog).

## EPA Turns 50

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is celebrating its golden anniversary in 2020 with the theme, "EPA at 50: Progress for a Stronger Future." To consolidate a variety of environmental responsibilities and to ensure environmental protection while simultaneously safeguarding human health, the EPA was established December 2, 1970 with William Ruckelshaus as the first administrator. "Today, Americans enjoy cleaner land, air and water than ever before," said the current administrator, Andrew Wheeler. "I look forward to celebrating the agency's accomplishments throughout the year, and I hope that we can inspire the next generation of environmental leaders to continue building on our progress for the next 50 years."



## Wild Rink Starts with St. Paul Water

For Travis Larson and Chris Aase, the 2019-2020 Minnesota Wild season started in late August. That's when they and their crews began the multi-day process of creating the ice sheet that soon would have the elite skaters of the National Hockey League (NHL) moving up and down it in front of sellout crowds.

The main ingredient in the process is tap water from St. Paul Regional Water Services.

"It's really good for making ice," said Larson, the Wild's senior manager of ice operations and events.

Larson, a self-proclaimed "mechanical geek," worked at Minnesota North Stars games in the 1990s and then at various ice rinks in the southern Twin Cities suburbs after the North Stars moved to Dallas. He met Chris Aase in an arena and recreation facility management program at Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing. Aase went on to work at Target Center in Minneapolis, where he handled the house lights and maintenance.

Because of his training and expertise with refrigeration, Aase was the go-to guy for ice events, such as neutral-site NHL games held there during the period Minnesota was without major-league hockey. Larson came over to help out for those events.

Both men joined the Wild and the Xcel Energy Center when the NHL returned to the state in 2000. They oversee a crew of approximately 25 people, including 6 or 7 who go back to the inaugural season with them. (One, Mark Hegge, has been around since 1974 when he started working with the North Stars at the Metropolitan Sports Center—later the Met Center.)

### The Main Ingredient

When the Xcel Energy Center first opened, Larson said they purified the water, using a de-ionizing system from Jet Ice, a company that provides products and services for ice

arenas. However, the water was "way too pure," according to Aase, who said they had some chipping problems with the ice, adding that after a half a season, they quit purifying the water. "It was 'Voila!' We went back to basic tap water and got better results."

Larson said that St. Paul water, straight out of the tap, has about 150 parts per million of total dissolved solids, "about the same as Dasani." A pair of

5-micron cartridge filters remove any other particulate matter. "That's all that is needed," said Larson. "It makes better ice, and the tap water binds the ice better than the purified water."

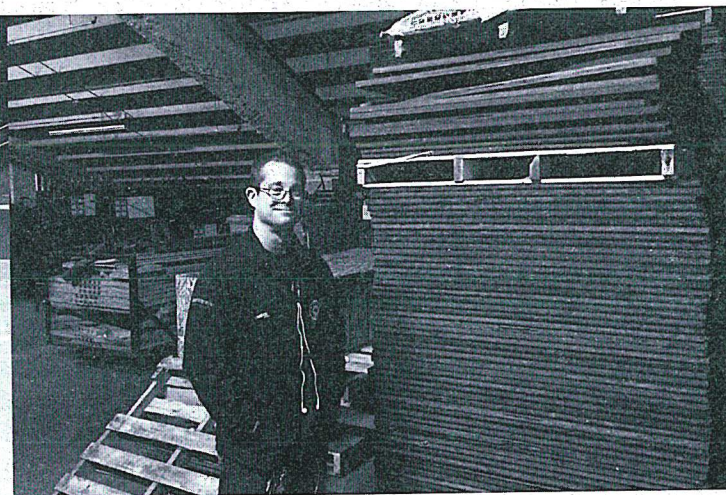
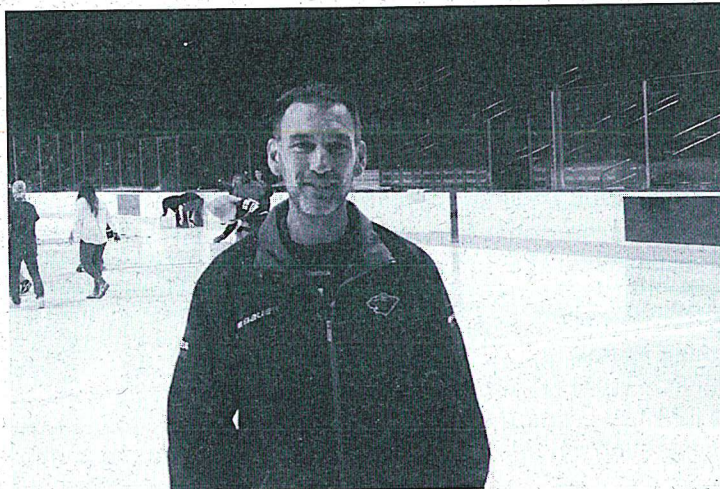
The cartridges are capable of filtering 20 gallons per minute, more than enough to fill the 190-gallon tanks on the two Zambonis that shave the ice and put down a new layer between periods. (Each Zamboni uses only about half its capacity for each resurfacing.)

### The Process

On Wednesday, August 28, the preparations began with reducing the temperature of the concrete base to about 16 degrees Fahrenheit with a network of cooling pipes beneath the floor. A skim coat of water binds the ice sheet to the concrete. Next, a whitewash consisting of biodegradable powder mixed with water was applied. After another skim coat, that evening the familiar design of the red line, blue lines, faceoff circles, and primary logos went on.

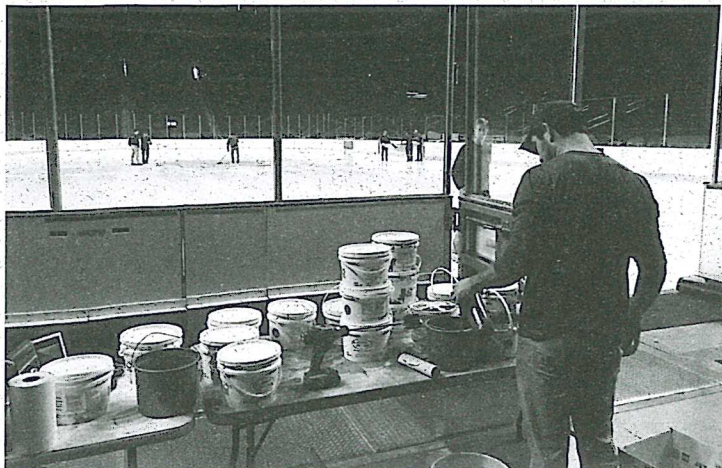
Season-ticket holders supplemented the regular Wild crew in applying the paint (a special type of paint provided by Jet Ice). In Tom Sawyer-like fashion, some lucky fans had been picked to do some of the painting, under the supervision of Larson, Aase, and others, including Nordy, the team mascot. A yarn line was placed to help the fans keep crisp red and blue lines. As important as those lines are, Larson said the critical line is the two-inch delineation between the goal

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Larson on the ice and Aase by the insulated panels.





posts. Often, video replay is needed to determine if the puck crossed the goal line. “That has to be perfect,” said Larson. “There is no room for anything to be off.”

