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The **Neighbors App by Ring** is a free app designed to help communities connect and stay informed about what's going on around them – whether they own a Ring device or not. Millions of users are working together to make neighborhoods safer for their families, friends and neighbors. When communities work together, safer neighborhoods become a reality.

Neighbors App Features

Stay Informed

Get real-time, hyper-local information about what's going on in your community, through crime and safety alerts from users within a radius of up to 5-miles from your home.

Alert Your Community

Post and share important crime and safety information falling into the following five categories: Criminal Activity, Suspicious Activity, Unknown Visitor, Safety and Lost Pets. You can also provide updates and inform your neighborhood when an incident has been resolved.

Connect with Neighbors

View and comment on videos, photos and text-based posts shared by local users through the Neighbors app feed.

Personalize Your Experience

Customize what alerts you receive and how often.

Putting Privacy First

Choose what content to share and control how you want to engage with other users. The Neighbors app was designed to keep users in control of their private information.

Support from Local Police

In some neighborhoods, local police join the Neighbors app to engage with their communities by viewing and responding to crime and safety incidents, sharing real-time alerts to keep residents informed and requesting assistance on active investigations.

Free and Accessible

Smartphone users in the United States can join the conversation by downloading [Neighbors for iOS](#), [Neighbors for Android](#) and [Neighbors for FireOS](#). Users do not have to own a Ring device to help make their neighborhoods safer.

Learn more about the [Neighbors app here](#).

For media inquiries, contact media@ring.com.

Building skills, careers and independence since 1964.

Achiever

By creating innovative opportunities that inspire people with disabilities, Achieve Services enables every participant to lead a meaningful and self-determined life.

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Achieve Clean - The Mother Load

Many detergents claim to be the most cost effective. But are they? Really? Achieve Clean decided to put those claims to the test.

Achieve Clean comes in a 62 ounce bottle that lasts for 60 loads. We did the math and that comes to .96 loads per ounce. Compare this to other top competitors:

- Seventh Generation Free & Clear - .66 loads per ounce
- Tide Free & Gentle - .64 loads per ounce
- Tide Purclean Liquid - .64 loads per ounce
- Arm & Hammer Sensitive Skin - .66 loads per ounce

It's as clear as our laundry detergent: Achieve Clean gives you more loads per ounce!

Not only that, but we've done more to lighten your load. Achieve Clean is an all-natural, non-toxic and eco-friendly laundry detergent that has the good stuff people want and none of the bad stuff they don't.

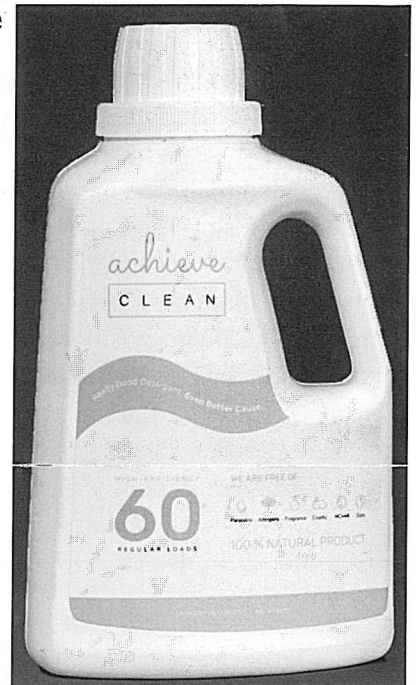
Need another reason to reach for Achieve Clean? 100 percent of the profits from every bottle go to providing life-changing career opportunities for adults with disabilities.

We're proud to offer high-quality detergent that goes further – in both your laundry room and in the lives of adults with disabilities. Making laundry day altruistic: now that's the motherlode of goodness!

For a limited time: Subscribe to have Achieve Clean delivered to your doorstep and the first bottle is on us! That's right – **a free bottle!** What are you waiting for?

Get on our Laundry list!

Be in the know! Receive news, updates, special promotions, events and other opportunities to support this fantastic little brand we love so much. Visit AchieveClean.org and scroll down the home page to sign up today!



Achieve Clean is:

- Plant based
- All natural
- Made with biodegradable, eco-friendly ingredients
- Filled, packaged and labeled by individuals with disabilities
- Free from fragrance, antibacterials, dyes and preservatives

Plus, 100% of proceeds go back to programs that serve people with disabilities in your community!

Find us and follow us on social media



Worker shortage impacts services to people with disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act gives individuals with disabilities the right to live and work in a community setting if that is what they want. Unfortunately in our current conditions this isn't always possible. High turnover rates and a large percentage of unfilled direct care jobs are forcing people into larger institutions and taking away their choices.

In Minnesota, the direct care and support workforce shortage has reached an unprecedented level. The impact is felt across the industry. The Department of Employment and Economic Development reports there are currently more than **10,000 unfilled positions** in the workforce and the shortage is expected to get worse. The U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates an additional **1.1 million** direct care workers will be needed by 2024 – an increase of 26 percent over 2014 needs.

Unfortunately, the impact is felt most by the people who depend on long-term services and supports – like the individuals we serve at Achieve.

There are numerous reasons for the shortage, one being **low wages**. According to Zip Recruiter, a personal care assistant working full-time in Minnesota brings home an average of \$21,470 per year (or \$10.32 per hour). For a job coach the numbers rise to \$25,921 per year (or \$12.46 per hour). A survey done by the Institute for Community Integration at the University of Minnesota, found the average wage for a direct care employee is slightly more than \$12 per hour. Compare that to the federal poverty level for a family of four, which was \$25,750 in 2019.

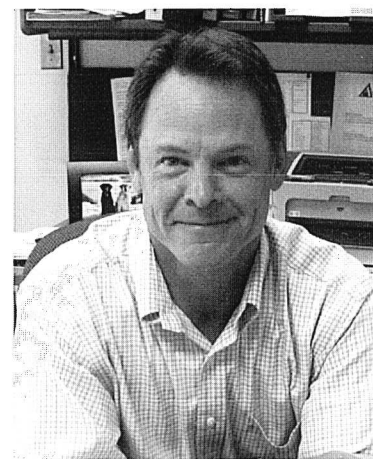
A second reason is **lack of benefits**. People need and want jobs that provide quality health care, time off with pay, a retirement savings plan and other benefits. Programs providing services to people with disabilities want to provide those benefits but are often hindered from doing so due to funding constraints.

Third, there are a **shrinking number of caregivers** as baby boomers retire and leave the workforce. This is compounded by an increasing number of people needing services as baby boomers age.

