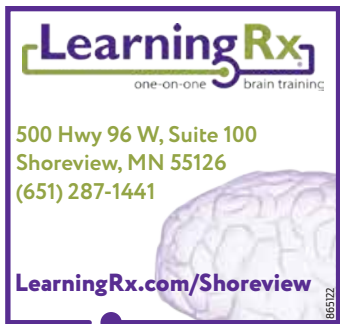




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ISD 621
details
district
operational
plan

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER



The Mounds View School District is high-lighting eight goals this school year, which are outlined in its district operational plan. In a recent interview, ISD 621 Superintendent Chris Lennox explained that the district chose these DOP goals after multiple conversations with the school board, administration, school staff and community members. Lennox added that the district marked as priority status the areas in which people showed the most interest.

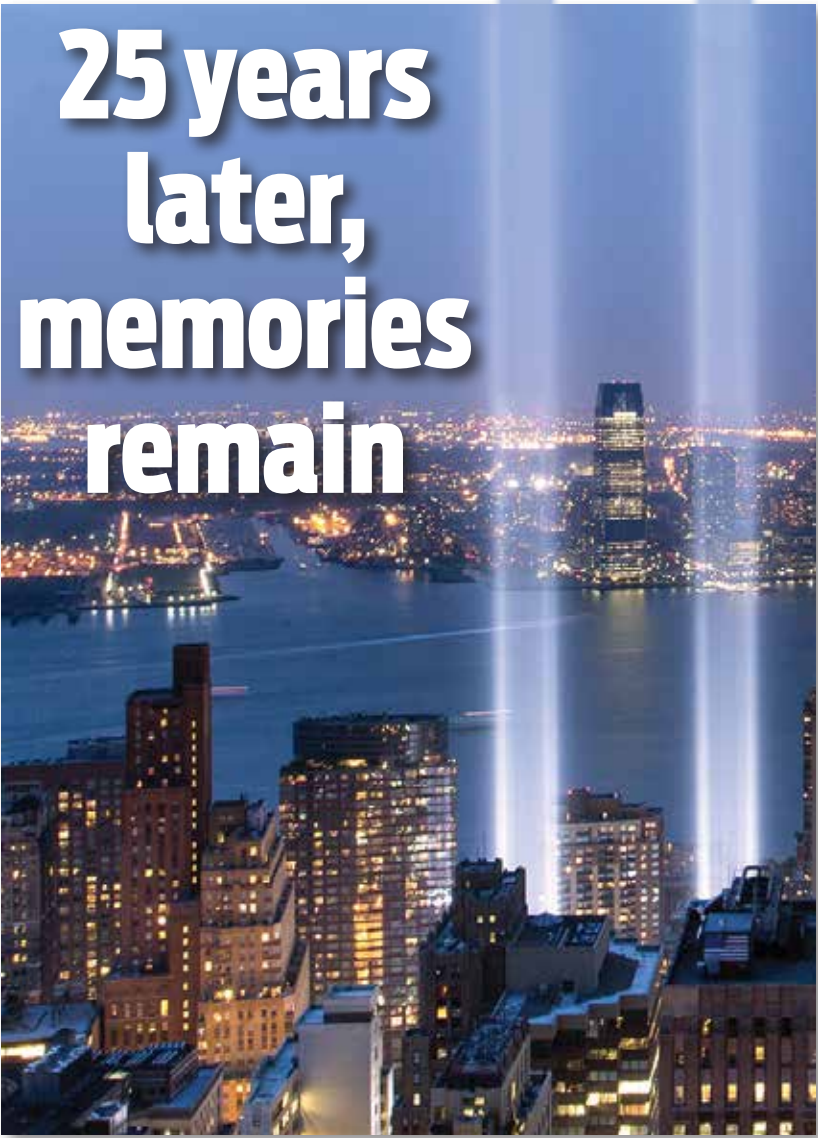
Priority goals

One of Mounds View School District's top goals involves improving safety and security. Last year, voters in the district approved a \$10 million capital projects and technology levy. According to Lennox, the funds from this levy will be used for improving both tactile and digital security.

"To the extent we can, we want to be able to be publicly showing things and, at the same time, not making ourselves vulnerable," Lennox said. "The data we hold is valuable ... A really important job of ours is holding that data safe, making sure our kids are safe, making sure our staff are safe."

