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The 16th annual Taste of Shoreview will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21. It will feature local restaurants, and participants will be able to try food and beverage samples.

Taste of Shoreview: A food fest and community fundraiser

BY PREETI MATHUR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 16th annual Taste of Shoreview will be held at the Shoreview Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Proceeds from this adults-only event will go toward the Slice of Shoreview, a summer festival to be held at Island Lake Park from

July 24 to 26.

“Because the Taste of Shoreview is a fundraiser for the Slice of Shoreview, it’s critical that the event is financially successful. Over the years, the Slice of Shoreview has lost many corporate sponsors, and it’s important we are able to continue to provide free

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Commission discusses immigration resources

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

SHOREVIEW — In light of Operation Metro Surge and its impact on both the community and the state of Minnesota, the Shoreview Human Rights Commission (HRC) recently hosted a discussion on the immigration resources that are available to residents.

“Recently the city of Shoreview released a statement regarding ICE activity in our area, and we want to be clear ... Our commitment to being a welcoming and safety community for all residents remains steadfast,” said HRC Chair Alicia Dietsche.

Discussion focused on what to do during an interaction with federal agents and family preparation. Dietsche said family preparation includes vital steps, such as delegation of parental authority and power of attorney forms.

Zoe Zick Martens and Lisa Salazar from Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) participated in the discussion, offering deeper insight into these resources and how community members can access them.

SMRLS is a nonprofit that provides free civil legal help to low-income people. It works on civil

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CAT Museum unveils 1st-ever abstract painting, glass sculpture exhibition

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

SHOREVIEW — The United States’ first abstract painting and glass sculpture exhibition is on display at the Cafesjian Art Trust (CAT) Museum. The exhibition, “Abstraction and Ourselves,” features paintings and sculptures by international artists.

When Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art Jill Ahlberg Yohe arrived at the museum, she saw works by glass sculpture artists Stanislav Libensky and Jaroslava Brychtova. Soon after, she learned the artists were trained in Cubism and were abstract artists.

“They were in conversation with abstraction, and one of the best ways to complement those stories of artists working in glass sculpture is to bring in big paintings,” Ahlberg Yohe said. Ahlberg Yohe has been with the CAT Museum since December 2023.

She said something magical comes together when you have very large-scale paintings and large-scale sculptures side by side.

“It (the creation of the exhibition) started with seeing our magnificent works by Libensky and Brychtova, and then many of their students, and then building something that was different,” Ahlberg Yohe added.

“Abstraction and Ourselves” high-

lights works by a broad range of artists, including abstract painters Helen Frankenthaler, Howardena Pindell and Dyani White Haw, alongside sculptures by Claire Falkenstein, Libensky and Brychtova.

The museum also wanted to make abstraction available to everyone.

“Abstraction is nonrepresentational, and it’s just something about an expression of an idea, an emotion or an experience. That’s all it is. And as human beings, we all have ideas, feelings and experiences,” said Ahlberg Yohe.

The show features 15 pieces from the museum’s permanent collection, five

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Shoreview church invites community to help fight against global hunger

Incarnation Lutheran Church invites the community to come together in the fight against global hunger through its upcoming All Hands on Hope Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePacks initiative, scheduled to take place from Wednesday, April 22 through Sunday, April 26.

Incarnation Lutheran Church has hosted MobilePacks since 2007, engaging more than 33,000 volunteers and packing over approximately 9.8 million meals to date — enough meals to feed more than 27,000 children for an entire year.

Last year, around 2,000 volunteers helped pack 614,304

meals. These meals helped feed 1,683 children.

“Each year, this event unites people from all walks of life — families, students, community groups, and local organizations — with a shared purpose: to end childhood hunger,” said event organizers in a press release. “Together, we are making a lasting impact, one meal at a time.”

This year, the church hopes to pack more than 600,000 meals during the five-day event. Participants can sign up for two-hour shifts at tinyurl.com/5222uc9f. Incarnation Lutheran Church is located at 4880 Hodgson Road, Shoreview.



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Volunteer registration is now open for the 2026 All Hands on Hope Mobile Pack April 22-26.

Madeline Dolby

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Merrill Wealth Management Advisor named to 2026 Forbes List

Patricia Savre, a financial advisor at Merrill Wealth Management, has been named to the 2026 Forbes “Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-in-State” list for Minnesota. This marks the fourth consecutive year in which Savre has been recognized on the list.

In 2023, she was also named a Forbes Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisor Best-in-State. She is one of 11 resident directors at Merrill who represent the resident director population nationwide on the Resident Director Advisory Council to Management.

In addition, Savre leads the St. Odilia Middle School volleyball programs, where she serves as a head coach and mentors approximately 50 student-athletes.



CONTRIBUTED

Patricia Savre

CITY BRIEF

Mounds View community holds cleanup event

The city of Mounds View will partner with earthday.com for the 2026 Community Clean-up event. This year’s global theme of “Our Power, Our Planet,” highlights the impact that can occur when individuals work together to protect and improve the environment.

Community members are invited to join from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, to help

remove litter from parks, playgrounds and trails throughout Mounds View. Following the cleanup, volunteers are invited to enjoy a complimentary lunch provided by the Mounds View Lions and the Mounds View Police Department.

Cleanup supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Visit www.moundsview.gov to sign up. For more information, contact Stormwater Technician Emma Macki at emma.macki@moundsviewmn.gov.

COMMUNITY BRIEF



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Four parks in the city of Shoreview are available to adopt.

Multiple parks up for adoption

McCullough, Bucher, Sitzer and Rice Creek parks are available for adoption. The city’s adopt-a-park program helps keep the parks clean and safe. Volunteers are asked to help pick up litter and report problems at their park from May through October.

Applications are available to residents and organizations in Shoreview on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, or to apply, visit shoreviewmn.gov/adopt-a-park.

Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association hosts German dinner and program

The Shoreview-Einhausen Sister City Association will host a German dinner and program at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter in Stillwater on Saturday, April 18.

Dr. Bruce Gleason will speak about his book, “Cold War Cadence: A Military Musician’s Berlin Memoir, 1988-1991,” as part of the program. The book provides a review of not only the work of Army bandsmen and women, but Dr. Gleason offers a glimpse of the history of the city of Berlin.

The event is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.; dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Registration is required. To register, visit www.sesca.org. The Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter is located at 8390 Lofton Ave. N.

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Contact: shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700

500 CARD CLUB

When: Noon, Mondays
Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.
Details: Cards and conversation. No partner required.
Contact: shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700



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INDOOR MARKET

When: 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.
Details: Features local food and artisan vendors.
Contact: www.shoreviewmn.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL OPEN HOUSE

When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 18
Where: Ramsey County Environmental Center, 1700 Kent St., Roseville
Details: Residents are invited to celebrate Earth Day with the county as it marks one year of operations at the Ramsey County Environmental Center. Activities will take place all day, including a story time, crafts and more.
Contact: 651-266-0200

CURATOR LED TOUR AT THE CAFESJIAN ART TRUST MUSEUM

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18
Where: Cafesjian Art Trust Museum, 4600 Churchill St., Shoreview.
Details: Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art Jill Ahlberg Yohe will lead small groups through the museum's current exhibition, "Abstraction and Ourselves." Registration information online.
Contact: cafesjianarttrust.org/events

CURRENT EVENTS

FUTURES IN BLOOM

When: 7:15-8:45 a.m. Thursday, April 9
Where: Century College, East Campus Lincoln Mall
Details: Breakfast fundraiser to support Century College students seeking to become part of Minnesota's health care workforce. RSVP.
Contact: 651-444-2314 or century.edu/giving/foundation-events

LAKESHORE QUILTERS GUILD SATURDAY SEW-IN

When: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11

Where: Ramsey County Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N
Details: Lakeshore Quilters will be working on their own quilting projects. Stop in to see what projects are being worked on.
Contact: lakeshorequiltersmn.org

EMPOWERED RELIEF

When: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 14
Where: HealthPartners White Bear Lake Clinic, 1430 Highway 96 E.
Details: Two-hour class to learn about

pain relief skills and create a personal plan.
Contact: eventbrite.com/e/empowered-relief-at-healthpartners-clinic-white-bear-lake-tickets

SPRING FLING

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 18
Where: Downtown White Bear Lake
Details: Shop at local downtown businesses.
Contact: downtownwhitebearlake.com

ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB

When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19
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Publisher's View
Carter Johnson

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Carter Johnson is publisher of Press Publications.