The entire workforce – not just health and human services – is losing workers at a rate of five lost to one gained, and demographics indicate this won't change for at least another five to 10 years. Simply put, there are not enough young people to fill entry level positions. This is creating a spike in job openings where wages are less than \$15 per hour.

A 2019 survey by Relias revealed that the **national average annual turnover rate for direct care workers is 45%**. At Achieve we are happy to report turnover rates well below the industry average. In 2019 our turnover rate was 25 percent. However this is up from a rate of six percent just a few years ago. In addition to impacting service quality, high turnover also comes with a financial costs. It is estimated that the cost of recruiting and training a new employee is around \$2,200.

We are feeling the impact and are doing our best to plan for the future and decrease our reliance on government funding. However, if changes don't occur, services to individuals will be further effected. Choices will be limited. Quality will be impacted.



Tom Weaver, Achieve CEO

During its 2019 session, the Minnesota Legislature added a 4.7% competitive workforce factor to all Disability Waiver Rate System frameworks and changed the prevocational service billing units from hourly units to 15-minute units. These changes came into effect January 1, 2020. Positive steps in the right direction.

It's a start, but more is needed. **Direct care jobs have to become more competitive with other sectors in order to stabilize turnover rates and that will take legislative reform.** Because many of the jobs are funded through Medicaid, the only way wages can increase is through legislation.

This isn't the only answer, but part of a larger plan, which will include the way we approach services, provide supports and use technology to increase independence and choices for individuals with disabilities while partially decreasing their dependence on time-intensive staff supports.

We're willing to do our part, but government funding sources are going to have to meet us somewhere in the middle. We all have to work together to insure the rights of individuals with disabilities aren't compromised in Minnesota – or any state for that matter.

Treat People Like People

The State of Minnesota, along with the Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities have launched the Treat People Like People campaign, which highlights the value and dignity of each person living with a disability.

The campaign seeks to raise awareness of abuse and neglect of people with disabilities and to educate people with disabilities and their families and guardians and the general public on how to identify, report and respond to abuse of people with disabilities.

The website is full of resources for learning, providers, individuals and families, including a number of videos created by people with disabilities. One titled **"Things People with Disabilities Wish You Knew"** includes the following information:

- I don't feel bad about myself. I love my disability. I embrace my disability. It is a part of me.
- Not all disabilities are the same.
- My disability isn't your inspiration. We aren't inherently inspirational or brave just because of our disability. We can be inspirational, but let us earn that word.
- Ask before you offer help. And then ask specifically what is the best way for you to help.

- I'm a person living with a disability. I'm a person first. My disability is just one part of me.
- Don't say you are tolerant. We don't want to be tolerated. Tolerating someone isn't a positive statement.



Visit treatpeoplelikepeople.org for the link to the entire 5-minute video as well as other videos and a wealth of information on disability-related topics.

People with disabilities want to be seen as people first.



Perks of working at Achieve:

- Starting wage for a direct service professional is \$14 per hour.
- 20 days of flexible time off that increases with years of service.
- Paid holidays.
- Monday through Friday workweek - no weekends!
- Daytime work hours - no night shifts!
- 403B retirement plan that matches your contributions up to five percent.
- A positive and supportive teamwork culture.

Achieve - now hiring!

Come join our fun team. We are a day training and habilitation program serving adults with developmental disabilities. By focusing on abilities, not disabilities, we strive to increase the independence and quality of life for all individuals in our program. Our mission: **By creating innovative opportunities that inspire people with disabilities, Achieve will enable every participant to lead a meaningful and self-determined life.**

We have the following positions open:

Training Specialist– Full-time.
Experience: bachelor's degree in related field with at least one year of related experience working with adults with developmental disabilities or a high school or equivalent and at least three

years of experience working with adults with developmental disabilities.

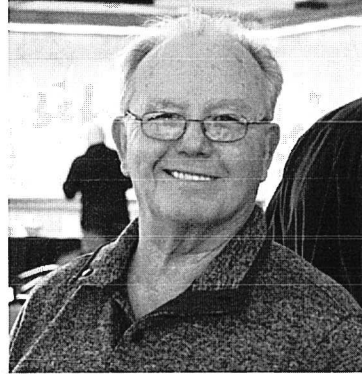
Job Coach/Driver– Full-time.
Qualifications: High school degree or equivalent and at least six months experience working with adults with developmental disabilities. Must have a valid Minnesota driver's license and be able to successfully complete a MVR check.

On-Call Substitute– Part-time. Looking for flexibility in a job? This position may be for you. It's a good way to get to know more about Achieve and get your foot in the door.

For full job descriptions or to apply, visit Achieveservices.org online and click on the Employment link at the top right hand side of the page.

Retirement time:

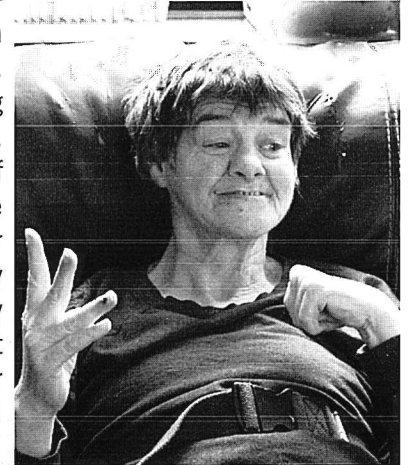
Staff



Sue Suchy (left) and Ed Ronneng (right) retired in January. Sue worked at Achieve for 31 years, most of them as program specialist. Ed spent 15 years with the organization as a driver. Best of luck to both of you in your new endeavors!

Participant

Carol S retired in December, 2019. She began working at Achieve in 1978, and had 41 years of service with the program! Her friendly personality will be missed by all her friends at Achieve. Enjoy your retirement, Carol!



Board of directors

Achieve recently said farewell to two members of its board of directors. Mike Bisping served on the board for 15 years, Joane Quade for five years. Board Chair Kathy Svanda, (center) recognized them both at the December board meeting and thanked them for their service.

In memory of... Todd



Todd began working at Achieve in 1989 and celebrated 31 years of service in June. He was well-known for his dapper choice of clothing and could often be found in a dress shirt and tie. He was always willing to share a smile. During his time at Achieve, Todd worked at Burger King, Zeos, Holiday Station Stores, Co-born's and the Anoka County Government Center doing office work. He passed away on December 21, 2019.

Rest in peace, Todd. You are missed by all your friends at Achieve.