The next morning, the rest of the ice was applied in a thin mist from a cart containing a 250-gallon plastic tank, a gas-engine pump, and spray booms. Aase drove the cart back and forth across the rink, taking the same path used by the Zambonis during games. Each full pass creates a layer 1/16 of an inch thick, and he can make two passes with one tankful. “It’s two passes, refill the tank, and repeat,” he said. The skating level of the ice is 1¼ inches thick and contains approximately 10,000 gallons of water.

### The Changeovers

The Xcel Energy Center hosts other ice events, including hockey tournaments for the Minnesota State High School League and college conferences. The lines and circles remain, but the usual logos have to be covered.

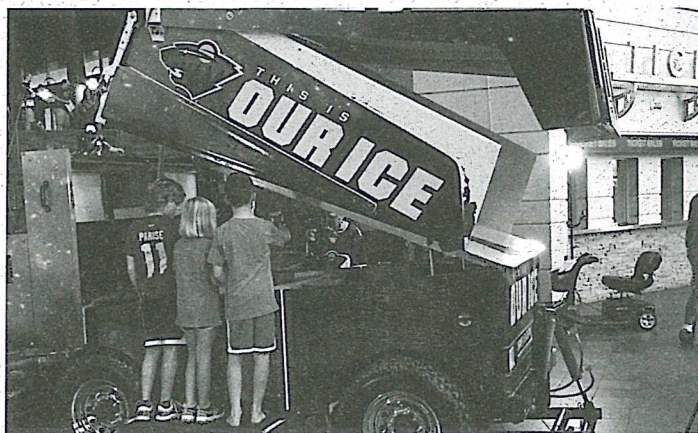
The ice over the logos is dry shaved to 5/8 of an inch, and whitewash is applied to cover them. New logos go on top, and these areas are refilled. “The dry shaving creates a ‘natural bathtub,’” explained Larson. Water seeks its own level and refills the area of the dry shave. We just build that natural bathtub and flood it in.”

For dry events—such as concerts, basketball games, professional wrestling, and rodeos—the ice is covered with inch-thick insulated panels, each 4 x 8 feet. The panels can be installed, and removed, in a matter of hours. Aase said each Zamboni has a 77-inch long blade that removes ice, and

a new layer does not have to be put on. Aase said he will do this the day after a concert to remove any beer that has seeped through the cracks of the panels.

Xcel Energy Center has hosted figure skating championships, and Aase said they used a thicker ice base for them. “Figure skaters use the depth of the ice for landing and take-offs,” he explained, adding that events such as Disney on Ice have the same thickness that is used for hockey.

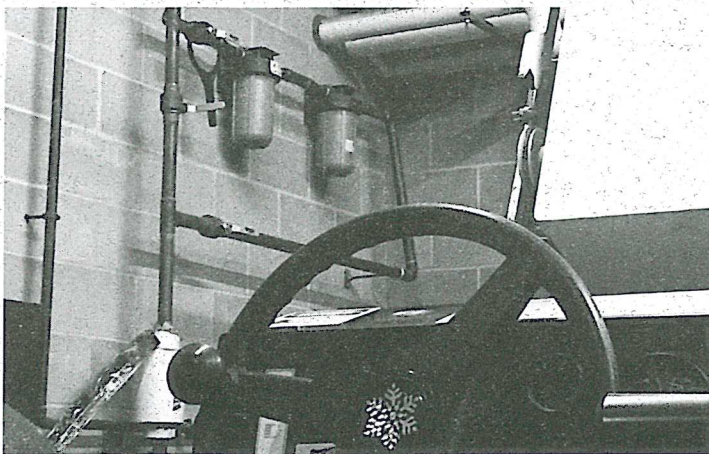
In addition to having selected fans participate in the pre-season painting the last few years, the Wild also introduced “This Is Our Ice,” in 2017, allowing fans to bring water from their hometowns—from taps, wells, ponds, lakes, and streams. The contributed water is filtered, disinfected, and mixed with St. Paul water before going onto the ice.



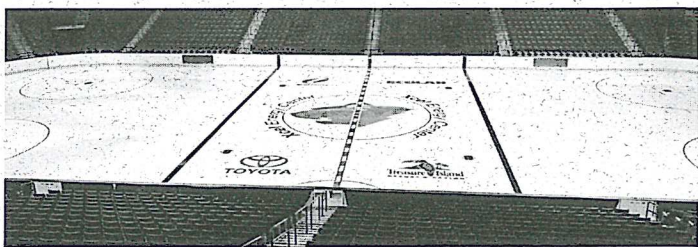
Fans pour water into Zamboni for This Is Our Ice promotion.

Unlike in baseball stadiums, where grounds crews have been known to doctor the field to the benefit of the home team, nothing like this is done in hockey. Aase said, “It’s all about fair play and safety.”

Larson echoed what Aase said, emphasizing the safety part “for every person who skates out here.”



The filters above the Zamboni.



The finished product.



## Randall Gets Award from the Environmental Protection Agency

The city of Randall received a U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Aquarius award for exceptional focus on sustainability and protection of public health. The award is part of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), a \$38 billion federal-state partnership dedicated to maintaining compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act through grants and below-market-rate loans.

Randall, a city of 650 in central Minnesota, received the award for its construction of a new 125-gallon-per-minute water treatment plant designed to remove iron, manganese, and arsenic as well as for the construction of a new well with a lower nitrate concentration.

Since the early 2000s, nitrate in one of the two Randall wells had continued to increase. In February of 2015, Well No. 1 exceeded the maximum contaminant level for nitrate and was taken off-line, leaving only one remaining well. To assure a reliable water supply for its residents, in May 2015 Randall applied for funding through the DWSRF. The proposed project was to drill a low-nitrate well to replace Well No. 1. A location for it was found, but the analysis of the water from the test well showed higher concentrations of arsenic, iron, and manganese. The project was modified to include a treatment plant designed to remove those contaminants. Treatment for arsenic, iron, and manganese was more cost effective than treating for nitrate, and it provided better overall water quality to the customers.



“The project demonstrated leadership in both affordability and innovative financing,” said Chad Kolstad of the Minnesota Department of Health, the administrator for the revolving fund in the state. The new plant went on-line in 2018, and, according to Kolstad, “Recent sample results for arsenic and nitrate leaving the treatment plant in Randall are below detection limits, and the city has been returned to compliance.”

More information: [epa.gov/dwsrf/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-aquarius-recognition-program](http://epa.gov/dwsrf/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund-aquarius-recognition-program).

## Water-Wastewater Utilities Treatment and Technology Program Update

By Carol Kaszynski

Minnesota American Water Works Association (AWWA) STEM Committee Chair

The Minnesota AWWA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Committee is working with a local college to provide a utility-focused program in which students of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, etc., can enroll and become certified service operators.

After St. Cloud Technical College abruptly closed the Eden Prairie satellite campus after almost 20 years, metro-area utilities became anxious and concerned over the ability to find competent and knowledgeable candidates to fill the voids caused by the Baby Boomer's retirement vacancies.