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The Jesus I was waiting for

I confess that I was an intellectually dishonest atheist.

It still blows my mind that God changed my life and called me to serve as a Christian pastor after I spent over a decade as an atheist. I built my firm stance against God on secondary sources and outside opinions, never examining the Bible for myself to learn what it actually said about Jesus. How, in the name of reason, did I think it was credible to dismiss the entire Bible without ever having investigated it on my own? If you're going to write someone like Jesus off, shouldn't you at least know who



Pastor's Ponderings
Paul Stiver

the real Jesus is?

Now, as a pastor, much of my job is helping people see Jesus clearly from the Bible. I get the opportunity to explain Scripture and help others unravel the caricatures we conjure up so that we can have a truer picture of who Jesus really is.

A caricature is a comically or grotesquely exaggerated representation of someone. You can make out elements of the person, but the image is purposefully dis-

torted and intentionally absurd. Here are three caricatures of Jesus that the Bible refutes.

One caricature is: "God helps those who help themselves." This feels intuitive because we tend to think of reward as something earned and kindness as something deserved. But Jesus doesn't save that way. The Bible teaches that God saves by grace, showing kindness precisely to people who don't deserve it. A clear picture of Jesus shows us the opposite of what we expect: God helps those who can't help themselves.

Another caricature is that Jesus is only a great moral teacher or helpful example, one in a long line of upright people with wisdom and a lifestyle to learn from. In this view, Jesus becomes a book on the shelf to pick up when the situation demands and put back when it doesn't. But helpful examples don't tend to get crucified. So why did he?

The Bible won't allow this caricature. It declares that Jesus is God, and that changes everything.

A good teacher you can take or leave. But Jesus demands to sit on the throne of our hearts and seeks our whole lives. That's a far more disruptive claim than moral instruction, and it's what made him dangerous enough to crucify. He is the author of life and won't be confined to a dusty bookshelf.

Political leaders and parties have often tried to claim Jesus for their side. But Jesus doesn't fit into a ballot box. In Mark 1:14-15 he declares that he came to preach the kingdom of God, not bring a political kingdom. Even his own disciples misread him, expecting him to overthrow the Romans. Jesus is after a far greater revolution than overturning political systems. He's here to change everything through the gospel, which is why, at the end of his life, instead of choosing power he chooses to die. He is the one king in history who wins enemies to himself not by power but by weakness, by dying on a cross, conquering our greatest oppressors, namely sin and death.

Each of these caricatures distorts Jesus. The real Jesus didn't come to help those who help themselves, he gave himself for those who couldn't. He wasn't simply a great moral teacher, he was rejected and killed because of what he taught. He wasn't a political revolutionary, he conquered not by might but by weakness, defeating our greatest enemy, death itself. That's not the Jesus of our assumptions. That's the Jesus of the Bible. He's worth seeing clearly.

Paul Stiver is the lead pastor at Hope Community Church-North Lakes in Shoreview.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

National Donate Life Month

April is National Donate Life Month, a time to honor the generosity of organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate the lives saved through transplantation. Five months ago, my family and I faced the hard truth that our father and children's grandfather would not be leaving the hospital. In just 14 hours, my father went from being stable to passing away. As I was driving home from the hospital, I got a call from Life Source. To my surprise, the call was about tissue donation.

I hope to address two common myths that discourage people from registering as donors. Within an hour of receiving the call, our family decided to donate his tissue and eyes. The next morning, the procurement was successful, with the potential to help more than 75 individuals. That difficult December evening profoundly changed my perspective on life and death. I urge you to proactively have the conversation with your family.

Myth No. 1: "I'm too old to donate." In reality, there is no age limit to registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor. Doctors evaluate each potential donor individually. The oldest organ donor was 100 years old!

Myth No. 2: "I'm not healthy enough to be a donor." Most health conditions do not prevent someone from registering. Medical teams determine what can be donated at the time of passing. Even people with chronic conditions (like diabetes) or a past cancer diagnosis can save lives.

You can learn more at Life-Source.org or check the box next time you renew your license.

**Carrie Estey-Dix
Shoreview**

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES: Available to residents

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law cases, family law, immigration law, housing law and more. The organization has locations in St. Paul, Albert Lea, Rochester, Mankato, Moorhead, Winona and Worthington. It serves all of Southern Minnesota as well as Ramsey and Washington counties.

Salazar, a supervising attorney for the immigration practice group at SMRLS, explained that the organization helps with immigration cases that involve domestic violence, permanent residency and citizenship. Martens did point out that SMRLS cannot represent people in their detention or deportation case due to funding restrictions.

"We're not able to help with that (detention/deportation) directly, but we can try to help connect people with those who can," Salazar added. "We may be able to help somebody further down the road once that initial detention part is taken care of."

Family preparation

Zick Martens said it is important for families to make a plan in case a family member, is detained. She provided a few steps residents can take to help create a plan and cited other resources.

"One concrete step would be finding a trusted person who will be that person on the outside who'd be able to help you if you were detained," Zick Martens said. Practical steps, she added, would be to memorize the person's phone number, give them information needed in case of detention and organize your documents in one place where your trusted person can access them.

One of the documents Salazar recommended including in the packet for your trusted person is the DOPA (Delegation of Parental Authority) for temporary care of minor children. She also recommended making a plan about family reunification in case of deportation, confirming that children and family members have valid passports and developing a plan about finances.

A DOPA authorizes another person to temporarily take care of and manage decisions about your children if you are absent. The temporary caregiver can provide stable immigration status if possible. The caregiver should be a trusted person who is able to provide housing and care for your children.

"This is not a custody order, or anything like that. It's temporary permission to make decisions about your children, like going to the school or excuse a school absence, and day-to-day care," Zick Martens said.

Salazar added the DOPA only works in Minnesota and is good for one year. She also noted that you don't need to go to court. The parents of the children need to sign the document in front of a notary and the temporary caregiver can sign after that.

Another resource available to families is obtaining a power of attorney document.

"While the DOPA is very specific to caring for children, the power of attorney can cover more things," Martens said.

A power of attorney form is written permission allowing someone else to take legal actions in your name. Martens explained the form lets you choose what power you are giving this person, such as the authority to conduct bank transactions or property transactions.

She added you could also write in that you want to give the person permission to travel internationally with your children. The power of attorney also needs to be signed in front of a notary.

Resources are available for residents to help create a family plan. Call the Volunteer Lawyers' Network at 612-752-6677 for more information, and/or visit LawHelpMN.org/Immigration.

Know your rights: Legal aid resources

Zick Martens recommended steps to take in case of an encounter with a federal agent. These steps include remaining silent (Fifth Amendment right), not opening your door (Fourth Amendment right), and not signing any documents (Fifth Amendment right). She recommended that you not show fake papers and that you request to speak with an attorney.