The district is also looking over its Early College program, in which students take concurrent enrollment college

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25 years
later,
memories
remain

Still learning how to
tell my 9/11 story

BY BROOKE HENNESSEY
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Twenty-five years ago, Brooke Hennessey was a college student living just blocks from the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan when the events of Sept. 11, 2001, changed her life forever. Today, Hennessey calls White Bear Lake home, where she lives with her husband, Joe, and their two sons. A graduate of New York University, Hennessey built a career in the wine industry and has worked as a professional voice-over actor for more than a decade. But her most enduring

connection to that September morning is a story she has carried with her for 25 years. It's a story of survival, survivor's guilt, resilience and, ultimately, healing. As the 25th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, Hennessey reflects on what it meant to live through that day as a young New Yorker and what it means now to tell that story to a new generation.

My story

Growing up, I had this unshakable confidence ...this feeling that the world was wide open and that I knew exactly who I wanted to be. Since I was a little girl, I loved stories. I'd get lost in watching "Annie" and would lock myself in my walk-in closet

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St. Odilia
Fall Festival
highlights 'vibrant
community'

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Most church festivals run for an afternoon, but the Fall Festival at St. Odilia's Catholic Church in Shoreview is so packed with activities, it spans an entire weekend.

"I call it the best thing north of the state fairgrounds," said Patricia Brokman, one of the festival's co-chairs. "We will have live entertainment on Friday evening, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, and it's all parishioner driven."

On Friday night is Ballet Folklorico, a professional dance group that includes parish members who attend St. Odilia's Spanish-speaking mass.

"They are amazing. The costumes are gorgeous. The dancers are really good," said the festival's other co-chair, Janet Derfus. "The Latino group that night, and all weekend long, will serve Latino foods — they'll have quesadillas, they'll have tacos, they'll have elote corn."

Friday night will also feature a performance from The Backyard Band from 7-10 p.m. Over the past 20 years, The Backyard Band has become a staple of local festivals and venues with a loyal fanbase but, according to Brokman, the band began singing together in St. Odilia's choir. On Saturday and Sunday, music act The Jehm will be running a dance party and karaoke.

Also mic'd up on Saturday will be a live auctioneer. Brokman and Derfus explained that this annual favorite event consists of donated items from parishioners, much like an amped-up



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Ballet Forklorico will open St. Odilia's Fall Festival with a performance on Friday evening.

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DISTRICT OPERATIONAL PLAN: ISD 621 has 8 main goals, 3 priority

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classes through Anoka Ramsey Community College at the high school. In 2011, the district implemented a pilot version program of the program at Irondale and received a Humphrey Innovation Award a year later. Fifteen years later, the program is due for a refresh. “As we’ve had conversations about how higher education has changed, about variables within that, we wanted to take the time to review our systems and structures,” said Lennox, “and make sure that what we have is meeting the needs for our students.”

The third priority goal, Lennox noted, deals with enrollment in specialized programs. Last year, ISD 621 examined space availability in traditional K-12 classes, grades and buildings throughout the district. This year, the district will be studying the same topic, but for programs like early childhood learning, adult basic education and special education.

Other goals

The district is also taking a comprehensive look at co-curricular offerings for middle and high schoolers. “As kids get interested in certain sports or activities, you’ll see upticks in some and less in others,” Lennox said, noting, for instance, that the Minnesota State

High School League added boys volleyball this year. Last year, Mounds View joined the first Minnesota high school girls flag football league.

“We’ve also had a couple experiences where the school district has co-op, meaning we’ve pulled Mounds View and Irondale students together,” Lennox contrasted.

The Mounds View School District also hopes to continue expanding students’ environmental learning opportunities. Lennox explained that the district defines “environmental learning” as any learning done outside the traditional classroom. This could include outdoor classrooms as well as field trips.

The other goals in the DOP, Lennox said, are more internal — enhancingsupport for new employees, expanding the student assessment system and promoting student and staff achievements.

“You’re going to hear about these goals throughout the year,” Lennox said. “Tune into the School Board. There are ongoing and regular updates about any and all of these. They’re things we’re working on diligently through the entire year.”

The next Mounds View School Board meeting will be at 7

p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the Mounds View Public Schools District Center, 4570 Victoria St. N., Shoreview.