In memory of... Chanda

Chanda worked at Achieve from 2004 until she retired in 2019. She passed away January 7, 2020. Chanda loved life. She was playful and silly and made the most of every day. She was a fan of country music, the Twins and Vikings.

She loved the warm weather and would sit outside on the patio enjoying the sunshine. She assisted staff with watering flowers on the patio.

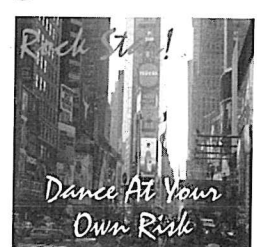
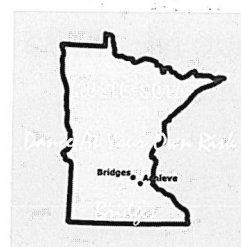
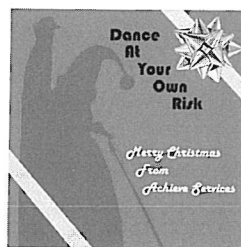
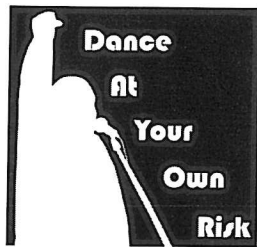
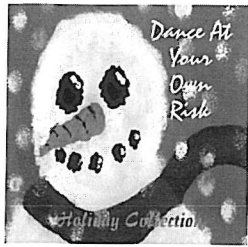
Chanda worked in the community doing laundry for the daycare in the Blaine Human Services building.

Chanda enjoyed the sunshine, but she was the sunshine to the people who knew her.



She was deeply admired and loved by both staff and peers and will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her. RIP Chanda.

DAYOR (Dance At Your Own Risk) out and about during the holidays



Giving back: Achieve collects Toys for Joy

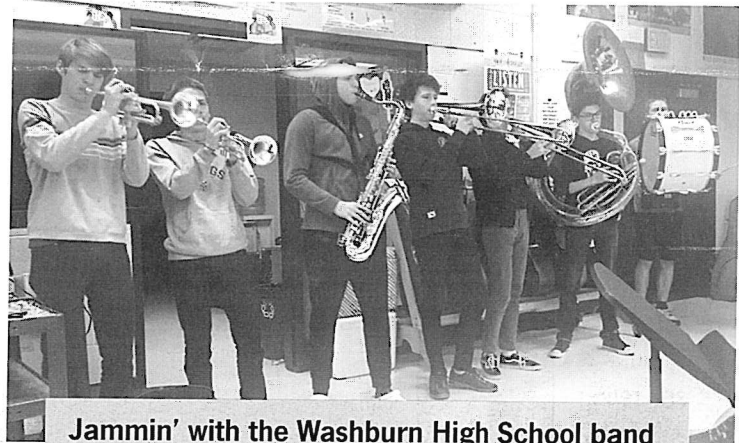
Area green collected toys for Toys for Joy, which provides toys for families in Anoka County. The group exceeded their goal and collected a whopping 136 toys! The Toys for Joy volunteer who came to collect the toys wasn't sure if he could fit them all into his van. Luckily he did and over 100 Anoka County children celebrated their Christmas with a donated toy from Achieve.



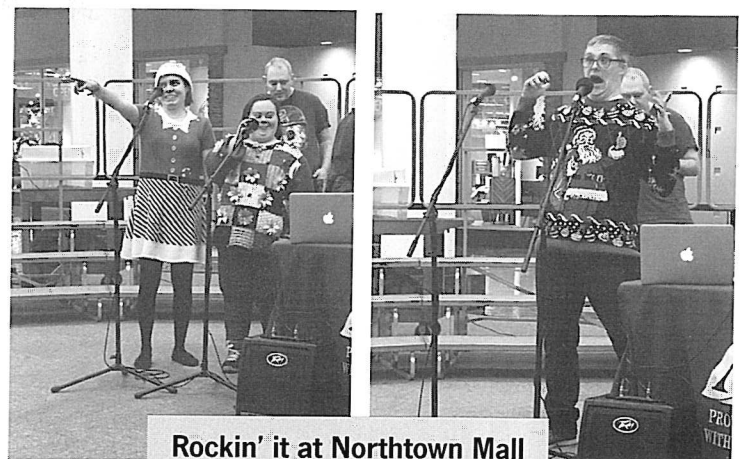
Achieve's favorite band – Dance At Your Own Risk – performed at Northtown Mall on December 6. The group entertained the crowd with holiday favorites as well as originals from their two holiday albums.

They also visited Washburn High School in December where they jammed with the high school band. It was a fun day of collaborative music making.

DAYOR albums make great holiday gifts – but you know what? They make great gifts any time of the year. You might even want to gift yourself! They've got five albums available online (at only \$10 each): "Merry Christmas from Achieve Services," "Changing Attitudes," "Holiday Album," "Music-Sota," and "Rock Star."



Jammin' with the Washburn High School band



Rockin' it at Northtown Mall

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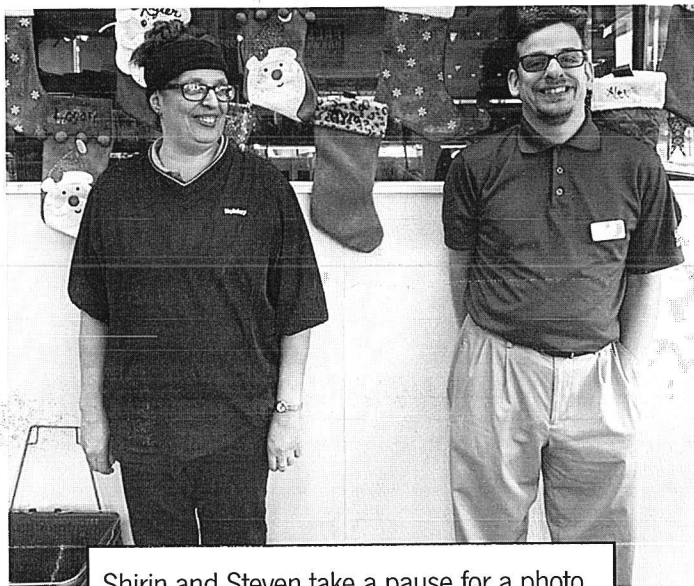
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Shout out to community-based employers

On any given work week, roughly 100 Achieve participants are employed in jobs at 34 different community job sites working for 14 different businesses. Two of these are Holiday Station Stores and Coborn's.