"It's really important to keep exercising your rights, even if it seems like it's not mattering in the moment, because there might be a point where it is going to matter," Salazar added.

Both advised carrying a state ID, passport or naturalization certificate and a green card. Nonimmigrants with lawful status should carry their I-94 or work permit.

Resources Zick Martens and Salazar provided include the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota and CAIR-MN. Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota can be reached at 651-641-1011. CAIR-MN can be reached at 612-206-3360 via call or text.

To see if you qualify for help from SMRLS, visit www.smrls.org or call 877-696-6529.

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The city's Human Rights Commission aids the city by establishing and promoting a community standard of equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination.

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The Shoreview Community Foundation will participate in the 16th annual Taste of Shoreview, to be held at the Shoreview Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026. (See Taste of Shoreview: A Food Fest and Community Fundraiser in this edition of Shoreview Press, for details).

Be sure to check out the wagon we are putting together. For a nominal cost of \$5 a ticket or \$20 for five, you could win this wagon loaded with a variety of food, drinks, and fun accessories for your next picnic or tail-gating party. Hope to see you there!

SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office reported the following selected incidents in Shoreview:

- Deputies responded March 8 to a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North after a shoplifting suspect ran away from loss prevention employees. Deputies located the 61-year-old man from New Brighton and issued him a citation for theft.
- On March 9, an animal control officer responded to a report of two dogs — one new to the neighborhood, and one who has lived there awhile — out exploring together in the 400 block of Hodgson Road. The officer was able to gather both dogs and return them to their owners.
- A 46-year-old man in the 5500 block of Aldine Street reported waking up March 9 to find that the tires on his Nissan Altima and Jeep Grand Cherokee had been slashed overnight. Deputies collected evidence and an investigation is underway.
- Deputies responded March 10 to a report of a person who'd run away from a group home in the 900 block of Amble Road. Deputies searched the area, located the person, who was uninjured, and returned them to the group home.
- A deputy was dispatched March 11 to a two-vehicle property damage crash near the area of Highway 96 West and Hodgson Road. No injuries were reported and both vehicles remained drivable.

- On the morning of March 11, a deputy responded to a report of a Ford Edge sports utility vehicle on fire in the 5600 block of Birch Trail and determined it had been involved in a single-vehicle crash involving a utility pole prior to catching fire at the 17-year-old male driver's home. The driver was cited for failure to drive with due care.
- A deputy's squad car was struck from behind March 11 near the intersection of Lexington Avenue North and Highway 96 West by a Dodge Durango driven by a 66-year-old Lino Lakes man, who slid into the squad car on the road's icy conditions. Both vehicles had minor damage and there were no injuries.
- A 20-year-old man from Woodbury in the 4500 block of Victoria Street North reported March 11 that someone stole his backpack while he was using the swimming pool at the community center. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a citation March 11 to a 22-year-old man from Brooklyn Center after he violated an order for protection by sending text messages to a 25-year-old woman in the 4000 block of Lexington Avenue North he was prohibited from contacting.
- Deputies arrested a 41-year-old man from Inver Grove Heights March 12 for disorderly conduct and obstructing the legal process after receiving a complaint that he was inside the entryway of a building in the 400 block of High-

- way 96 West, having difficulty maintaining his balance and being disruptive.
- Deputies responded March 13 to a report of three people inside a community center in the 4500 block of Victoria Street North who may have stolen someone's ring. Three juveniles were trespassed from the business.
- A 58-year-old woman from Mounds View was issued a theft citation March 13 after she was caught by employees at a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North attempting to leave the store without paying for merchandise.
- A 26-year-old man from Rochester in the 3400 block of Milton Street North reported March 14 that he had rented an apartment only to find out later the person from whom he rented the space was not its owner and did not have the legal right to rent it out. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies responded March 15 to a report of an 87-year-old woman who was bitten on the right hand by a dog in the 3500 block of Cohansy Circle. The victim was seen by medics and transported to a hospital for further treatment. An animal control officer is investigating the incident.
- A Lino Lakes man, 68, reported March 17 that someone sent a fraudulent text message to an entire church community in the 100 block of County Road F West asking for donations for a woman diagnosed with cancer, who may or may not actually exist. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies were dispatched March 17 to a report of a 59-year-old man in the 5800 block of Rice Creek

- Parkway attempting to enter a residence that was not his. After an investigation, deputies determined the male is suffering from health issues. He was reunited with loved ones.
- Deputies issued a theft citation March 17 to an 18-year-old man who was caught by employees attempting to leave a store in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North without paying for merchandise.
- A 43-year-old St. Paul man in the 1000 block of Gramsie Road reported March 18 that someone stole his Ford F150 pickup truck while it was running unattended on the street. The incident is under investigation.
- An animal control officer responded March 19 to an animal noise complaint in the 5700 block of Dunlap Avenue, which has been an ongoing issue, according to the 911 caller.
- A 32-year-old man in the 4100 block of Lexington Avenue North reported March 19 that someone smashed the driver's side window of his 2008 silver Ford SUV. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a citation March 20 for failure to provide a driver's license upon request and for operating a motor vehicle without proper registration to a 24-year-old Minneapolis woman in the area of Lexington Avenue.
- A Coon Rapids man in the 3400 block of Milton Street North reported March 21 that he was duped out of money by a "real estate agent" who was helping him find a new place to live. The incident is under investigation.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BRIEF

Spring burning restrictions begin in Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is restricting the open burning of vegetative debris effective immediately due to increased wildfire risk resulting from warm temperatures

and dry conditions in parts of central, northwest and northeast Minnesota.

In Press Publication's coverage area, restrictions apply to Anoka, Ramsey and Washington counties. The DNR will not issue permits for open burning of brush or yard waste in these counties until

restrictions are lifted. Burning restrictions will be adjusted as conditions change. For more information and daily updates on current fire risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide wildlife danger and burning restrictions page at mndnr.gov/burn-restrictions.



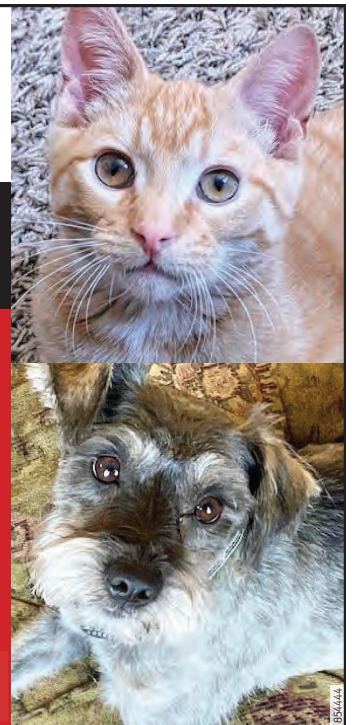
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TASTE OF SHOREVIEW: Opportunity to sample food, drinks from area restaurants

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admission and free parking,” said Jaci Krebsbach, chair of the Slice of Shoreview Committee.

This year, a coalition of three civic organizations — the Shoreview/Arden Hills Lions; Arden Hills/Shoreview Rotary; and the Shoreview Community Foundation — has taken the responsibility of assisting the Slice of Shoreview Committee.

“Working together with these like-minded organizations has been a lot of fun and a great opportunity to promote Rotary’s mission to give back to the community,” said Rotary’s Ken Hola. Along with Eleanor Jackson and Jodi Laliberte from the Lions Club and Maria Nelson from the Shoreview Community Foundation, Hola is working with Slice of Shoreview Committee members Jaci Krebsbach, Steve Gallop and Todd Levig with the logistics of organizing the event, requesting donations, contacting vendors, selling tickets, advertising and setup.