Mounds View School Board’s 2026-2027 District Operational Plan has eight goals, three of which are set as priority.

Priority goals

- Improve safety, security and instructional technology needs
- Audit, review and reset the Early College program
- Study the district’s specialized programs and leased spaces

Other goals

- Review secondary school co-curricular offerings
- Strengthen staff recruitment and retention; in addition, enhance onboarding and support for new employees
- Create more outdoor classroom spaces and expand environmental learning opportunities
- Expand Synergy Student Information System assessments
- Promote good news and achievements of students, staff and schools

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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT AND FAMILY FUN DAY

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19
Where: Bobby Theisen Park, 3575 Vivian St.
Details: Bring the family for yard games, food trucks, face painting, kite making and more. Introductory pickleball lessons are 12-2 p.m., provided by city of Shoreview. Register for the tournament online at shoreviewcommunitycenter.com/Events-directory/Pickleball-Tournament-Family-Fun-Day. A fee will be charged to enter the tournament.
Contact: shoreviewcommunityfoundation@gmail.com

Ongoing Events

SHORVIEW FARMERS MARKET

When: 3-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.
Details: The farmers market features fresh local produce and handcrafted artisan goods. Both strawberries and blueberries are in season.
Contact: 651-490-4750 or farmersmarket@shoreviewmn.gov

WEDNESDAY MORNING WALKING GROUP

When: 9-10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: Kohler Meadows Park, 365 E. County Road F, Vadnais Heights
Details: Put your best foot forward as we meet at the picnic shelter and head out together. Enjoy fresh air, friendly conversation and a supportive group atmosphere each week. Special guests join on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.
Contact: 651-204-6000 or info@cityvadnaisheights.com

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When: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Vadnais Heights Commons, Vadnais Room, 655 E. County Road F
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When: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays
Where: Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N.
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Contact: 651-724-6006

NAMES IN THE NEWS



Howard Clarys

Howard Clarys of Circle Pines is the winner of Press Publications’ newsletter contest. Those who subscribed to the regional newsletter before Aug. 20 were entered

into a drawing for \$250 in gift cards to Menards, Festival Foods and Wiseguys. Press Publications’ regional newsletter provides weekly community news updates to readers of the Shoreview

Press, Quad Community Press and The Citizen. To subscribe to the weekly regional newsletter, visit presspubs.com/signup.

LEPAK/LARSON HOUSE MUSEUM TOUR

When: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Lepak/Larson Property, 1170 Lepak Court, Shoreview
Details: The Shoreview Historical Society is offering guided tours to the public of the recently established 1930s-40s Lepak/Larson House Museum. Members of the Board of Directors will be providing tours and will be available to answer questions about life in Shoreview during the early 1900s.
Contact: 651-303-4667 or info@shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org

SHOREVIEW MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15
Where: Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N.
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Current Events

NORTH SUBURBAN NEIGHBORS CLUB FALL COFFEE

When: 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10
Where: Shoreview Library, Community Room, 4560 Victoria St. N.
Details: NSNC, a nonprofit friendship organization for older women in the northern suburbs, invites prospective members to learn about the group’s daytime activities.
Contact: jeanne49th@yahoo.com OR kddudding@yahoo.com

BARK BASH

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Perry Park, 3700 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills
Details: Bring your furry pals to the Bark Bash, run by Arden Hills Parks and Recreation Department. We will have access to water, prizes, handouts and vendors. Perry Park has an off-leash area for dogs. All dogs must remain on leash outside of the dog park.
Contact: recreation@cityofardenhills.org

TRAUMA AND SOLIDARITY: WALKING TOGETHER TOWARD JUSTICE AND HEALING

When: 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14
Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.
Details: The Shoreview Human Rights Commission and Many Faces presents an introductory historical overview of the U.S. Indian Boarding School Policy, its profound and ongoing intergenerational trauma to Native American families and communities, and meaningful ways we can support truth-telling, healing and reconciliation. The event will feature guest speaker Dr. Samuel Torres. Advanced signup is appreciated but not required. For more details, visit shoreviewmn.gov/Events-directory/Trauma-and-solidarity-HRC-event.
Contact: reisenbeisz@shoreviewmn.gov

YELLOW RIBBON RIBFEST

When: 12-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14
Where: National Guard Readiness Center, 4800 Hamline Ave. N., Arden Hills
Details: MN Building Trades and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon present Yellow Ribbon Ribfest. The event features community and veteran outreach, rib tasting live music featuring Rich & the Resistors.
Contact: 612-781-6933

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When: 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27
Where: Bobby Theisen Park, 3575 Vivian St.
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OPINION

Where were you?