The STEM Committee sprang to action with a subcommittee that included a cross-representation of agencies. Members included small, medium, and large cities as well as state agencies (Department of Health and Pollution Control Agency) and rural utility service organizations.

The Committee focused on the needs this new program could fill:

- Train people on basic water distribution, water treatment, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment.
- Provide the training in a facility that is centrally located. The college is located on the bus line, near light rail, and has convenient parking.
- Offer an improved set of options in the course schedule. Adjust the schedule to allow more flexibility, such as on-line, nights, weekends.
- Ensure the location of the college and the marketing is aimed at all potential students. This campaign includes people of all backgrounds, genders, economic statuses. Working with the college provides a partnership with local county agencies for recruitment opportunities.
- Allow hands-on experience in the laboratory and in the field. A central location in the metro area provides greater access to partnering agencies, such as St. Paul Regional Water Services, Minneapolis Water Works, and others.
- Provide a college program, with curriculum, that meets the needs of cities and other agencies for their continuous and critical hiring needs.

The program development is underway. The committee has provided updates to the cities, and they are eager for us to begin. A date for rollout will be announced within the next couple of months.

If you are interested in more details or would like to contribute to the planning, please contact me at [carol.kaszynski@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:carol.kaszynski@metc.state.mn.us).



## Lewis & Clark Project to Benefit from Increase in Rural Water Funding

Congress's approval of the fiscal-year 2020 budget included an additional \$117.4 million for the Bureau of Reclamation's Rural Water Program, \$18.6 million more than last year. Troy Larson, executive director of the Lewis & Clark Rural Water System, anticipates Lewis & Clark receiving the same percentage of the increased funding as last year, approximately \$18 million compared to \$15 million in fiscal year 2019.

Conceived in 1988 as a way of serving water-challenged areas in South Dakota, Iowa, and Minne-



sota, the Lewis & Clark project takes water from a series of wells that tap into an aquifer adjacent to the Missouri River near Vermillion, South Dakota. The water is delivered to communities as far away as 125 miles. Although the portion of the project in Minnesota was completed in 2018, additional construction remains.

"A big thank you to the tri-state congressional delegation for their continued strong support and leadership!" said Larson. "We would not be where we are today without them."

## Metro School to Have Special Day for Superintendents and Supervisors

The 2020 Metro District Water Operators School—which will be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center from Tuesday, March 31 to Thursday, April 2—will feature a special day for water superintendents, who are invited to attend at the special price of \$25 on April 2. The registration will cover the product exposition, lunch, and the one-hour Superintendent/Supervisor Forum led by Joe Dusek of Eden Prairie.

Registration for the one-day forum and the three-day Metro School, as well as other district operators schools, is available at [https://www.mnawwa.org/events/event\\_list.asp](https://www.mnawwa.org/events/event_list.asp).

## MDH to Reduce Printed Copies of *Waterline*

The Minnesota Department of Health will be reducing the number of printed copies of the *Waterline*. In addition to the printed copies, the *Waterline* is on-line at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/waterline/index.html>.

The archives on this site include links to newsletters from the previous three years.

Many subscribers have opted out of print versions and read it on-line after getting an email notification when a new one is issued along with a link to it.

If you would like to receive the *Waterline* in this manner, sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6a9rzwj>. (A link to subscribe is also on the link for the page in the first paragraph.)

To be removed from the mailing list for paper copies, contact Stew Thornley, [stew.thornley@state.mn.us](mailto:stew.thornley@state.mn.us), 651-492-5410. To make sure we have the information needed to do this, please include all information (name, organization, address) from your mailing label.

## Past *Waterlines* Archived at [wateroperator.org](http://wateroperator.org)

The Minnesota Department of Health is archiving past issues of the *Waterline* for only the previous three years at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/waterline/index.html>. However, [wateroperator.org](http://wateroperator.org) is hosting past issues back to 1997. To access these, go to <http://wateroperator.org/documents>. Select the following filter criteria: HOST – Minnesota Department of Health; TYPE – Newsletters/Magazines; STATE – Minnesota. Click the "Retrieve Documents" button.

## Surface-Water Optimization Training in Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Health will continue to provide surface-water optimization training through a series of three events in the spring and summer of 2020. This training, which uses concepts similar to both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Partnership for Safe Water (PSW), is being performed in conjunction with Process Applications, Inc.

Attendees will learn about optimization goals, data development, special studies, and performance assessment. A new intermediate-level workshop will be introduced this year. These workshops, which include homework assignments, will be held May 19-21 in Moorhead, July 8-10 in Two Harbors, and August 18-20 in Fairmont.

## Grants Awarded for Bottle-Filling Stations

The Minnesota Department of Health awarded grants to the following communities and organizations to install drinking fountains with bottle-filling stations:

- St. Charles Elementary School
- Dover-Eyota Elementary School
- Dover-Eyota High School
- International Falls High School
- Stewartville-Bonner Elementary School
- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity – Grand Rapids Service Center

The fountains provide an alternative to bottled water, retain fluoride from the water supply, and promote healthy behaviors by providing an alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages. Though none of the awardees had been found to have high levels of lead in their drinking water, the filling stations also protect people from exposure to lead in older water fountains.





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## CALENDAR

### Minnesota Section, American Water Works Association

\*March 11-13, Southeast Water Operators School, Rochester Event Center. Contact Doug Klamerus, 507-280-1508.

\*March 31-April 2, Metro Water Operators School, Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center. Contact Jeanette Boothe, 651-201-4697, or Stew Thornley, 651-201-4655.

\*April 15, Southwest Water Operators School, Redwood Area Community Center, Redwood Falls. Contact Reed Andries, 507-929-5993.

\*April 22-24, Northeast Water Operators School, Timberlake Lodge, Grand Rapids. Contact Corey Lubovich, 218-262-7725.

Information for all district schools, including agendas:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/water/wateroperator/trng/schoolagendas.html>

#### Building Resilience to Extreme Weather Events - Planning and Adaptation Training for Water and Wastewater Utilities

Contact Mark Wettlaufer, 320-223-7342.  
April 16, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud

#### Surface Water Treatment Optimization Workshops

Contact David Rindal, 651-201-4660.  
May 19-21, Moorhead  
July 8-10, Two Harbors  
August 18-20, Fairmont

#### Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA)

Contact Bob Klug, 800-367-6792.

\*March 3-5, Technical Conference, St. Cloud

\*May 6, Water Operation & Maintenance, Spicer

\*June 25, Water Operation & Maintenance, Wahkon

#### Surface Water Treatment Workshop

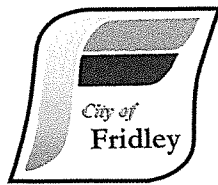
Contact Lisa Vollbrecht, 320-650-2834.  
April 28-30, Radisson Hotel, Fargo

**\*Includes a water operator certification exam.**

For an up-to-date list of events, see the training calendar on the MDH web site:

[https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wateroperator/wat\\_op\\_sched.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wateroperator/wat_op_sched.html)





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## 2020 Winterfest Celebration held at Springbrook

Our annual Winterfest celebration was held at Springbrook Nature Center this year on Saturday, January 18. We received a fresh blanket of snow the evening before, which provided the event with a beautiful backdrop!