Shirin and Steven take a pause for a photo at Holiday Station Stores worksite during the holidays.

Holiday Station Stores has worked with Achieve since July, 1996, and they currently employ 23 Achieve participants across 11 different work sites.

Coborn's has employed Achieve participants since 2013 and currently seven participants work at two Coborn's locations. In addition, Coborn's stocks its shelves with Achieve Clean Laundry Detergent.

We are grateful for the many successful partnerships Achieve has with businesses throughout the community. It's a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Thank you!

George and Michael both look happy to be on the job at Coborn's.



January 29, 2020

Daniel Buchholtz, Administrator
City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: City of Spring Lake Park 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Complete for Review
Metropolitan Council Review File No. 22039-1
Metropolitan Council District 10, Peter Lindstrom

Dear Mr. Buchholtz:

Thank you for sending additional information regarding the City of Spring Lake Park's 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan). The Metropolitan Council originally received the City's 2040 Plan on June 27, 2019 and found it incomplete for review on July 19, 2019. The Council received the City's response letter on December 19, 2019 as well as supplemental wastewater information on January 6, 2020, and supplemental land use information on January 28, 2020. Council staff now finds the Plan complete for review. In accordance with state law, the Council has 120 days, or by May 27, 2020, to complete its formal review of the Plan.

Review of the 2040 Plan is scheduled as follows:

1. Community Development Committee (CDC) on Monday, March 2
2. Environment Committee on Tuesday, March 10
3. Metropolitan Council on Wednesday, March 25

The Plan will be reviewed by the CDC, the Environment Committee, and then the Metropolitan Council for final review as indicated above. A copy of the draft report will be forwarded to you for your information when the report is mailed out to the CDC. You and any other community representatives are invited to attend the CDC meeting in order to answer questions and help Council members understand the matter from the community's perspective. If you have any questions about this review, please contact me at 651-602-1566 or via email at angela.torres@metc.state.mn.us.

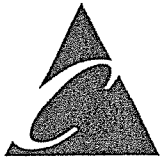
Sincerely,



Angela R. Torres, AICP, Manager
Local Planning Assistance

CC: Joe Polacek, Stantec
Peter Lindstrom, Metropolitan Council District 10
Eric Wojchik, Sector Representative
Raya Esmaeili, Reviews Coordinator

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Rhonda Sivarajah
County Administrator

Anoka County

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This letter was sent to all
elected officials of the cities
located in the Coon Creek
Watershed District

January 30, 2020

The Honorable Robert Nelson
Mayor, City of Spring Lake Park
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

RE: Coon Creek Watershed District Appointments

Dear Mayor Nelson:

In accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 103B.227, Anoka County in January 2020 published a notice that a term will expire for two managers on the Coon Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. The notice publication requirement applies because Coon Creek Watershed District is considered a watershed management organization. The published notice states that persons interested in being appointed may submit their names to the appointing authority, which is the county board, for a watershed district appointment. For your information, a copy of the notice is enclosed.

In appointing a manager to the Coon Creek Watershed District, Minn. Stat. § 103D.311 is applicable. This statute requires a county board, upon the expiration of a term, to appoint a manager for a watershed district from a list of persons nominated jointly or severally by the cities and municipalities within the district if a list(s) is submitted 60 days before the manager's term of office expires or to appoint a manager who resides in a city that fails to submit a list. The terms expire on May 27, 2019. In order for the county to accept nominations, they must be received by Friday, March 27, 2020. If there is a desire to submit a list jointly for a manager appointment, you may wish to confer with affected cities and jointly submit the list. The cities with territory located in the Coon Creek Watershed District are Andover, Blaine, Columbus, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park.

In order for names submitted to the county to be considered a list under the statutory definition, the list must contain the names of at least three nominees eligible to be appointed for each manager's position to be filled. To be eligible for an appointment, a nominee must reside within the watershed district boundaries, be eligible to vote in the district, and not be a public officer of the county, state, or federal government (except that a soil and water conservation supervisor can be appointed). The county board may choose to appoint someone who is not on a list if the person resides in a city that did not submit a list.

The appointees, whose terms will expire on May 27, 2020, are Matthew Herbst and Michael Kreun. A map outlining the Coon Creek Watershed District is being forwarded to the manager/administrator/clerk of the City of Spring Lake Park.

All applicants must submit a completed application form to the appointing authority. Find the application at anokacounty.us/2227/Advisory-Boards-and-Commissions.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this appointment process.