We asked, and you delivered. In honor of the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11, we invited our readers to share where they were and what they were doing that day when tragedy struck our country.



Shannon's Shenanigans
Shannon Granholm

While the news team was in a news meeting, we were brainstorming ideas for what we could do to recognize the milestone anniversary, and we kept coming back to the fact that 9/11 was one of those moments when everyone knows exactly what they were doing when it happened.

I was in the fourth grade. I remember being at the bus stop and not having any idea of what happened until we arrived at school. Students started getting to their classrooms, and every TV screen and projector was turned to the news. My classmates and I didn't do much that day, other than stare at the screens in disbelief, a bit too young to realize the gravity of what had just happened. I remember coming home from school, and my family and I continued to watch the news all evening.

Normally, I have a horrible memory. It's not uncommon for someone to ask me if I've seen a particular show or movie, and even if I have seen it, I don't necessarily remember it. Even though I was pretty young at the time, I do still remember what I was doing and where I was on Sept. 11, 2001.

We received so many notes from our readers about what they were doing that day. Some were traveling at the time; some knew a person who lived near the attacks; and some lived the horrors firsthand.

When I first read White Bear Lake resident Brooke Hennessey's story, I had goosebumps over every inch of my body. Twenty-five years ago, she was a college student living blocks away from the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan. She relives the memory and describes the scene so well I can picture every detail she described.

She asks, "Have you ever gone through something that changed you? Something that split your life in two?" Although I can't relate to her experience on 9/11, I have experienced an event that I think of that way — the loss of my dad in my early 20s. When I think back about my life, I think about before he died and after he died.

Brooke also talks about her experience with post-traumatic stress disorder, specifically survivor's remorse. A line that really stuck with me was the "quiet version" of PTSD: "The version where you get up every day, go to work, smile and carry a weight no one can see." I also loved that she pointed out that pain is not a competition and you don't have to compare it.

Brooke's story is one of resilience, and I know it will inspire others who are going through tough situations.

Thank you to Brooke and all our readers who took the time to share their hearts with us and open up about a day that might still be hard to talk about, even all of these years later. We appreciate you, and you have made a difference in the lives of everyone reading this week's issue.

Shannon is the managing editor at Press Publications.



Get to know the community foundation

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Movers & Shakers

Maria Nelson

as that connection point, channeling local generosity into grants that fund important community projects and programs. As the foundation continues its mission of enriching life in Shoreview, it is also encouraging residents to volunteer, participate and become part of the community's ongoing story.

Founded in 2008 by several Shoreview residents, the foundation's goal is to support projects and programs that benefit the residents of the city. The foundation provides grants to nonprofit and governmental organizations working to make Shoreview a stronger, more vibrant community.

Our mission is straightforward: to maintain, enhance and enrich the quality of life in Shoreview by supporting initiatives that have a positive impact on residents. Through charitable contributions and community partnerships, SCF helps turn local ideas into reality.

Recognizing that needs come more than once a year, the Shoreview Community Foundation made the change

to accept grant applications throughout the year, supporting a wide range of community-focused projects. Funding priorities include community crisis response programs (Rapid Relief Fund, Quincy Community Emergency Fund), arts and cultural initiatives (Programs at the Slice of Shoreview), recreational facilities such as parks and trails (Tunnel Mural — a collaboration with Gallery 96, Shoreview Bikes and Trails Committee, city of Shoreview, and the Ramsey County Watershed District), leadership development (supporting young entrepreneurs in our schools), human services (AED Park Project, in conjunction with the Arden Hills Shoreview Rotary Club and Rotary International), and historical preservation projects (Shoreview Historical Society). These are only a few of the many projects supported with SCF grants.

Community organizations interested in seeking funding can find grant application information and apply through the Shoreview Community Foundation website at shoreviewcommunityfoundation.org.