Approximately 350-400 people attended the event. There was a meet 'n greet with a dogsled team, s'mores around a bonfire, carnival games, a sledding hill and a medallion

hunt. Families explored the Nature Center grounds by snowshoe to hunt for the medallion, which was ultimately found by a team of three – Jason, Kyla and Kenley. Attendees also walked along the Anoka County Library storywalk and tried out a snowball launcher.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event and celebrated our great Minnesota winter!

Save the Date: 2020 Town Hall Meeting  
Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m.  
Fridley Civic Campus – City Hall



Join us for our annual town hall meeting at the Fridley Civic Campus!  
You will hear from City leaders about updates on projects, developments and other initiatives.  
This will also be a great opportunity to provide community input through a question and answer session.

More information will become available on our website at FridleyMN.gov.



## 2020 Elections Reminder

### Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP)

In 2016 legislation was passed establishing the PNP. The PNP will include all four major political parties in Minnesota: Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party, Legal Marijuana Now Party and the Republican Party. It will be held on Tuesday, March 3.

On election day, voters will be required to declare their political party when checking in to vote. Each of Minnesota's two major political parties will have separate ballots. The ballot choice of each voter will become a part of their official voting record; however, the candidate the voter chooses does not. A voter's political preference will be considered nonpublic data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, except that the voter's party preference will be made available to the four major political party chairs.

### Early Voting

If voters are unable to vote on any of the three election days, they may want to vote by Absentee Ballot. Fridley residents are welcome to vote early at the Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue) or vote at the Anoka County Courthouse (2100 - 3rd Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303).

In addition, voters may request that ballots be mailed to their home. To apply for a mailed Absentee Ballot, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us), or call 1-877-600-VOTE (8683).

### Important Dates

- **Early Voting for the PNP** begins January 17 - March 2, 2020
- **March 3** - Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP)
- **Candidate Filing** for Fridley offices begins May 19, 2020 and ends June 2 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Early Voting for the Regular Primary** begins June 26 - August 10, 2020
- **Regular Primary** - August 11, 2020
- **Early Voting for the General Election** begins September 18 - November 2, 2020
- **General Election** - November 3, 2020

## Annual Block Captains Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 from 6-7 p.m.  
Fridley Civic Center, Council Chambers  
(for current block captains)

### What is a block captain?

Our block captains are the key people in our Neighborhood Watch groups. They keep the neighborhood actively involved in crime prevention efforts, as well as assisting with information exchange between neighbors.

Interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch program? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Courtney Miller at [Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Courtney.Miller@FridleyMN.gov).



## Water Rebates Available to Residents

For a limited time, Fridley residents and businesses can qualify for rebates of up to 75 percent off the cost of water efficient appliances and irrigation system components. Rebates are available on a first-come, first served basis. Learn more at [FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant](http://FridleyMN.gov/WaterGrant) or by calling 763-572-3554.

### Rebate Amounts

Fridley residents and businesses can receive rebates for the following water-saving devices:



Item	Specifications	Maximum Rebate Amount*	Est. Water Savings
Washing Machine	Energy Star Labeled	\$250	2,000 gallons per year
Toilet	WaterSense Labeled	\$150	13,000 gallons per year
Irrigation System Controller	WaterSense Labeled	\$250	7,600 gallons per year
Irrigation System Audit	Conducted by WaterSense-Certified Irrigation Professional	\$250	Dependent on findings
Spray Sprinkler Body	WaterSense Labeled	\$5 per head	N/A
Rainbarrel	N/A	\$50	N/A

\*Rebate amounts capped at listed amount or 75 percent of purchase price, whichever is less.

### Why should I participate?

Funding for this rebate program is provided by the Metropolitan Council's Water Efficiency Grant program to encourage water savings in Fridley. All of the City's water comes from groundwater sources, which take many, many years to recharge, so it is important that we conserve our water. Pumping water from the ground also uses considerable energy, which costs money and contributes to greenhouse gases. Many homes in Fridley have older appliances. Switching to newer, more efficient appliances will save you and the City money and help conserve resources.

### Who qualifies for the rebate?

All property owners in the City of Fridley qualify. Renters are encouraged to work with the property owner to participate. Rebates for toilets and washing machines can only be used for replacement items, not for new construction. The product must have been purchased after January 13, 2020.

### Why should I update my irrigation system?

Irrigation systems can use a lot of water, especially if they are not properly calibrated. A smart irrigation controller automatically adjusts watering frequency

and amounts based on weather and site conditions, which keeps your yard from getting over-watered. Even if you already have soil sensors, a smart irrigation controller is important, especially in yards with slopes or patches of shade. If every home in the US with an irrigation system used a smart irrigation controller, we could save 100 billions gallons of water per year (equal to the household water needs of 1.2 million Americans). Smart irrigation controllers also allow you to control your irrigation system from your phone and chart water usage over time.

### How will I get my rebate?

Your rebate will be applied to your utility bill. Depending on when you submit your receipts, it may take a full billing cycle for your rebate to process. If your rebate is more than your water bill, the rest of the rebate will be applied to the second billing cycle.

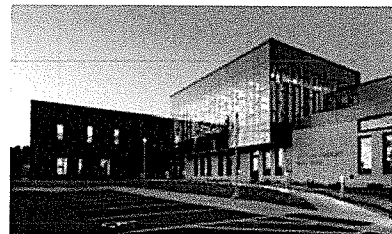
### What other rebate programs does the City offer?

The City of Fridley offers discounts on the Home Energy Squad program as well as a competitive loan program. Learn more by visiting our website at [FridleyMN.gov/HomeImprovements](http://FridleyMN.gov/HomeImprovements).

## McGough Construction Wins Award for Fridley Civic Campus

Andy Rasmussen and Bruce Baillargeon of McGough Construction accepted the *Project of the Year Award* as nominated by the Minnesota Subcontractor's Association. The award recipient is selected by subcontractors who nominate the construction managers they had worked with on a given project that year.

Our Civic Campus Project was the place where this great collaboration happened between the McGough Construction management team and their subcontractors. "As someone who attended the weekly jobsite meetings through the 18-month project, I can



tell you that this award comes as no surprise," Scott Hickok stated. "There was a great deal of respect and cooperation that was ever present. Also, things like heavy safety emphasis, 6-week look-out charts, and a process for defining short-term hurdles, to avoid any project slow-downs, made the McGough interaction process and project run smoothly."

**Congratulations to our entire McGough Team for this prestigious victory!**



## Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 13-17

Are you prepared for when severe weather strikes? Homeland Security and Emergency Management collaborates with the National Weather Service and other local agencies/organizations to sponsor a Severe Weather Awareness Week each year in Minnesota. The week is designed to remind and educate everyone about seasonal severe weather and how to prepare for them.

Each day of the week focuses on a different weather topic:

**Monday – Alerts and Warnings:** The National Weather Service uses “advisory,” “watch” and “warning” to alert you of severe weather. An **advisory** is for less serious conditions but is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. If caution is not exercised, it could lead to dangerous situations. A **watch** means weather conditions are favorable for dangerous weather to occur and residents should “watch out” for what the weather could do. A **warning** means the weather event is imminent or occurring somewhere in the warning area and you should take shelter as soon as possible.