Sincerely,

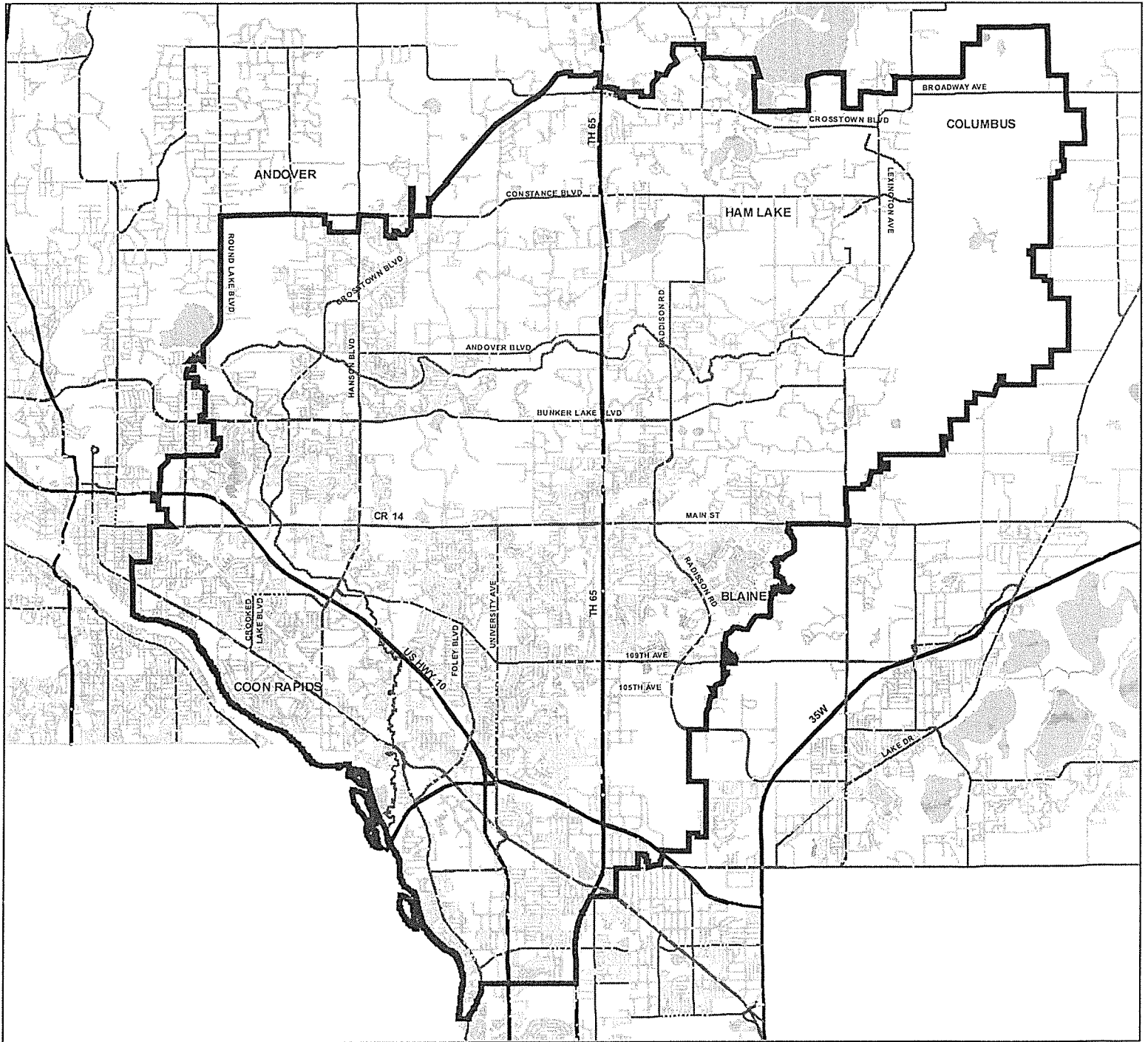


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c: Spring Lake Park City Manager/Administrator or Clerk
Brenda Vetter, Principal Administrative Assistant

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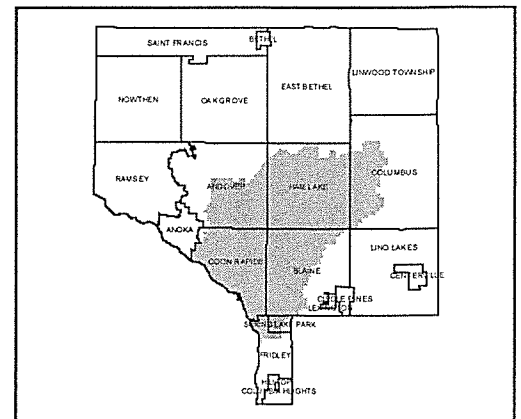
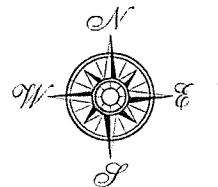


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January 8, 2020

City of Spring Lake Park – Planning Commission
1301 81st Avenue NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

City of Spring Lake Park:

The Minnesota Department of Health in consultation with the League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Association of Townships, has agreed to notify local government officials when a Housing with Services Establishment subject to Minnesota Statutes 144D has been registered by the Minnesota Department of Health. This notice is to inform you that the establishment listed below has been registered in your community.

Rise Home Health Care, LLC
8030 McKinley Street NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
612-207-5920

This notice does not require any action by your local unit of government, nor does it create a right of the local unit to intervene in the registration process of the establishment. It is being provided as a courtesy only. Because the above named establishment may provide services to residents who would need special assistance in the event of an emergency, you may wish to notify the emergency service providers for your city or town that this establishment is now located in your community.

A list of currently registered Housing with Services Establishments may be accessed on the Minnesota Department of Health website, through the following link:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/directory/providerselect.cfm>

Additional information about Housing with Services registration may be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/lic/lichws.htm>

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact 651-201-4101. Other questions should be directed to your local government association or legal advisor. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Poepping'.

Melissa Poepping, Health Program Representative Senior
Program Assurance | Licensing and Certification
Minnesota Department of Health
P.O. Box 64970
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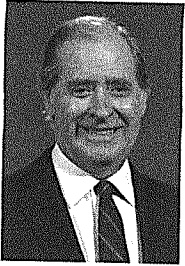
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Your selection of Housing With Services found 5 providers with cities containing the phrase "Spring Lake Park".

Download a data file of this provider list (Excel file) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/provideroutputExtract.cfm?rsuuid=9d726d5b-cfd2-3b6b-e053-0100007f7ca6>)

ID	Provider Information
35705	Name: JABEZ CUSTOMIZED LIVING SRVCS Address: 8350 PIERCE STREET NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432 Phone: 763-710-4084 Fax: 763-710-5493 Administrator: PANDORA WHITE Minnesota Classifications (http://www.health.state.mn.us/showlicdates.cfm?l=35705): (Housing With Services) (*See Note Below)
31788	Name: MAYA'S HOUSE Address: 924 VICEROY DRIVE NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432 Phone: 763-566-0831 Fax: 763-208-7071 Administrator: MR. ROGER BONNY Minnesota Classifications (http://www.health.state.mn.us/showlicdates.cfm?l=31788): (Housing With Services) (Assisted Living Services) (*See Note Below)
35733	Name: MERCY CAREGIVERS OF MINNESOTA Address: 556 84TH AVENUE NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432 Phone: 612-222-1829 Fax: None Administrator: LEKE IJIYODE Minnesota Classifications (http://www.health.state.mn.us/showlicdates.cfm?l=35733): (Housing With Services) (Assisted Living Services) (*See Note Below)
35798	Name: RISE HOME HEALTH CARE LLC Address: 8030 MCKINLEY STREET NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432 Phone: 612-207-5920 Fax: 612-207-8300 Administrator: NAEEMA SALAH Minnesota Classifications (http://www.health.state.mn.us/showlicdates.cfm?l=35798): (Housing With Services) (Assisted Living Services) (*See Note Below)
33163	Name: ULTIMATECARE SPRING LAKE HOUSE Address: 7931 6TH STREET NE SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432 Phone: 763-560-9890 Fax: 763-560-9891 Administrator: MR. ALFRED APATA Minnesota Classifications (http://www.health.state.mn.us/showlicdates.cfm?l=33163): (Housing With Services) (Assisted Living Services) (*See Note Below)

Zelle named to lead Met Council board



Charlie Zelle

Charlie Zelle took the helm of the Metropolitan Council on Jan. 6. Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan tapped Zelle to chair the Council in late December.