Getting Involved

The strength of Shoreview has always been its people. Whether through a charitable donation, a volunteer commitment or a grant that helps bring a community project or program to life, every contribution helps build a stronger, more connected city. As the Shoreview Community Foundation continues to invest in local initiatives and respond to evolving community needs, residents have a unique opportunity to be part of something lasting: a tradition of neigh-

bors helping neighbors and shaping the future of Shoreview together.

The Shoreview Community Foundation's impact begins with the generosity of local residents. Every donation, whether large or small, helps fund community projects, support local organizations, enhance parks and public spaces, and address emerging needs right here in Shoreview.

There are also opportunities to volunteer at events or become a Shoreview Community Foundation Advisory Board Member and Youth Member. For more information about grants, donations, volunteering or events, visit our website at shoreviewcommunityfoundation.org or email us at shoreviewcommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

You are invited

From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, the Shoreview Community Foundation will hold its first Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser and Family Fun Day at Bobby Thiesen Park. Tournament play will include all levels of experience. Register at shoreviewmn.gov/Parks-rec/Special-events. A registration fee will be charged to participate in the tournament.

The Family Fun Day is open to all. Join us for kite making (while supplies last) and flying, yard games, face painting and free pickleball lessons sponsored by the Shoreview Pickleball Club. There will also be food trucks on site.

Hope to see you soon!

Maria Nelson is the chair of the Shoreview Community Foundation.

SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY PRESS | ELECTION LETTER GUIDELINES

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- To submit a letter, email news@presspubs.com or mail/deliver it to Press Publications.

Gable Pines continues to ‘age magnificently’ 10 years in

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Boisterous laughter hits the ears long before one enters the casual pub room at Gable Pines senior living in Vadnais



Travis Anderson

Heights. A dozen men sit around a card table and at the bar enjoying cocktails and beer.

“If you had to (say) one thing you liked about Gable Pines, what would it be?” asked Director of Sales and Marketing Travis Anderson.

“The people — the residents and the staff,” said resident Dick Ottman as the room nodded in agreement.

“You could put it on the front page, and it would be full of the good things here,” resident Pat McGlone added.

A fairy-garden diorama detailed with seasonally themed architecture, a movie theater lined with pictures of vintage stars, a fitness center seated with a circle of yoga chairs — Gable Pines features rooms and amenities designed to keep residents active in a group setting.

“This is the residents’ home,” said Anderson. “We’re just facilitating it for them, helping them be at home.”

In the 10 years since Gable Pines opened its doors, it’s won Press Publications’ contest Best Of Assisted Living category twice and is a five-time finalist. Anderson believes that this continued excellence comes from listening to residents’ concerns and adjusting to their needs.

“One of the things our residents get the opportunity to do every month is talk with our culinary director,” Anderson said. “The residents also

have town hall, where they get together with our executive director monthly to do the same thing, not just about food. They talk about the building as a whole ... You have a problem? Let’s get it solved. You have something you don’t like, let’s fix it.”

Another reason Anderson believes residents enjoy Gable Pines is because of creative activities that keep seniors’ bodies and minds sharp. This includes the SPARK Performance League, in which residents can represent Gable Pines in radio-controlled robot soccer, team trivia and grip-strength games, then see how their scores match up against other senior living facilities.

Anderson added that Gable Pines also has in-house primary care and urgent care.

“(These are) ways to be more proactive and get ahead of things,” Anderson said. “Start with the small things and get them taken care of while you’re at home, without even leaving your apartment. Deal with it there, so you don’t have to go to the hospital.”

Though Gable Pines works to minimize medical trips, Anderson said that many residents are out day-to-day in the community. Many still drive cars, and some still work jobs.

“We have a full continuum of cares,” Anderson said. “Somebody could move in here, independent, and transition to assisted (living) as they need a little bit more help, and, hopefully not, but if the time ever comes when they do need dementia-specific care ... we also have a memory support wing here as well.”

All residents and staff as well as their families and the community at large are invited to a 10th anniversary celebration from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. The event will feature live music, ice cream and a petting zoo.

When asked what 10 years means

to Gable Pines, Anderson said, “I think it’s just the beginning of our book, of our story. Hopefully, there’s many, many more years of us caring for people’s loved ones ... helping them stay healthy for as long as they can.”