As in the past years, restaurants, businesses and several individuals are participating and providing food, beverages and donations, including local representatives from the Shoreview-Einhasen Sister City Association (SESCA).

A highlight of this event is that throughout the evening, several food and drink vendors from Shoreview and neighboring areas will offer samples of food, wine and beer. Everyone attending can vote for their favorite restaurant or vendor for the People’s Choice Awards. This is an excellent opportunity to sample food and drink from area restaurants. In addition to serving food, many of these restaurants have donated gift cards and coupons. Participating restaurants and vendors include Big 10, Big Wood Brewery, Chick-Fil-A, Churchill Street, Coopers, Crumbl Cookies, Green Mill of Shoreview, Lukes Soups, Lunds & Byerlys of White Bear Lake, Mansetti’s Pizza & Pasta,



Kalie Havener dishes up some Koziak’s Chili at a previous Taste of Shoreview.

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Taste of Shoreview schedule:

- 5 p.m.: Taste of Shoreview opens
- 6 p.m.: Welcome
- 7 p.m. Friend of Taste announcement
 - Bucket raffle ends
 - Live Auction begins
- 7:30 p.m.: Party wagon and bucket raffle drawing
 - People’s Choice Award for Food and Beverage announcement
- 7:45 p.m.: Centerpieces available for sale
- 8 p.m.: Taste of Shoreview ends

Shoreview-Einhasen Sister City Association (SESCA), Tavern Grill, Two Silo Winery, Tria and Winkin’ Rooster. Note that since liquor will be served, this is an adults-only event.

The evening’s program also includes a live auction offering golf and family and restaurant packages, as well as a Bucket Raffle featuring a wide variety of unique items. Other popular and fun activities include the gift card tree, which is loaded with gift cards for restaurants, museums and other services. There is also a Wine Wall, where attendees can score an excellent bottle of wine donated by agents of Edina Realty of North Oaks. For a nominal fee, you could win one of four wagons put together by the Lions, Rotary, Community Foundation and Slice of Shoreview, each loaded with a variety of food, drinks and fun accessories for your next picnic or tailgating party. At the end of the evening, the floral table centerpieces donated by Hummingbird Floral will be sold.

Tickets can be purchased online and at the door. To order tickets online, go to sliceofshoreview.com/

COUNTY BRIEFS

Ramsey County Library Friends accepts donations for book sale

The Ramsey County Library Friends is currently seeking donations for its used book sale scheduled for Thursday, April 23, through Sunday, April 26, at the Roseville Library.

Gently used books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and puzzles are accepted at all Ramsey County Library locations. Those who are looking to donate items should limit their donations to two boxes or bags per day. Special arrangements can be made for larger donations by emailing a request in advance.

Proceeds from the book sale will support all seven Ramsey County Library locations. For more information, or to arrange a larger donation, visit rclfriends.org/donate-books. The Roseville Library is located at 2180 Hamline Ave. N.

Medical examiner asks public for help in identification

The Ramsey County medical examiner is asking for the public’s help in

identifying an adult male who was found deceased in the Mississippi River last year.

According to the county, the decedent was recovered on May 23 near Harriet Island and the Saint Paul Yacht Club. He is believed to be a white male, with an approximate height between 5’10” to 6’2”. He was wearing black jeans, a red graphic T-shirt and a black hoodie. The county stated although the decedent was recovered at the end of May, his death likely took place at least four weeks earlier.

The man had surgical hardware in his right ankle and attempts to identify him from serial numbers on that hardware were unsuccessful. He also had dental work that could help identify him, but comparable dental images would be needed.

The Medical Examiner’s Office has entered this case and DNA information into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System at NamUs.gov. Anyone with information that would help in identifying this person should contact the Ramsey County Medical Examiner’s Office at 651-266-1700 or RCmedicalexaminer@co.ramsey.mn.us and reference case number 25-1653.

CONSTRUCTION BRIEF



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Blaine, Shoreview intersection will get new signal

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Ramsey County have entered into a contract for the replacement of the traffic control system at the intersection of Highway 32/85th Avenue/ County Road J and Highway 17/51 (Lexington Avenue) in the cities of Blaine and Shoreview.

Construction is scheduled for 2026.



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Joan Snyder (American, b. 1940), “Roxy Red Fugue,” 2017. Oil, acrylic, cloth, rosebuds, glitters and plastic jewels on linen. On loan from Art Bridges.

CAT MUSEUM: Exhibition on display

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of which are new acquisitions, and six pieces that are on loan. To create this exhibition, the museum partnered with Art Bridges, located in Arkansas, and the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis.

Ahlberg Yohe said the museum wanted to create an exhibition that also allowed individuals to arrive at it on their own terms, learn about the intentionality of the artist(s) and the varieties of different abstract art as well as develop their own relationship with abstractions.

A piece featured in the exhibition that sticks out to Ahlberg Yohe is the glass sculpture titled “Space I, Space II, and Space III,” created by Libensky and Brychtova.

“It just has such a force to it,” she said.

Libensky and Brychtova focused on the principles of the inner forms of light, rather than reflecting light. “Space I, Space II, and Space III” is about the light coming from within,

according to Ahlberg Yohe.

The CAT Museum is the first museum in the United States to combine abstract paintings and glass sculpture in an exhibition. Ahlberg Yohe said since the museum is a smaller institution, it has the “agility and ability to create things that can be a little different.”

“It’s a significant moment in contemporary exhibition-making, where you can do different things to spur new and more conversations,” Ahlberg Yohe added. “I want people to be inspired by this ... It’s really about building on our great strengths from our collection and building those stories each time in our exhibitions.”

The exhibition is on display through July 31. For more information about the CAT Museum, or to book a tour, visit cafesjianarttrust.org. The museum is located at 4600 Churchill St., Shoreview.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

Xcel Energy asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase in natural gas rates beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The requested increase is approximately 8.2% or \$63.4 million. On average, the proposed final rate change would increase the monthly bill for a typical residential natural gas customer by 8.7% or \$7.11.

The MPUC may either approve, deny, or modify the requested changes, including approving a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the fourth quarter of 2026. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will hold six in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on our request. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Location
Monday, April 27, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Washington County Heritage Center 1862 Greeley St. S. Stillwater, MN 55082
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx (see access details below)
Tuesday, April 28, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Wyoming Area Library 26855 Forest Blvd. Wyoming, MN 55092
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Great River Regional Library Bremer Room 104 404 W St. Germain St. St. Cloud, MN 56301
Monday, May 4, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Winona State University Kryzsko Commons Purple Rooms 247 - 249 500 Huff St. Winona, MN 55987
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	1:30 p.m.	Ramsey County Library Community Program Room 2180 Hamline Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx (see access details below)
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Robert Trail Library Robert Trail Large Meeting Room 14395 S. Robert Trail Rosemount, MN 55068

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled—call (toll free) **855-731-6208** or **651-201-2213** or visit mn.gov/puc.

Virtual Public Hearings

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference.

April 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. and **May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

Attend by Internet Connection (Audio and Video)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: <https://minnesota.webex.com>. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information" type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Event Number: 2490 656 2535 Event Password, if needed: XCEL28	Event Number: 2489 688 6927 Event Password, if needed: XCEL55

Directions for Appearing via WebEx.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a WebEx application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next, you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

To Attend by Telephone (Audio Only)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

April 28, 2026 1:30 p.m.	May 5, 2026 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 2490 656 2535 Event password: 923528 from phones	Phone: 1-855-282-6330 Access Code: 2489 688 6927 Event password: 923555 from phones

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, **press *3** on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

Public Hearing and Process Information

Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase. Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed in the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Please arrive at the beginning of the hearing to ensure you will have time to comment.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or christine.pham@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing.