"As a key economic driver in the state, the Metropolitan Council is critical to our vision of One Minnesota," Walz said. "Charlie will bring this unifying lens to his work as chair."

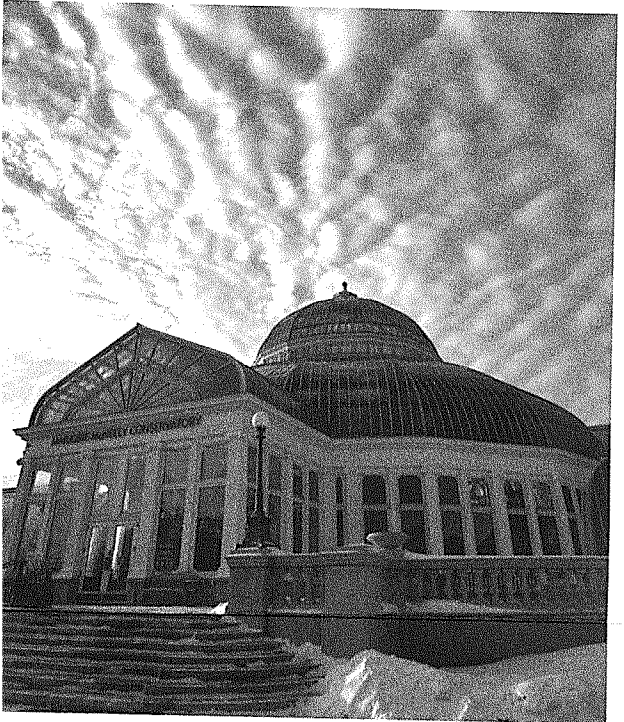
"Charlie understands the challenges and the opportunities currently facing the metropolitan region," said Flanagan. "He knows the Metropolitan Council is critical to ensuring people of color share in the economic growth of the region and to solving the skyrocketing rates of homelessness in the area."

"The Council serves the critical function of bringing Twin Cities leaders together to invest in infrastructure and build an equitable economy," Zelle said. "I am committed to applying my private and public sector experiences to help achieve the vision of a prosperous region — for everyone."

Zelle is chairman of Jefferson Lines, an intercity bus company with scheduled passenger routes in 14 heartland states from Minnesota to Louisiana. He held the position of president and CEO for more than 20 years until 2012, when he was appointed commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation. In that capacity, he oversaw a multimodal state transportation agency with an annual budget of more than \$4 billion.

Zelle has served as a board member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, served on its executive committee, and was chair of its Public Transportation Council. In addition, he has served as a member of the executive committee of the Transportation Research Board and past president of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials.

Zelle replaces Nora Slawik, who stepped down in November.



For folks who want a break from the cold, the conservatory at Como Regional Park is one of the region's best free winter getaways. Visit metro council.org to learn about winter park activities.



Gov. Tim Walz, flanked by indigenous, corporate, philanthropic, and other public leaders, announces the new homeless initiative.

Council commits \$1 million to reduce homelessness

The Metropolitan Council committed \$1 million to a new winter homeless initiative announced by Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan in December.

The goal of the statewide initiative is to immediately increase shelter capacity for Minnesotans living outside this winter. As of Jan. 7, more than \$4.8 million had already been raised.

"We are proud to be the first public contributor to this important initiative," said Council member Molly Cummings. "Children, families, and individuals need housing stability to be healthy and successful."

"Homelessness takes a terrible toll on people, society, and the livability of the region. We pay a high price for services like emergency rooms and

public safety — when our money could be better spent to provide permanent, supportive housing," Cummings said.

During the most recent annual survey on homelessness, taken in January 2019, nearly 8,000 Minnesotans were experiencing homelessness. More than 1,600 Minnesotans slept outside, up 48% in the last two years. About 27% of the homeless population were children; 65% were people of color and indigenous people.

The Council contribution will go into the Minnesota Homeless Fund, which is assembling resources from philanthropic, corporate, and individual donors, as well as public entities. The fund will provide accessible funding for crisis response, shelter, and low-barrier affordable housing across the state.

Donations to the fund will be pooled and managed by the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation and an advisory board, which Robert Lilligren, Met Council member and leader of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors, will chair.

The Council contribution comes from our general purpose levy and was approved in December with the 2020 budget.

In related news, the federal government awarded the Council's housing and redevelopment authority an additional 69 housing choice vouchers to assist people with disabilities who are homeless or on the edge of homelessness to find supportive housing.

Household growth forecast revised downward

The Twin Cities region will gain 803,000 residents between 2010 and 2040, bringing the region's population to 3,653,000, according to the Met Council's updated regional forecasts. The estimated 2018 population of the seven-county metro area is 3,113,000.

Over the same years, the metro area will add 472,000 jobs, reaching more than two million jobs by 2040. Half of those jobs have already been added since 2010, meaning job growth is expected to slow in coming years as the regional and national economies struggle with long-term workforce

shortages and the replacement of baby boom generation workers.

The aging of baby boomers will lead to a rapid doubling of the number of older households.

"Older adults' preferences and housing needs will reshape the region's housing market," said Todd Graham, Council researcher.

At the same time, the phenomena of delayed household formation and "doubling up" have boosted household sizes and slowed household formation

rates since the Great Recession. Council researchers have revised household growth forecasts downward from the 2017 forecast of 419,000 new households over three decades. The region is now projected to gain 329,000 households between 2010 and 2040.

"Household income growth lags far behind housing prices growth in the region," Graham said. "This discourages and blocks millennials from getting their own place, forming their own households, and having children."

Grants help create housing, connected development

In December, the Met Council invested nearly \$10.7 million in Livable Communities funding to support local government efforts to create and preserve affordable housing, and create development that links housing, jobs, services, recreation, and transit.

A total of 254 new affordable rental and ownership housing units will be built, and 48 existing units will be rehabilitated and preserved, with the support of \$2.5 million in Livable Communities grants. Most of the units will be affordable to households earning 60% or less of area median income (currently \$75,500 for a family of four).

These Council grants are part of a multi-agency allocation of funding for affordable housing. The awarded projects will also receive about \$33.1 million in other public investment and \$34.1 million in private investment.

"Safe, sanitary housing is the foundation of stable, vibrant communities, and this region has a critical shortage of housing affordable to working families with lower incomes," said Council member Molly Cummings. "Our partnership with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, local governments, and other funders is making a real, positive difference for families and for the prosperity of the region."

