



“Margaret and I agree that we have experienced the goodness of White Bear Lake this last year, and we want to continue to experience goodness in people we see in 2026.”

- Mark Schwartz (owner of Orso Bianco Gelato) and White Bear resident Margaret Eaves-Smith



“I wish for us to all have a sense of community again, and all get along again, and we're not so hateful and ready to blame each other.”

- Christine Hajney



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“My wish is for more silence in my life. Silence like sitting alone quietly and not being like constantly distracted and stimulated. I just like to do a lot of things and I think it would be good to challenge myself to do fewer things and just be more quiet. I went on a silent retreat in October, and I just have been thinking about it a lot, how I like the silence.”

- Acadia Hegedus