Comment Period

Comments will be accepted through **May 19, 2026**.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered for the record.

How to Submit a Written Comment

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) fax. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Get Involved" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference MPUC Docket No. 25-356 in the subject line of your comment.



If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from comments received.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal will be held on **May 11 – 12, 2026**, starting at **9:30 a.m.** each day. The evidentiary hearings will be held at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via WebEx, a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through **WebEx** may request an electronic invitation by contacting MPUC staff **Christine Pham** at **651-201-2249** or christine.pham@state.mn.us.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce — Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General — Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

TO LEARN MORE

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis MN 55401
Phone 612-330-5500
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Web: <https://efiling.web.commerce.state.mn.us>. Under "eDockets" select "Search Documents" insert "25-356" in the Docket #s field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or need assistance in submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

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121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Anyone with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay.

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Large Demand	17,776	\$15,015	\$15,809	\$16,108
Small Interruptible	6,745	\$4,633	\$4,898	\$5,001
Med. Interruptible	46,220	\$27,353	\$28,555	\$30,196
Large Interruptible	617,483	\$350,615	\$364,315	\$379,449
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Nextera Packaging marks 50 years with new headquarters

BY SHANNON GRANHOLM
MANAGING EDITOR

What began as a small operation run out of a garage in Vadnais Heights in 1976 has grown into a food packaging company that now needs a 114,000-square-foot warehouse and office facility.

Nextera Packaging's move into the new facility has begun, and "opening day" is planned for April 13. The building, located at 5200 Centerville Road in White Bear Township, is a part of Endeavor Development's Park 35E development.

"It's perfect, serendipitous. We are getting into this new headquarters, and it's our 50th anniversary," said Ethan Cook, vice president of brand and culture.

Nextera has been a family-owned company since its inception. The company, founded by Roger Adams, was originally called Machine Sales and Service. For a time, it was known as Packaging Sales and Service. Eventually, it was renamed Nextera Packaging.

Scott VanderWerf, the current CEO, is Roger's grandson. Scott's father, Paul VanderWerf, was CEO before Scott took over as CEO in 2022. Current CFO is Brent Adams, Roger's son. Austin Adams, Brent's son and Scott's cousin, also currently works as an account executive for the company.

Prior to the move underway, the business had been located in the Vadnais Heights Business Center on Berwood Avenue since 2014. Although the location was great, company leaders say they needed more space.

"We are bursting at the seams in our current location ... It was starting to slow down our operations and efficiency with how tight we were," said Chief Operating Officer John Pullar. "We have been needing some breathing room for a while, and now this provides a launch pad for not



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Nextera Packaging hosts a groundbreaking ceremony for its new headquarters in White Bear Township last August. Ethan Cook, vice president of brand and culture, says the building couldn't be in a better location, for a company that identifies as "north metro." Employees come from Shoreview, North Oaks, Maplewood, White Bear Lake, among other cities.

building in Vadnais also posed some physical challenges. One of the challenges was that the office space is split by the warehouse. "We have a south office, and we have a north office in that same building and in between is a warehouse. So, from a team unity, team efficiency standpoint ... that's weighed on our team," he said.

The warehouse space is also divided: the main warehouse space divides the office space, but another warehouse space on the north end is divided by a couple other business tenants in the building.

New building Everything about the new facility was done purposefully and with people in mind.

"I think what always rings through for our team is it always comes back to people; our customers are people; our vendors are people. Nextera is not a building. Nextera isn't our products and services, it is our people," Pullar said. "In all of the design decisions and choices, each thing has been done with such intentionality, not just to serve our company and processes well, but to serve our people well."

Cook added, "The vast majority of our decisions about this building, from placement to natural light to ergonomics of chairs ... All of that is not just because we want the

cool, shiny, new thing; it is very human-centered."

Cook described the building as a combination of Scandinavian and mid-century modern design. Walking into the main entrance, the open floor plan allows you to see all the action going on in the building and take in the views of the natural prairie.

"When we were originally looking at this property, we were thinking about grabbing the space closest to the freeway ... When we came out here and stood on this property, we were like, 'this is beautiful,'" Pullar recalled. "It pulled us off of the highway, which might not be the best business decision, but for us and our people to be able to experience this; you get beautiful sunlight all day long, and then the sun sets right there. It's gorgeous."

The first level features a large and medium-sized conference room, lounge area and a work café with a garage door leading out to a patio. One place Pullar is excited about due to his engineering background is the research and development lab, which abuts a sample room.

"It looks and feels like a kitchen, and that's because we're connecting food to people ... It obviously serves us for all the technical aspects of our products, but then it's also something we can bring the customers into

if they want to do a product demo, or if they want to see it in action," Pullar explained. "The sample room will feel like a retail space with different containers. It's almost like a shopping experience."

The warehouse is not only significantly larger in its footprint, but is 33% taller than the warehouse space in Vadnais.

A grand staircase leads up to the second-level office space, and the office staff team is all on one level, which Cook described as a "massive win." In addition to various offices and cubicles, there is a coffee galley. If employees need a break from their cubicle or want to switch things up, they can go work in a coffee-shop type of atmosphere.

And the building couldn't be in a better location, for a company that identifies as "north metro." Employees come from Wyoming, Forest Lake, Hugo, White Bear Lake, North Oaks, Dellwood, Maplewood and Shoreview, among other cities.

"We are Northeast Metro people and really have been," Cook said. "Our people are from here. Our business history, our roots are in this area. We love this area. We frequent the businesses of this area. So, this does feel just right."

50 years of history Perhaps one of the reasons the company has been so successful is be-



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cause its leaders haven't been afraid to evolve and adapt.

"Even though we have this 50-year history, we really do kind of operate like a startup. We have that level of drive and hunger for innovation," Cook explained.

Several years ago, the company switched its focus from vending and doubled down on food processors.

"Anywhere that food is packed at scale, that's where we want to be. We have a huge breadth of people that we serve. We will absolutely serve a mom-and-pop restaurant who needs some to-go containers, but where we are really optimized and where our expertise I think goes the furthest and our customers get the greatest value from us is folks who might have a deal with Aldi, so they may be packing coleslaw, being labeled and then being sent to an Aldi store to be sold."

Nextera is also unique in that its sole focus is food packaging. "Most of our competitors sell food packaging; they also sell light bulbs, bleach and everything else," Pullar noted. "We went deep into food packaging, so we know and understand things that affect shelf life and considerations for merchandising and the right retail look."

Nextera has its own line of flexible films called Flex that can be converted to custom sizes to meet its customers' needs. Its newest product line, called Formd, is heavily customizable rigid packaging.

The company's core values include care for people; risk for better; leave the ego; and seek the good. Subtle reminders of those tenets can be spotted throughout the building, like on a plaque on the giant wood table in the conference room or on an illuminated sign hanging on a live-moss wall.

"It is not that our people need the swanky office to have this culture and to live these values. They don't. That's the type of people they are," Cook said. "They can be in a shack, and it would still be good because of how good they are but man, is it so sweet to have a space that aligns with how great our team is ... It's that humanity piece. We are really excited for what this building is going to do for that."

For more information on Nextera Packaging, visit www.nexterapackaging.com.

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Nextera forms partnership with University of St. Thomas

Approximately 3,000 square feet of Nextera's building will be the home to the University of St. Thomas D1 golf team's winter training facility. Nextera Chief Operating Officer John Pullar explained that the company has a connection to one of the team's coaches and reached out to get recommendations about installing a golf simulator in the space for Nextera employees and customers.