An additional \$6.5 million in Livable Communities funding will support six cities to create development that demonstrates cost-effective use of land and infrastructure. The result will be more than 600 housing units and 451 permanent, living-wage jobs.

These grants fund property acquisition, site preparation and utilities, and design work. The funding will leverage

an additional \$41 million in other public investment, and \$144 million from the private sector. Each Met Council dollar invested is leveraging an additional \$28.

The Council awarded two grants, totaling \$1.4 million, for transit-oriented development. The proposed projects create 162 units affordable housing near transit; the projects are focused on seniors and the Native American population.

Finally, the Council awarded \$290,000 for planning efforts related to four projects.

All told, 15 cities will receive grants as a result of the Council's action.

Elevate, a mixed-income, mixed-use development near the planned SouthWest LRT Station in Eden Prairie, received a Livable Communities grant in 2018.

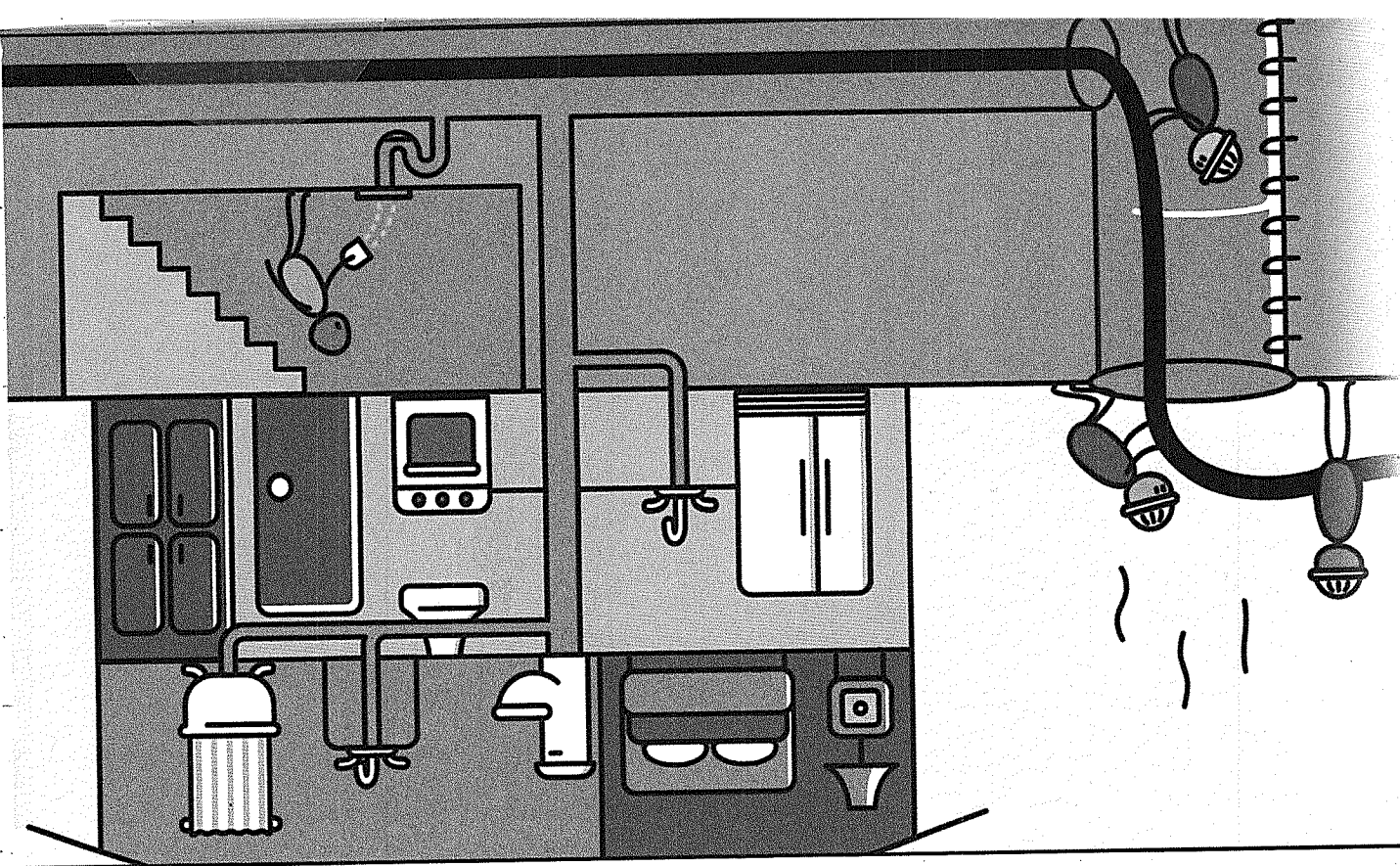
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If we're in your neighborhood...

In cities across the region, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services is repairing or replacing aging sewer pipes and upgrading treatment plants.

We're producing three short videos so you know what to expect during and after sewer construction. The first one – "What's That Smell?" – is a humorous look at what you might experience near a construction site.

In 2020, we will spend an estimated \$154 million on wastewater capital projects. These projects preserve the value and performance of an estimated \$7 billion in infrastructure; meet the capacity needs of a growing population; and improve the quality of our service.

Visit metrocouncil.org/smell to view "What's That Smell?" Two more videos will be completed by spring 2020.



Charlie Zelle named to chair Council
Former MnDOT leader is passionate about building strong communities.

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Multi-sector fund will support shelter and low-barrier affordable housing.

Grants help to create housing, connected development
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Metro Transit use of body cameras. The Met Council is taking comments through Jan. 30 on the proposed Metro Transit Police Department use of body cameras. Read the policy at metrocouncil.org and comment at public.info@metc.state.mn.us or 651-602-1500.

Parks equity grants. Council grants totaling \$300,000 to Dakota County, Saint Paul Parks, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will assist with interpretation of the history of the Dakota people in the metro region. The goal of the Council's new parks equity grants is to achieve more equitable use of the regional parks system.

Using water more efficiently. Residents of 40 cities and townships in the seven-county metro area will be eligible for rebates to purchase water-efficient toilets, clothes washers, irrigation controllers, and irrigation spray heads over the next three years. The Council awarded 40 local governments a combined total of \$787,100 in water efficiency grants to help defray the cost of purchasing WaterSense- and Energy Star-labeled appliances.

Growing cities meet density targets. Reports of platting activity from 44 cities and 1 township for 2018 show an overall net density of residential development at 3.1 units per acre. This level meets the Council's residential density target minimum of 3 units per acre for growing suburbs and rural centers outside the metro region's urban core.