LOGAN GION AND CONTRIBUTED

Gable Pines in Vadnais Heights is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Over the past decade, the senior living center has created a host of community activities for residents. A seasonally decorated fairy garden diorama (top) is one example.

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REGARDING A ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW P-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT AND A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO RECLASSIFY THREE PARCELS AT 4880 HODGSON ROAD (PID 133023240072), 5000 HODGSON ROAD (PID 133023220005) AND 5050 HODGSON ROAD (PID 123023330006) AS P-PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of North Oaks will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, in the Community Room, 100 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, MN 55127, at its regularly scheduled meeting to consider an **application for a zoning ordinance text amendment to create a new public-institutional zoning district** and a zoning map amendment to reclassify the three properties located at **4880 Hodgson Road, 5000 Hodgson Road and 5050 Hodgson Road, North Oaks, MN 55217** to P-Public/Institutional.

- 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/82687819943>; or
 - 3) Submitting written public comments by emailing City Administrator Kevin Kress at kkress@northoaksmn.gov by September 17, 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 about remote participation opportunities, should be directed to City Administrator Kevin Kress at 651-792-7750.

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CITY OF NORTH OAKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR LAND ALTERATION FOR GRADING IN EXCESS OF 100 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL FOR PROPERTY AT 6 CHERRYWOOD CIRCLE

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CITY OF NORTH OAKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY MAPS 1, 16, AND 17 TO EXPAND THE MUNICIPAL URBAN SERVICE AREA FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14 RIDGE ROAD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City

of North Oaks will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026, in the Community Room, 100 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, MN 55127, at its regularly scheduled meeting to consider an **application for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to modify Maps 1, 16, and 17 to expand the Municipal Urban Service Area (MUSA) to allow for connection to public sanitary sewer** for a property located at **14 Ridge Road, North Oaks, MN 55217**.

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CITY OF SHOREVIEW
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that the City of Shoreview will hold a public hearing on its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) **at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2026**, at Shoreview City Hall. The public hearing will be held during the city council meeting scheduled that evening.

The SWPPP is part of the city’s permit that was prepared to meet the requirements of a federally mandated storm water permit program that is administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The overall goal of the program is to reduce the amount of sediment and pollution that enters surface waters.

The public hearing will include a presentation of a draft annual report that addresses each of the best management practices that make up the city’s SWPPP. Staff will also summarize goals and activities completed in 2025. Residents will be given an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the city’s SWPPP. A copy of the SWPPP is currently available for review in the engineering department at Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, and on the city’s website (www.shoreviewmn.gov).

For more information concerning this meeting, please contact Tom Wesolowski, public works director at (651) 490-4652.

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MOUNDS VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY, JUNE 16, 2026

Meetings take place at the District Center in Shoreview (4570 Victoria Street N). Complete minutes available upon request at the District Center.

Budget approved
The Board adopted the 2026-27 budget as presented by Superintendent Lennox and Paula Steele, director of finance. The fiscal year 2026-27 budget was developed based on assumptions provided by the School Board through several Board meetings and work sessions over the past six months. The proposed budgets represent the financial projections for the District for the general fund, nutrition services fund, community services fund, construction fund and debt service funds. The adopted budget can be viewed here.

Superintendent’s Evaluation
Board Vice Chair Shauna Bock summarized Superintendent Chris Lennox’s appraisal for the 2025-26 school year. She commended the Superintendent for demonstrating strong leadership during a year that included significant opportunities and challenges for the District. The Board consistently praised the Superintendent’s professionalism, strategic leadership, fiscal responsibility

and ability to navigate complex situations while maintaining focus on students, staff and district priorities.

Thank you

The Board accepted with appreciation gifts from Chris and Amanda Duffy, Kimberly Lockwood, Janie Hecht, Ann McRoy, Fidelity - Chris and Sarah Greene Giving Fund, AmericaOnline - Ryan Companies – Marie Barnum, Emily Glasgow, Blackbaud Land O’Lakes, Carley Foundry – Jordan Carley, Erin Derubeis, Faith Christian Reformed Church - Pastor Stout and Members, FICO, General Mills Foundation and Employee Matching, Sara and Dan Holmdahl, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Tim and Dana Masek, Mounds View Education Association, Presbyterian Church of the Way - Pastor David Parker and members, Shepherd of the Hills – Tashina Good, Susan and Timothy Slechta, St. Maron Church - Friends, The Hedman Connelly Fund, United Church of Christ New Brighton - Pastor Amy Wick Moore and UCCNB and James Zappia.