"This space is for future expansion. It was basically going to be a glorified closet ... We expect we'll need the space in probably five years," Pullar said. "In the meantime, we worked out an idea that was a win-win. We get the simulator that we were hoping for, and then they get the training facility they wanted."

The area, which has its own entrance, will have four simulator bays, three for the golf team and one to be shared between the golf team and Nextera employees and customers. The facility will also have a large putting green with realistic turf built with a first-of-its-kind 3D-printed underlayment with very specific contours.

"We are excited. We've got some TVs around, so we expect when there is a tournament going on, our team here is going to be rooting for St. Thomas because it's the men and women we see in interactions here, and we get to see them compete," Pullar said.

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Roseville implements 'Green to Go' ordinance

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

ROSEVILLE — If you grab takeout from a local restaurant in Roseville, you might find that your takeout container is reusable, compostable or recyclable. This is part of the city's new ordinance, known as the "Green to Go" takeout container ordinance.

The ordinance requires food establishments to provide either recyclable or compostable single-use containers or reusable containers for to-go food packaging.

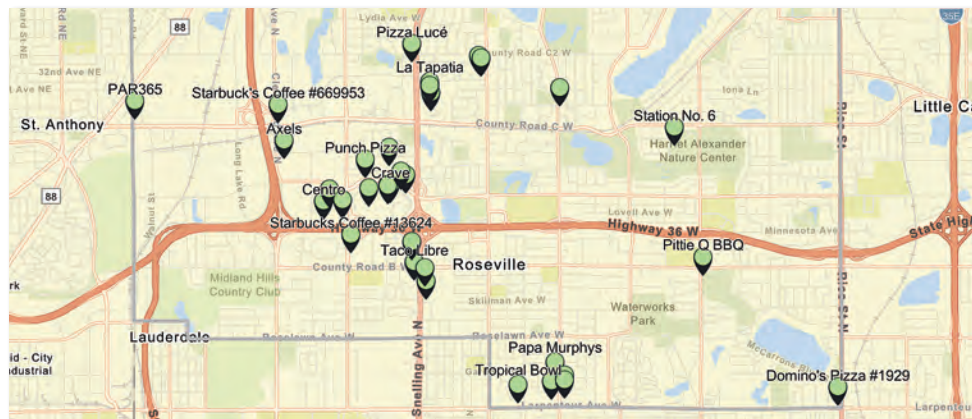
At the most recent Shoreview Environmental Quality Committee Speaker Series, Roseville Sustainability Specialist Noelle Bakken provided a bit of background on the city's "Green to Go" takeout container ordinance and how it came to fruition.

According to Bakken, former Roseville City Council Member Jason Etten presented the idea to adopt the ordinance in March 2020.

"He was really troubled to see the amount of Styrofoam packaging that was in a lot of Roseville restaurants," Bakken said. "At the time, they discussed St. Louis Park's experience; that was one of the cities that had an ordinance in place at that point."

Due to COVID-19 shutdowns, Bakken said discussions about the ordinance came to a halt. Two years later, in March 2022, the city reintroduced the topic by bringing in the Public Works Environmental Transportation Commission (PWETC). According to Bakken, the PWETC is similar to the Shoreview Environmental Quality Committee.

"We started talking about what similar ordinances looked like in Minnesota and what that might look like for Roseville," she added. The group came to the



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The map above depicts which restaurants are fully compliant with the Green to Go ordinance. For an updated map, visit the city of Roseville's website.

decision that more research was needed, and Bakken came back to the commission in August 2022 with more specifics.

In July 2023, a joint City Council and PWETC meeting was held to discuss the ordinance in depth. It wasn't until January 2024 that the council authorized staff to begin an engagement period with the community.

"We launched a survey out in the community. We had one for residents, one for businesses ... For businesses, we wanted to find out what type of packaging they were using, what kind of issues they were seeing with their packaging and how would they feel about an ordinance like this," explained Bakken.

The city also hosted two community meetings for restaurant and food business owners to provide feedback and ask questions in May and June of 2024. The ordinance passed in October of 2024 and education and outreach for the "Green to Go" ordinance began a few months later in January 2025.

Bakken said the ordinance reduces the use of Styrofoam packaging in food service and reduces the amount of PFAS

(per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) entering the waste stream. The ordinance also supports the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Solid Waste Plan. The plan's goal is for cities within the north metro area to reach a 75% recycling rate by 2030. Roseville's rate is around 46% or so, according to Bakken.

"Reducing waste is important on a local scale as it is on a global scale, because our packaging comes from all over the place," Bakken said. "Right now, Minnesota is really great about recycling all its materials."

According to Bakken, food and food packaging make up almost 45% of materials in landfills across the United States. Plastic production is also at an all-time high: 50% of all plastic ever produced has been made in the last 18 years, Bakken noted.

Benefits of the 'Green to Go' ordinance

There are various benefits that have come out of the "Green to Go" ordinance. One of them is allowing businesses to save money on solid waste fees.

"Ramsey County has one of the highest solid waste fee taxes in the entire state. The Ramsey County solid waste tax is 70%, which is extremely high: that's only on trash. Recycling and compost are not subject to that same tax," Bakken explained.

Another thing she pointed out is that once businesses model recycling and organic waste separation on the floor, the process will also be normalized for consumers.

Businesses in Roseville who use "Green to Go"-approved materials can be found on a tracking database on the city's website.

"We also have a recognition program called the Sustainable Stewardship Program," she added. "We recognize residents and businesses who are doing good sustainability work throughout the year."

Since the city implemented the ordinance, 46 out of 155 restaurants in Roseville are trying to implement the "Green to Go" efforts. Of those 46, Bakken said about 15% are fully meeting standards while 29% have made necessary changes.

"Forty-five percent all together are on their way to compliance," she said. "A lot of things that we saw (during visits) were restaurants trying to get in touch with their suppliers, but their suppliers were hard to reach."

For more information about the ordinance, visit www.cityofroseville.com/3917/Green-To-Go.

The next Speaker Series is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. Monday, April 27, in council chambers at Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St. N. The presentation will be about the Ramsey County Food Scrap Program.

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Mounds View enters the 2026 season with state singles champion Soren Swenson at the top of a lineup that includes seven returning all-conference players from a team that placed third in the state.

"We have lots of depth and a lot of returning starters. We should have a great team," Coach Scott Sundstrom acknowledged. "Our goal is to try and win the state championship."

The Mustangs were 19-6 last year, playing several top-ten ranked teams and went undefeated in the Suburban East Conference.

Swenson was 32-1 and added one more state gold medal to the family collection. Older brother Bjorn won state twice. Swenson's twin Anders is also in the singles lineup.

The all-conference players are seniors Sidharth Sharma, Maxwell Daigle and Aarav Raheja, and juniors Anders Swenson, Richard Chen and Laken Bartel.

Other returning lettermen are senior Chris Hermes, junior Richard Chen and freshman Pranav Puligundla.

First three matches — 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, Edina; 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Roseville Area; 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Minnetonka



Soren Swenson

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MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW VOLLEYBALL // BOYS

Mounds View hopes to build on last year's conference championship season when the Mustangs went 9-0 in the Suburban East Conference and finished 14-12 overall in the first year of MSHSL boys volleyball.

Tate Sorenson is a returning all-state player at middle hitter. Sorenson and setter Antonio Dragich, both seniors, made all conference.

Other returning regulars are seniors Eli Kirris (outside hitter), Aydin Kendic (right side hitter) and juniors Rowan Moua (libero) and Alex Mares (outside hitter). Stepping into the rotation this year is junior Andrew Richter (middle hitter) and freshman Braden Popp (outside hitter).

"Our strength will definitely be our offense," Coach Kressen Anderson assessed. "We have three or four talented front row players who will be able to put the ball away. These boys have been playing together for a long time. They have a strong bond."