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Rail construction to intensify in 2020

Cities and residents in the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT) corridor will experience intensified construction activities in 2020. The largest public works project in state history will see heavy construction occurring at many points on the 14.5-mile future light-rail line.

"We completed significant work in 2019, focused mostly on getting construction areas established, moving utilities, and starting significant bridge and tunnel structures," said Sam O'Connell, senior manager of public affairs at the Southwest project office. "This year will be our first year of heavy construction along the whole corridor."

"Construction activities will get pretty intense out there, and we are asking the public's patience as we build this critical transportation project," she said.

The best way to stay informed about what is happening in localized areas is to visit swlrt.org and subscribe to weekly construction updates. You may also sign up for text or email alerts or subscribe on Twitter.

Project office staff expect to employ drone footage to help show construction progress in 2020, and will continue outreach to cities, businesses, community groups, and residents.

Quick Facts

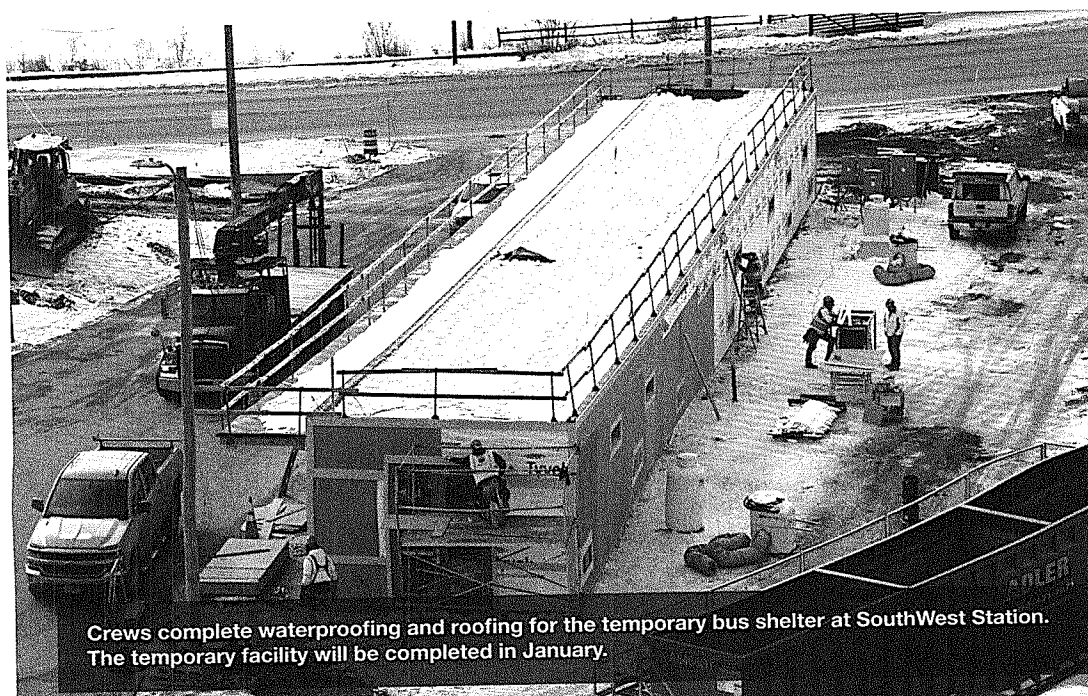
Route: 14.5 miles through Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, and Minneapolis, connecting to destinations throughout the metro area, including the international airport, Mall of America, and downtown Saint Paul.

Stations: 16 new stations will connect to other transit services, jobs, schools, and trails.

Project cost: Just over \$2 billion, funded by federal, county, state, and local sources

Forecasted jobs in the corridor, 2035: 226,200

Open for service: 2023



Crews complete waterproofing and roofing for the temporary bus shelter at SouthWest Station. The temporary facility will be completed in January.



Protecting, Maintaining and Improving the Health of All Minnesotans

December 12, 2019

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK
1301 81ST AVE. N.E.
SPRING LAKE PARK, MN 55432

City of Spring Lake Park:

The Minnesota Department of Health in consultation with the League of Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Association of Townships, has agreed to notify local government officials when a Housing with Services Establishment subject to Minnesota Statutes 144D has been registered by the Minnesota Department of Health. This notice is to inform you that the establishment listed below has been registered in your community.

Jabez Customized Living Services
8350 Pierce Street NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
763-710-4084

This notice does not require any action by your local unit of government, nor does it create a right of the local unit to intervene in the registration process of the establishment. It is being provided as a courtesy only. Because the above named establishment may provide services to residents who would need special assistance in the event of an emergency, you may wish to notify the emergency service providers for your city or town that this establishment is now located in your community.

A list of currently registered Housing with Services Establishments may be accessed on the Minnesota Department of Health website, through the following link:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/directory/providerselect.cfm>

Additional information about Housing with Services registration may be accessed through the following link:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fpc/profinfo/lic/lichs.htm>

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact 651-201-4101. Other questions should be directed to your local government association or legal advisor. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alison Helm'.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING on
Stormwater Management Grant Requests from
Cities of Arden Hills, Fridley, Hugo, Mahtomedi and Saint Anthony, White Bear
Township and Ramsey County**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its **regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Shoreview City Council Chambers, 4600 North Victoria Street, Shoreview, Minnesota, the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) Board of Managers will receive public comment under Minnesota Statutes 103B.251 on the ordering of one or more of the following projects: City of Arden Hills – Karth Lake Runoff Control (\$90,000), City of Arden Hills – Karth Lake Slope Stabilization (\$50,000), City of Fridley – Village Green Stormwater Detention Expansion (\$100,000), City of Hugo – County Road 8 Stormwater Reuse (\$100,000), City of Mahtomedi – Phase 4 West Historic District Improvements (\$50,000), City of Saint Anthony – 2020 Street and Utility Improvements (\$43,215), White Bear Township – SE Street Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements (\$33,410), and Ramsey County – Eagle Street at Ramsey County Ditch 11. The RCWD may select all, some or none of the applications for full or partial funding. The RCWD’s total share of cost for selected projects may be approximately \$300,000 and would be funded by general tax levy on real property within the watershed. Up to \$20,790 in additional funding may also be allocated from the Board of Water and Soil Resources’ Watershed-Based Funding Pilot Program. The cost-share requests can be reviewed at www.ricecreek.org or at the District office, 4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr., #611, Blaine, MN 55449

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