**Tuesday – Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail:** Severe thunderstorms should be treated like tornadoes, and you should seek shelter immediately. Hail is most often pea-sized, but can reach up to grapefruit size. Every thunderstorm has lightning, and if you hear thunder, the lightning is close enough to strike, and you should seek shelter.

**Wednesday – Flooding:** Spring and summer rainfalls can produce flash floods in a matter of hours. There are a few steps everyone can take to prepare: assemble an emergency supply kit, make an emergency plan, get a NOAA weather radio, elevate appliances, consider installing “check valves,” construct barriers and get flood insurance.

**Thursday – Tornadoes:** Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers instructions on what to do for a tornado depending on where you are located – an apartment, house, school, mobile home, etc. Some tips include having a NOAA weather radio, having a Communications Plan, signing up for weather notifications and more.

A statewide tornado drill will occur on Thursday, April 16 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA weather radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning. Schools and businesses will practice emergency plans during these times.

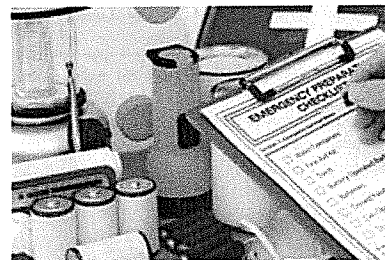
**Friday – Extreme Heat:** The National Weather Service issues Excessive Heat Outlooks, Watches and Warning/Advisories. A **heat outlook** is issued when potential exists for an excessive heat event in the next 3-7 days. **Heat watches** are issued when conditions are favorable for excessive heat in the next 24 to 72 hours. A **heat warning or advisory** is issued when excessive heat is expected in the next 36 hours.

Find a full description of information and tips online at [dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem](https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem).

## Build a Home Emergency Kit

Do you have enough supplies on hand that can last you a few days in case of an emergency? Here are some items you should include:

- Bottled water – a gallon per person is recommended
- Non-perishable food – soups, stews, canned pasta, and things that do not require refrigeration
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Whistle – in the event that you become trapped, a small whistle signal can help
- Basic set of household tools
- First aid kit
- Dust masks
- Plastic garbage bags – good number of uses including waterproof covers
- Battery-powered radio



## WeCount Fridley, MN 2020 Census

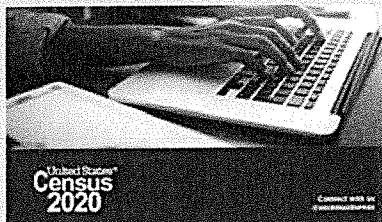
### Census Day—April 1, 2020

The Census begins soon! You will be receiving an invitation in the mail to respond to the Census online in the second or third week of March.

The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. The count is taken every 10 years and is mandated by the Constitution. Data collected from the Census helps determine government representation and federal funding, including more than \$15 billion distributed to Minnesota.

Every household will have the option of responding to the 2020 Census online, by mail, or by phone. Mailings will be sent in March and April. The majority of addresses will receive their first census invitation in the mail anytime between March 12-20, 2020. Individuals are encouraged to respond to the Census right away. Additional reminders will be sent in the mail to households that have not responded and, if needed, with an in-person.

Learn more by visiting [FridleyMN.gov/2020Census](https://FridleyMN.gov/2020Census) or [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov). Reach out to Alyssa Kruzell, Community Engagement Specialist, by emailing her at [Alyssa.Kruzell@FridleyMN.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Kruzell@FridleyMN.gov) or by phone at



763-572-3579 with any questions or concerns regarding the 2020 Census.

### 2020 Census Timeline

On or Between	You Will Receive
March 12 - 20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census
March 16 - 24	A reminder postcard
<b>If you have not responded:</b>	
March 26 - April 3	A reminder postcard
April 8 - 16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire
April 20 - 27	A final reminder postcard
After April 27	In-person follow-up by Census worker

## Organics Recycling

In 2019, the average participant in the curbside organics recycling program kept 450 pounds of organics out of the trash each year. If all eligible Fridley households participated, we would reduce our landfill amount by 3,597,3000 pounds each year. Organics recycling allows you to recycle all of your food waste, paper towels, pizza boxes, and more. Learn more and sign up at [FridleyMN.gov/Organics](https://FridleyMN.gov/Organics). Limited time offer: Receive 3 free months of organics recycling if you sign up in March.







## Vibrant neighborhoods and places

*Financial Stability and Commercial Prosperity*

*Organizational Excellence*

*Community Identity and Relationship Building*

*Public Safety and Environmental Stewardship*

## Focus on Fridley: Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places

We are continuing to cover each of the five focus areas identified in the Focus on Fridley initiative. In our January/February edition of the newsletter, we discussed the area of Public Safety and Environmental Stewardship, and what that looked like for our city. In this edition we will be exploring another focus area that everyone in our community values: Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places.

Vibrant Neighborhoods and Places focuses on the need to create or better utilize local places for gathering and activities. This includes looking at new ideas within existing spaces, and any possible enhancements to better accommodate programming. "While Fridley does not have a true 'downtown' that creates a natural gathering place for community celebrations and programming, we have a lot of great spaces in our new Civic Campus and beautiful parks. We are looking for locations around our city and at new or existing programming that better connects our community," explained Mayor Scott Lund.

The new Fridley Civic Campus has numerous opportunities for public engagement activities inside the buildings, on the plaza and in the outdoor amphitheater. Activities could range from movies, live music, seasonal celebrations, wellness sessions and public art displays with the ability to also house food

and beverage options provided by local food trucks or distributors.

Fridley is also home to many beautiful parks and nature spaces. Locke Regional Park contains part of the regional trail system and the winding Rice Creek that distributes into Locke Lake. This park currently serves for more passive activities with its walking/biking trail and off-leash dog activities. Community Park is a 21-acre park that features athletic fields, playground equipment and a park building. It is located right across the street from the Fridley Civic Campus.

To connect these vibrant spaces and neighborhoods, we are reviewing our Active Transportation Plan to evaluate connectivity opportunities through walking/biking trails and lanes. The plan helps guide development so that all residents can travel throughout the community with ease. You can read the full plan online at [FridleyMN.gov/ActiveTransportation](http://FridleyMN.gov/ActiveTransportation). The City is currently researching funding opportunities to improve the east/west access in the city through the extension of the 57th Avenue trail. The trail addition would create more connections to surrounding communities and give access to commercial areas.

With opportunities in both our city and county parks, the City has been working on a parks master plan through our *Finding Your Fun in Fridley* initiative. In 2019, we gained resident feedback by:

- Hosting four community workshops that welcomed residents to come and share their thoughts on the future of our parks and trails system
- Creating an online interactive map where residents could drop comment pins on specific points of the city map

The feedback process was meant to get a clearer picture of the design or enhancements of future parks as well as the opportunity for programming within them. After reviewing public input and receiving preliminary quotes for suggested enhancements to the parks, the City is putting together a draft master plan that will be opened for public comments and consideration. You can find more information about the *Finding Your Fun in Fridley* initiative by visiting [FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun](http://FridleyMN.gov/FindingYourFun).