About season goals, the coach listed defending their conference title and breaking into the coach's association top ten rankings.

First three games — 7 p.m. Monday, April 5, Prairie Seeds; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Spring Lake Park; 8 a.m. Saturday, April 11, Osseo tournament

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW GOLF // GIRLS

The Mustangs have a strong No. 1 in senior Sarah Dove, who ranked third in the conference in 2025. Another letter winner back from a sixth-place team is junior Caitlin Hanford.

Coach Paul Bailey thinks the mostly new lineup has some potential: "I believe we have a great deal of depth. From my initial observations,

I have seen a great deal of improvement in a number of players who ultimately could find their way into significant roles."

The coach thinks they'll be in the mix for good conference and section placements while acknowledging they'll have to beat a number of talented teams to do so. "It should be a fun year for us."

First three meets — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, conference at River Oaks; 3 p.m. Monday, April 20, conference at Highland National; 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, conference at Tanners Brook

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW GOLF // BOYS

The Mustangs have five lettermen back from a team that placed sixth of ten teams in the conference last season. They are seniors Trip Bratland and Ryan Goralski, juniors Anders Smith and Nathan Yee Yick and sophomore Dominic Roach.

"We have a lot of players who have experience competitive golf, both in high school and junior events in the summer," Coach Adam Schmidt noted. "We have some depth which will encourage competition between the golfers to earn varsity and JV spots."

Regarding newcomers to the lineup, Schmidt said they are excited about the continued development of junior Mason Lobe, sophomore Nathan Zielsdorf and freshman Zac Siegle.

"We want to be one of the top four teams in our conference and section by the end of the season," Schmidt said. "We will need some consistency to make sure that happens."

First three meets — 9 a.m. Thursday, April 9, Bunker Hills tournament; 10 a.m. Monday, April 13, Hastings tournament; Noon, Tuesday, April 14, conference at River Oaks

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW LACROSSE // GIRLS

With 15 returning letter winners, Mounds View aims to move up a few notches from last year's 4-11 ledger.

Returning letter winners are attackers Addy Fast, Anya Bale, Kylie Dahl, Kali Anderson and Stella Fagerlie; defenders Audra Dixon (all-conference) Lauren Grant, Lilly Coffey and Isabella Passaro; midfielders Allie Atwood (all-conference), Claire Diffley (all-conference), Reese Demeny, Brooke Whitehill, Katie Koch and Mikenna Peloquin; and goalie Mia Brosnahan.

"We have some extremely committed athletes," Coach Maya Hernandez stated. "Two of our top three scorers are returning. The team has a strong group of young players who have been playing for years and will be in this program for years to come. This provides a really great opportunity to build year over year."

First three games — 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Moorhead; 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at East Ridge; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, Irondale

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW LACROSSE // BOYS

A core group of returning starters will take the lead as Mounds View endeavors to improve on last year's 7-7 record.

"We are excited to have the following players returning this year," said Coach Calvin Waddle, naming seniors Sam Hagle (goalie), Micah Fuller (face-off), Jack Wendland (offense) and Tony Cook (defense); juniors Andrew Worrall (face-off) and Rex Robbe (offense); and sophomore Charlie Huber (defense).

Waddle is pleased to announce that a middle school team has been launched which "allows us to develop players within our system from seventh grade through their senior year."

With the coaching staff its second year, they are "focused on enhancing the systems we implemented last season," he said. On-the-field goals are "to remain a hard-riding team while developing into a faster-clearing unit."

First three games — 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, East Ridge; 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Irondale; 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, Stillwater

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW TRACK AND FIELD // GIRLS



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Allison Richter

The Mustangs' top stars are junior Allison Richter, state 300 hurdles champion last year, also a standout in jumps; and junior Linnea Ousdigian, a distance runner with multiple all-state finishes.

The Mustangs were Section 5AAA champions last season and placed third in the Suburban East Conference.

Other key veterans are seniors Aly Hollister (throws) and Dalphine Wilson (sprints/jumps); junior Adela Peterson (distance); sophomores Gifty Aboagye (sprints), Harper Lucachick (sprints), and Ava Myers (sprints/jumps); and freshmen Shay Olubi (throws) and McKinley Schultz (sprints).

"Strengths of our team will be our throws and hurdles," said Aaron Redman, co-coach with Scott Yikanen. "Our team expects to be competing for a conference and section championship, also looking to qualify for the true-team championship."

First three meets — 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, White Bear Lake Invitational; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, Andover & Osseo; 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 Roseville Invitational

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW SOFTBALL

It's a new ballgame for Mounds View softball as they are pairing with Irondale, a fellow District 621 school. Mounds View was 5-19 last year. This spring they have 15 returning letter winners.

"This season is about building something that lasts," stated Coach Jordan Pearson. "As a first-year combined program, our primary goal is to establish a strong identity built on mindset, vision and inspiration. We expect our athletes to compete every day, represent the program with pride, class and commitment, and continue to grow as players, teammates and people."

Returning letter-winners are:

Seniors Vada Wood (second base), Hannah Serr (outfield), Ellis Norman (infield), Annalise Foley (pitcher), Nora Kelly (pitcher), Kara Cmiel (pitcher) and Lydia Sinkula (catcher)

Juniors Mia Simones (utility) and Audrey Pritchard (utility); sophomores Kate Tretter (pitcher), Maria Walsh (outfield), Katie Leopold (infield) and Gillian Hansen (catcher/infield); freshman Adahlia Eames (infield) and eighth-grader Jaycie Helmer (shortstop)

Sinkula and Eames were all-conference last year. Walsh and Helmer got honorable mention.

"We expect to play strong, disciplined softball, throwing strikes, limiting free bases, and making routine plays consistently," Pearson said. At bat, the goal is to apply "constant pressure" with quality at-bats and smart base running.

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MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW BASEBALL



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Andrew Gette

Mounds View baseball is always aiming high, having made seven state trips since 2013 with two championships and one runner-up finish,

which was in 2024. They didn't make state last year but had a 17-7 record including 15-3 for first place in the very strong Suburban East Conference.

"Our guys expect to compete for a state championship," said Coach Nik Anderson. "They know what it takes, as many of them were on the roster two years ago when we made it there and are hungry to get back."

The Mustangs have a formidable ace leading the pitching staff: Andrew Gette, 6-foot-5 right-hander, the Star-Tribune's state Player of the Year in 2025, when he was 6-2 against top opponents with an 0.97 ERA (earned run average) and 65 strikeouts in 45.3 innings.

Other returning all-conference players are senior infielder RJ Madison and senior outfielder Jack Glancey, along with honorable mention Cooper Caligiuri, senior catcher/pitcher.

Other pitchers counted on are Kasey McCallum, Calvin Anderson and Sawyer Shewmake.

"Very deep roster. Lot of combinations of who can play where," Anderson assessed. "So, it's likely that many guys will get their shots, with upward pressure from the next guy looking for his opportunity."

First three games — 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Stillwater; 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Park; 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, Cretin-Derham Hall

Last season the Mustangs were MSHSL state runners-up, placed third in the state true team meet and were section champion in each (15th straight in true team). They won the prestigious Pony Relays and placed third in the Suburban East Conference.

This year, Fleming lists the Mustang "high end strengths" as follows: Godson Rufus-Okmanhanru (200 school record, four-time all-state), senior Ben Mugisa (long jump, high hurdles), senior Ryan Wirrer (pole vault), senior Beckett Koons (400, three time all-state), junior Hunter Miller (800/1600), junior Will Drury (3200), senior Joey McVean (800, 4x800), senior Max Ohmann (intermediate hurdles) and senior Sam Koch (triple jump).

The team's best depth is in hurdles and distance, Fleming said.

The sprint corps also includes seniors Johnny Gaysue, Cayden Tran and Conrad Higgins, junior Preston Johnson and sophomore Bradon Miller. Other hurdlers are senior Selom Condo and juniors Case Wassink and Elliott Dunford. Also in middle distance are seniors Tate McDonald, Jackson Aschbach, and Emory Klein and sophomore Ben Russell. Other distance runners include seniors Grayson Then and Chris Notch, junior Caden Prussing and sophomores Ishmaeel Ahmed, Matias Bender, Charlie Alstatt and Sam Sparks.

Others in field events are: Pole vault, senior Eddie Gaulkie, sophomore Erray Aiken; jumps, seniors Wes Kuchar and Jackson Petersen, juniors Jermal Manow and Nico Nacussi, and sophomore Nick Slagle; and throws, senior Robert Essie and juniors Max Hoerneman, Jack Frye and Alex Isabel.

Bruce Strand

MUSTANGS // MOUNDS VIEW TRACK AND FIELD // BOYS

Mounds View has had one of the state's premier track programs decade after decade under Ross Fleming, head coach since 1986.

A Look Ahead In SPORTS

Baseball

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — vs. Stillwater
4:30 p.m. Friday, April 10 — at Park
4:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 — vs. Cretin-Derham Hall
Wednesday, April 15 — at Irondale
4 p.m. Friday, April 17 — at Forest Lake

Softball

7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — at Forest Lake Area High School
4:30 p.m. Friday, April 10 — at Park
8 a.m. Saturday, April 11 — vs. multiple schools at Forest Lake

4:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 — at Roseville
5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 — vs. Woodbury
5 p.m. Friday, April 17 — vs. Stillwater

Boys Golf

9 a.m. Thursday, April 9 — at Bunker Hills Golf Course
10 a.m. Monday, April 13 — at Hastings Golf Club
Noon Tuesday, April 14 — at River Oaks Golf Course

Boys Tennis

4 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — vs. Roseville Area
4 p.m. Friday, April 10 — vs. Minnetonka

4:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 — at Eden Prairie
4 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 — vs. White Bear Lake
4 p.m. Thursday, April 16 — vs. Cretin-Derham Hall

Boys Track & Field

4 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — at White Bear Lake
11 a.m. Saturday, April 18 — at Stillwater

Boys Volleyball

7 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — vs. Spring Lake Park
8 a.m. Saturday, April 11 — at Osseo
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 — vs. East Ridge
6 p.m. Thursday, April 16 — at Irondale

Girls Lacrosse

1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11 — at Moorhead
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 — at East Ridge
7 p.m. Thursday, April 16 — vs. Irondale

Boys Lacrosse

7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 — vs. East Ridge
7 p.m. Thursday, April 16 — at Irondale

Girls Track & Field

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CITY OF NORTH OAKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LAND RECLAMATION INVOLVING 100 CUBIC YARDS OR MORE OF SOIL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 CATBIRD LANE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of North Oaks will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit for land reclamation involving 100 cubic yards or more of soil** for the property located at **5 Catbird Lane, North Oaks, MN 55127** at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026, in the Community Room, 100 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, MN.

Members of the public may participate in the public hearing by:

- 1) Attending the meeting in person and providing public comment during the public hearing;
- 2) Attending the meeting remotely and providing public comment via zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86109087849>; or
- 3) Submitting written public comments by emailing City Administrator Kevin Kress at kkress@northoaksmn.gov by April 23, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Public comments submitted in advance will be accepted into the record as part of the public hearing.

Questions regarding the public hearing, including remote participation opportunities, should be directed to City Administrator Kevin Kress at 651-792-7750.

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CITY OF SHOREVIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Shoreview City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 28th, 2026** in the City Council Chambers at Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, Minnesota to consider a conditional use permit for the construction of an attached accessory building (garage) on a property with an existing detached accessory building (garage) greater than 440 square feet in size.

APPLICANT: Charles Cudd Homes

LOCATION: 5423 Carlson Road

PROPOSAL: To consider a conditional use permit for the proposed retention of an existing 528 square foot detached garage, with the proposed establishment of an attached garage on the property.

Persons who want to submit written comments on this proposal can email Izaak Peterson, Senior Planner, at ipeterson@shoreviewmn.gov. All written comments received before April 23rd will be included in the staff report. Those who wish to give oral testimony are invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Residents are encouraged to call the Shoreview Community Development Department at 651-490-4681 after Thursday April 23rd to find out where this item will be located on the meeting agenda.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Brad Martens, City Manager

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'An absolute honor:' Local dentist reflects on Olympics

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

What is it like to don the red, white and blue of Team USA and compete in the Olympics Games? A White Bear Lake dentist knows.

"It is an absolute honor to represent Team USA," said Tara Peterson. "The Olympics is unlike any other sporting event. The entire world comes together to watch and celebrate the wins and the losses. People forget their differences and cheer for their team."

Tara and her older sister Tabitha, both Eagan natives, along with Cory Thiesse of Duluth and Taylor Anderson-Heide of Chaska, form Team Peterson, with Tabitha as the captain.

Team Peterson competed in their second Olympic Games in early February, and this time almost nabbed a medal. They placed fourth in the medal round after going 6-3 in round robin doing 10 days



Tara Peterson lined up a stone for a shot at the Olympics in Cortina, Italy.

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of competition at Cortina, Italy.

"We were so thrilled to qualify for the playoffs and make the medal round," said Peterson. "We were obviously very sad about losing both the semifinal and the bronze medal game, but that is sport and that is life. You can't win them all."

Asked about highlights, she cited their win over

Canada in the round robin — "Apparently that was the first time a USA women's team had beaten Canada in the Olympics" — along with executing "so many awesome shots" throughout the tournament. A close win over Switzerland got them into the semifinals, after which they lost rematches to the Swiss and to Canada.

"We had an awesome week and beat some incredible teams and had some great games. We are very proud of how we represented our country."

Peterson is a 2009 graduate Eagan High School, where her sports were golf and cross country, and a 2018 graduate University of Minnesota dental school. She has practiced at Isaacson Gentle Dentistry in White Bear Lake for six years, living in Shoreview with her husband and a toddler.

The dentist/Olympian had a fan club back home.

"It never gets old when

people tell me they were watching and cheering," she said. "I know my coworkers and patients were following closely, watching as many games as they could. They all were great fans."

The fans texted numerous messages, which she didn't read until after completion. "I turned my phone off when I was competing and went black with social media, which was very freeing!"

Tara has been in curling since she was eight and Tabitha was 10.

"My mom's friend was a member of the St. Paul Curling Club, and remembered that my grandpa curled back in the day, down there," she explained. "She invited the family to try curling."

The sisters joined the junior program on Saturday mornings and have been pushing stones ever since. Tara is also active in golf, Nordic skiing and biking.

Holding the No. 2 position on the team, Tara throws

the second set of stones. Her throws are "a variety of hits and draws, depending on where we are being defense or aggressive that end." She is one of the two main sweepers. Her job is to sweep rocks to the perfect spot and to "judge the rocks to get them to stop where they want them." Her other job is to "bring the energy."

At the Olympics, the women watched the luge and Alpine, the other events in their venue. They practiced in Claut — which she described as "a cute small town on the other side of the mountain" which featured gorgeous views. "We obviously enjoyed pizza and pasta while we were there. After competition I was able to enjoy some Italian wine as well."

Her family toured Venice for a day after the Olympics ended, then flew to Greece for a few days "to decompress and enjoy Europe."



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