Provide us your thoughts on vibrant neighborhoods and places in our city by visiting [www.Polco.us/Fridley](http://www.Polco.us/Fridley) and taking a short survey.

## Fridley Community Calendar

### March

- 2 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 5 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 9 Charter Commission & City Council Meetings
- 10 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting

### April

- 2 Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting
- 6 Charter Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
- 13 City Council Meeting
- 14 Environmental Quality & Energy Commission Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 Town Hall Meeting
- 27 City Council Meeting

**NOTE:** City Council and Commission meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue NE. The public is welcome.

Hearing impaired persons who need an interpreter or other persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids and would like to attend a meeting, should contact Roberta Collins at 763-572-3500 at least one week in advance.

## Mark your calendars: Connecting Fridley Events

Join us this summer at Fridley parks for "Connecting Fridley", an event series all about community outreach! Enjoy lawn games, recreation activities, bounce house, arts and crafts from Banfill-Locke, story time with the Anoka County Library Mississippi Branch, and light refreshments. Connect with your neighbors and city staff! There will also be an opportunity to learn more about city services and programs.

- Wednesday, June 24 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Sylvan Park
- Wednesday, July 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Madsen Park
- Wednesday, August 12 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Meadowlands Park



## FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

### Open House

**Saturday, March 14 - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
Special Invitation to all Unity Auxiliary Volunteers to come to the Fridley History Center to enjoy getting back together; have a cup of tea (or coffee) and look back at the display of the 53 Years of memories.

### Upcoming Open Houses

**Saturday, March 28 - 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, April 11 - 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### Lasagna Dinner/Fundraiser

**Saturday, April 25, doors open at 4:15 p.m.**  
- Dinner at 5:00 p.m.  
Fridley American Legion  
Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread,  
Cake and Beverages

For tickets or other information,  
call 763-571-0120.



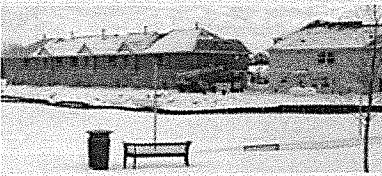
## New things in Town: Development Updates

### Lennar Townhomes

The shape and style of the two distinct townhome types are clear as residents pass the new Preserve at Locke Pointe Development on University Avenue, adjacent to Civic Center Campus. The developer is on track for having model units available by April 15, 2020. The Carriage Collection, row home-style units are closest to the new Locke Parkway and offer 3 floors of interior living space. The Colonial Patriot, two-story units generally back to the water feature across from the Civic Campus and the trail that will surround the pond.



For additional information on the development contact: [www.lennar.homes](http://www.lennar.homes) and search for Preserve at Locke Pointe.



### Former Midas at 8094 University

The former Midas site on University Avenue was purchased by Mark Krogh, Java Development. Demolition on a portion of the building has been completed, which removed the westernmost 16 feet from the original building. The building has been redesigned and will be repurposed as a professional office building. Where overhead doors once existed, storefront glass will fill those voids.

Sharing the site will be a new concept in coffee vending, which will be a Caribou Coffee cabin. No interior seating will exist in the coffee cabins, but a drive-up and a walk-up window will be used to serve guests. An outdoor patio with tables will also be featured on the site to encourage patrons to stay and take in the new landscaped environment. A spring completion for both buildings is anticipated.

### Fridley Station Village

Two buildings are under construction at Fridley Station Village. The Metro Transit parking and bus loop for the Northstar Station was reconstructed and was back open for commuters in December. Thank you commuters for your patience as that work was completed.

Under construction currently is a market-rate building that will contain 96 units. It is the building closest to the intersection of 61st Avenue and Main Street. Also being constructed is a 100-unit senior building on the western edge of the site, running parallel with the rail line.



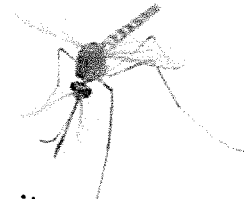
### Boot Barn – Fridley Market

The Boot Barn in the Fridley Market site has received a Certificate of Occupancy from the Fridley Building Official and opened for business in February. The Boot Barn will enjoy its new location next to Duluth Trading and other great Fridley retailers and will bring a new retail shopping experience to the City.



### TreeHouse Foods

TreeHouse Foods, Inc., a Fridley manufacturer of food and beverages (private label) has agreed to sell its in-store baking facilities to Rich Products Corporation. Rich's is a multi-national food corporation that started with its production of Rich's frozen non-dairy whipped topping and later expanded into an enormous variety of food products. Rich's is a 75 year-old company whose trajectory is rising and sees the TreeHouse bakery as a complement to its existing product lines.



## Mosquitos

This spring, be on the lookout for standing water that can serve as mosquito breeding sites. Common areas in your yard where water may pool include old tires, bird baths, tarps, containers, and clogged rain gutters. Mosquitos lay their eggs in or on the edge of standing water, and after hatching, need at least 7 days to transition from larvae to adults. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) is the regional agency tasked with controlling the mosquito population. In 2019, the MMCD inspected 494 sites in Fridley, treated 211.15 acres for larval mosquitos and 3.51 acres for adult mosquitos. To see when MMCD was last in your area or to find out about upcoming treatments, request service, or learn more, visit [MMCD.Org](http://MMCD.Org).

### Frequently asked questions:

- What conditions lead to more mosquitos?

A lot of rain in a short period of time, plus warm weather usually lead to more mosquitos. Some mosquitos lay their eggs in the fall and they hatch during the spring thaw.

- How does the MMCD treat for mosquitos?

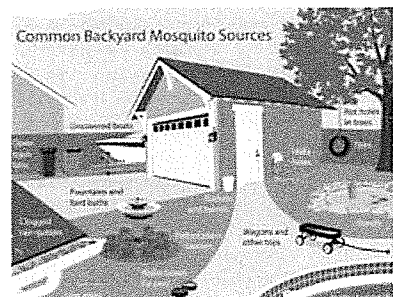
Most of the MMCD's work is treating for mosquito larvae using Bti (a natural soil bacteria applied to corn granules that disrupts the digestion of mosquitos and biting gnats) and methoprene (an insect growth regulator that inhibits mosquito growth). Larvae control is often applied by helicopter. The MMCD also performs a limited amount of adult control using approved insecticides. Adult control is applied by a trained, professional applicator using a backpack.

- What can I do to reduce mosquitos?

The best way to reduce mosquitos is to get rid of their breeding habitats; the MMCD has found mosquito larva in sources as small as a bottle cap. Avoid going out when mosquitos are most active, including dusk and early morning. Wear loose, light-colored clothing.

- How do I get rid of old tires?

MMCD offers free disposal of off-rim tires as funding allows. Call MMCD at 651-645-9149 or visit them or to learn more. The City of Fridley also accepts tires at our recycling drop-offs.



## Free and Reduced Services for Your Pets on May 16

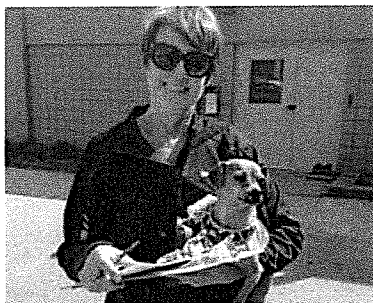
Join us for our Mobile Pet Clinic on Saturday, May 16, from 2-4 p.m. at Fire Station 1 (7071 University Avenue NE). No appointments needed. Stop by for free wellness exams and discounted, onsite services by local and licensed business MetroPet Animal Hospital.

Dog licenses will be offered at a reduced rate of \$15 during the event (normally \$25).

Note: Please bring dogs leashed and cats in carriers.

### Pet clinic vaccinations include:

Canines: Rabies (3-year), DAPPv, DAPPv + Lepto, Lyme, Lepto and Bordetella.



Felines: Rabies (3-year), FVRCP, Leukemia. Lab tests: Canine 4DX, Feline FeLV/FIV/Heartworm, Fecal, Thyroid, Geriatric Blood Screen.

\*Microchip with free registration also available.

For questions about these services, please contact MetroPet directly at 612-374-4414. For questions about the event, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Courtney Miller at 762-572-3626.





## City of Fridley's Fifth Annual Tree Sale

The City of Fridley is offering reduced-cost trees to help enhance our urban forest in anticipation of the loss of ash trees due to emerald ash borer. Help our urban forest become more resilient by planting a tree in your yard. Trees improve air and water quality, increase property values, lower energy bills and provide valuable wildlife habitat.

To purchase, submit your order by April 6 online at [FridleyMN.Gov/TreeSale](http://FridleyMN.Gov/TreeSale) or by calling 763-572-3594. Trees will be available for pick-up on May 9 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Fridley Civic Campus. Limited quantities available. Limit two trees per household. For Fridley residents only.



## Spring Cleaning: Streets Style

Spring will (hopefully) be arriving soon! Our street sweepers are eager to get all the salt and sand off of the roads. Due to the unpredictable personality of Minnesota weather, we are not able to provide an exact date for street sweeping. Our Public Works team tries to clear the streets after the last snowfall, but before the "April showers." Typically, streets are cleaned in late March or early April.

Street sweeping is essential to remove winter debris buildup before the rainy season arrives to avoid washing salt and other materials into the City's storm sewer system. We do this to reduce stormwater pollution and maintain the water quality. Ways you can help include: picking up dog poop, sweeping near your storm drains, installing a rain garden on your property, or adopting a drain at [Adopt-A-Drain.org](http://Adopt-A-Drain.org).

## Hydrant Flushing

After we finish street sweeping, we move onto hydrant flushing in April. Hydrant flushing occurs twice a year, in the spring and fall, when the City flushes its water mains through the fire hydrants. This helps clear the water of small amounts of sediment like iron or manganese that settle over time, and it verifies that the hydrants are in good working order.

During hydrant flushing, deposits from the water lines may create yellowish-brownish discoloration of water in homes near the flushing area. While this water is safe for drinking, it may discolor laundry. Run your water regularly to clear discoloration. If it lasts longer than two days, or for updated information, call us at 763-572-3566.

	Purchase Height (approximate)	Full Grown Height	Shade Preference	Wildlife value	Cost
Hackberry	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Fruit for birds, nesting sites	\$25
Northern Red Oak	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Pollen favored by pollinators, fruit for birds, nesting sites	\$25
Kentucky Coffee Tree	6'	60-75'	Full sun	Nesting Sites	\$25
Prairiefire Crabapple	5'	15-25'	Full sun	Flowers for pollinators, Fruit for birds; Nesting sites	\$25
Ironwood	5'	20-50'	Full or partial sun	Fruit for birds and small mammals	\$25
Black Hills Spruce (Evergreen)	2.5'	30-60'	Full or partial sun	Seeds for song birds and small mammals, nesting sites	\$15
Arbor Rain Watering Bag	20 gallon bag that delivers a slow release of water directly to the root zone of tree				\$15

## Do You have Ice Dams?

If you had or have ice dams this winter, take the time to get your insulation and air sealing looked at to prevent long-term roof damage. The Home Energy Squad is one option to evaluate your insulation and get connected to contractors: [FridleyMN.gov/Energy](http://FridleyMN.gov/Energy).

A customized Home Energy Squad visit is the best way to get started saving energy and money at home. Fridley residents are eligible for an enhanced Home Energy Squad visit at a reduced price through the Fridley HRA. For only \$50, a team of energy consultants will come to your home, evaluate your energy savings opportunities, and offer services such as (\$600 value):

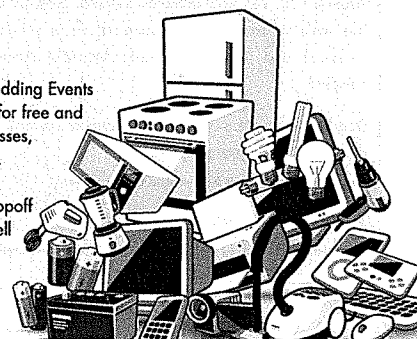
- Installation of free materials such as LED bulbs, a programmable thermostat, door and attic hatch, weather stripping, high-efficiency showerhead and faucet aerators
- Inspection of your attic and wall insulation
- Blower door and thermal image testing
- A combustion safety test and carbon monoxide check
- A customized report with additional recommendations
- Access to energy advisors to assist you following through with recommendations
- You only pay one flat price for the testing and for everything they install – everything is included.



## March 14 and May 9 Recycling Drop-Off Dates

Join us for our 2020 Recycling Drop-off and Paper Shredding Events at Green Lights Recycling (1525 99th Ln NE in Blaine) for free and reduced cost disposal of electronics, appliances, mattresses, carpet and more. All events will be from 8 a.m. – noon.

View accepted items and pricing at [FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff](http://FridleyMN.gov/Dropoff) or call 763-572-3594. Receive \$15 off your total as well as recycle one appliance and one mattress for free with proof of Fridley residency (license, water bill, etc.).







## Coffee with Cops - March 12

We invite you to chat with us! Share your concerns, brainstorm crime prevention ideas, or just get to know your Public Safety Department better. Bring your neighbors and let's partner for a safe and vibrant community.

When: Thursday, March 12 from 3-5 p.m.

Where: Fridley Civic Campus (7071 University Avenue NE) – Fireside Room

## Safety Camp 2020 – June 24!

We invite 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (2019-2020 school year) to join us on a day-long adventure of learning, experimenting, laughter and fun! Wednesday, June 19 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Commons Park (rain or shine). \$25 includes hat, t-shirt, bike helmet, snacks, lunch, tote bag, supplies, leadership and safety lessons!

Join Fridley Fire, Police and Recreation for this popular program designed for kids to have fun while learning good safety practices. Kids will learn and

experience safety related to a variety of topics including fire, seat belts, animals, electrical, bicycle, first aid, swimming & water, weather and 9-1-1!

Registration includes leadership, supplies, bike helmet, T-shirt, tote bag, hat, snacks and lunch.

This camp is only \$25 and the experience is priceless!

Register online at [FridleyMN.gov/Recreation](http://FridleyMN.gov/Recreation) or call 763-572-3570.



## DISCOVERY DINNERS

The perfect night out

Springbrook Discovery Dinners pair lively educational programs with a catered meal for the perfect night out. Leave the kids at home and enjoy the night with friends or someone special. Registration is required and space is limited. For more details or to sign up, visit our website or call Springbrook at 763-572-3588.

**Canids of Minnesota**  
Saturday, March 21, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

with Peggy Callahan, Founder and Executive Director of the Wildlife Science Center

\$25 per person

**Biomimicry: Taking Inspiration from Nature**  
Saturday, April 4, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

with Sue Okerstrom, President of Lichen Labs

\$25 per person



## Recent promotions: Fire Division



Mike Spencer was promoted to Deputy Director – Fire Division/Fire Chief. He previously served as Fridley's Fire Marshal. Mike officially took over for outgoing Fire Chief John Berg on Friday, June 28. Congratulations Mike!



James Lange was named Fridley's new Fire Marshal, effective September 14. James previously held the position of Fire Inspector with Fridley. Congratulations James!



Brian Williams has been appointed as our new Fire Inspector in December! Brian has served as a Paid On-Call Firefighter since February 2013. Congratulations Brian!



## 2020 Bike Helmet Clinic

Tuesday, May 19 – 4 – 7 p.m.  
Fridley Civic Campus – Fireside Room

May is National Bike Month! Get prepared to hit the road with the proper safety gear for the whole family. In partnership with Safe Kids Anoka County, Fridley Public Safety will have Bell bike helmets for sale – only \$10 per helmet.

A trained technician will help you choose a helmet that suits your style and fits properly. Already have a helmet? Bring it in and we can help you make sure it fits properly (for free!)



## Looking for a Summer Job?

We will have several part-time and full-time opportunities with the City of Fridley! Positions include working with our Recreation and Public Works Departments. There are various opportunities for adults and kids ages 16+.

Are you interested in learning more? Visit [FridleyMN.gov/Jobs](http://FridleyMN.gov/Jobs) to find open positions and sign up for job notifications.

## Fridley '49er Days

We would like to invite you to our festival — Fridley '49er Days, to carry out our family-friendly community tradition of celebrating the year Fridley was incorporated as a city!

PARADE | JUNE 18

CAR SHOW, CLASS REUNION, SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT & ENTERTAINMENT | JUNE 19

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT (CONTINUED) | JUNE 20



## ENVIRONMENTAL FUN FAIR MAY 2



Kick off Arbor Month with the 4th Annual Environmental Fun Fair at Springbrook Nature Center on May 2nd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with Anoka County 4H, City of Fridley, and Springbrook Nature Center.

- Fun Nature Activities
- Environmental Arts and Crafts
- Live Animals
- Electric vehicles and the Recycling Truck

Learn more at [FridleyMN.gov/FunFair](http://FridleyMN.gov/FunFair).



## Record-breaking Year at Fridley Liquor

For the second year in a row, Fridley Liquor had a record-breaking year in 2019 with over \$6,200,000 in sales. In 2018, they had \$6 million in sales for the first time in history. 2019 sales will account for over \$330,000 invested back into the community.

As a "thank you" for supporting our municipal liquor store, and ultimately our community, we'd like to offer you 100 free points at Fridley Liquor. See below for more details!



### Get rewarded! 100 free points at Fridley Liquor

Redeem this coupon to receive 100 free rewards points, which earns you a \$5 credit for your liquor purchases. Current Rewards Card holders — bring your card to the cashier and they will add the points to your account. Don't have a rewards card? — stop into either location and a cashier will help you set one up. Valid driver's license and email address required.

The 100 free points can be used on future or same-day purchases. Original coupon must be provided — no copies may be redeemed. Limit one coupon per rewards account.

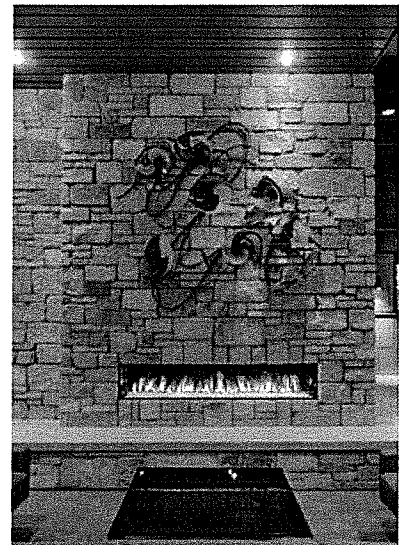
Offers not valid for prior purchases and is not redeemable for cash or gift cards.

Offer valid at either location. Expiration date: May 1, 2020.

[FridleyLiquor.com](http://FridleyLiquor.com)

Fridley Market (University Avenue & I-694)  
264 57th Avenue, NE, Fridley, MN 55432  
Phone: 763-571-1994

Fridley Liquor: Moore Lake  
6289 Highway 65, Fridley, MN 55432  
Phone: 763-571-8365



## Artist Feature: Bonnie Hinz

Like most people in Fridley, Bonnie Hinz watched the new government building being built with fascination and anticipation. She did not realize that one day her artwork would be hanging in the beautiful new building.

Bonnie has been a resident of Fridley for 25 years, enjoying her quiet, friendly neighborhood near Locke Lake and the Mississippi River. She has also been an artist for 15 years. She works with metal and glass, creating artwork for residences, healthcare settings, and corporate environments around the country.

She was contacted by an art consulting firm that she often works with to see if she was interested in creating artwork for the new Fridley Civic Campus, specifically for the Fireside Room. Bonnie readily agreed to sketch up a proposal and was excited for the opportunity to have her artwork displayed in her own city. Her proposal was accepted and she happily went to work on the project. The resulting artwork is available for all to see in the Fireside Room above the fireplace. Her flowing design is inspired by the nearby water of the Mississippi River and Rice Creek, and the colors of the Fridley logo.





Date: 3/10/20

Zoning Administrator  
City of Spring Lake Park

1301 81st Ave. N.E.  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Re: Zoning notification for increased license capacity for Department of Human Services program.  
Child care center licensed under Minnesota Rules, part 9503.0005 to 9503.0170.

Issuance of this license is subject to compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245A.

<b>Center Information:</b>		<b>License #:</b> 1035840		
Center Name/Address: Little Bees Childcare Center 1630 NE County Hwy 10 Spring Lake Park, MN 55432	Center Contact Person:  Yelena Marantsman	Center Phone Number:  651-780-0187		
Licensor Name:  Vicky Douglas	Licensor Contact Number:  651-431-6765	Change in Capacity		
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If you do not contact the Division of Licensing within 30 days of receipt of this letter, we will consider this facility to be in compliance with your local zoning code.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact the licensor listed above or fax information to 651-431-7673.

Sincerely,

*Donna Gainor*

Donna Gainor, Unit Supervisor  
Licensing Division  
Office of Inspector General