A look ahead

August 18, 7 p.m., regular meeting (6:30 p.m. comments to the Board)
Published one time in the Shoreview Press on September 8, 2026.

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ANOKA RAMSEY JUDICIAL DITCH #1, REPAIR REPORT & WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (WMD)

Please take notice that the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD), Drainage Authority for Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch #1 (ARJD#1), will hold a public hearing regarding the repair of ARJD#1 and the establishment of WMD charges to pay a portion of the cost of repairs of ARJD#1. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the City of Mounds View Council Chambers at 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN 55112. Remote monitoring will also be possible using Zoom. Contact ehurley@ricecreek.org for instructions. The repair report and proposed charges can be viewed at www.ricecreek.org Public Drainage System page or at the RCWD office, located at 4325 Pheasant Ridge Dr. NE, Suite 611 in Blaine. Comments can be directed to Tom Schmidt at tschmidt@ricecreek.org (preferred), or 763-398-3076, or by mail at the above address.

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Pursuant to Chapter 333, Minnesota Statutes; the undersigned, who is or will be conducting or transacting a commercial business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

1. The assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted is: Skinnyski
2. The street address of the principal place of business is or will be: 737 Forest Dale Rd
New Brighton MN 55112
3. The name and street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, including any corporation that may be conducting this business.
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New Brighton MN 55112

I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Dated: July 22, 2026

Signed: Bjorn Adelsman

Published two times in the Shoreview Press on August 25 and September 8, 2026.

RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

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

- On Aug. 16 in the 200 block of Lilac Lane, a 62-year-old man reported that someone stole the catalytic converter off his Toyota Highlander. The matter is under investigation.
- On Aug. 16 at the intersection of Cannon Avenue and Richmond Avenue, deputies responded to a report of a female lying on the side of the road. When they arrived, they spoke to the female, who said she was on the ground because she was emotional, and they arrested a 48-year-old man who was behind the wheel of a Chevrolet Impala for DWI after he performed poorly on standard field sobriety tests.
- On Aug. 17 in the 300 block of Bridge Street, a caller reported finding a bullet in her basement that was a relic of her husband's service in the National Guard and would like it to be disposed of. The bullet was collected and turned into the Property Room.
- On Aug. 18 at the intersection of County Road I West and Hamline Avenue N., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that went into the ditch.
- On Aug. 19 in the 4500 block of Victoria Street N., a 27-year-old woman reported that someone drove into and damaged the rear bumper of her Chevrolet Equinox before driving away. The matter is under investigation.
- On Aug. 19 at the intersection of Lexington Avenue N. and Red Fox Road, deputies issued a citation for driving after revocation to a 20-year-old man after he crashed the Jeep Liberty he was driving into a Honda Passport driven by a 79-year-old man.
- On Aug. 19 in the 4700 block of Hodgson Road, a 78-year-old man reported finding a bicycle outside an apartment complex that had been there for days. The bicycle was collected and turned into the Property Room.
- On Aug. 19 in the 5500 block of Knoll Drive, a 32-year-old man reported the theft of his wallet, which he'd left in the center console of his Jeep Cherokee while he was working out in gym. The incident is under investigation.
- On Aug. 21 in the 5500 block of Donegal Drive, a 70-year-old woman called and complained about a neighbor's dog, which she said barked a lot.

- On Aug. 21 in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North, deputies responded to Target after a report of a man attempting to steal merchandise from the store. The suspect was gone when deputies arrived.
- On Aug. 22 in the 900 block of Cannon Avenue, deputies issued parking citations to the owners of three vehicles that were parked in marked no-parking areas.
- On Aug. 22 in the 3500 block of Owasso Street, a 27-year-old man reported that his cat was stolen. He suspects furniture movers who were in his home before the pet went missing. The matter is under investigation.
- On Aug. 22 in the 4100 block of Lexington Avenue North, a 32-year-old man reported the theft of two Amazon packages. The incident is under investigation.
- On Aug. 23 at the intersection of Tanglewood Drive and Victoria Street N., a deputy responded to a report of a crash involving a BMW 14 and a Honda Civic, confirmed there were no injuries, facilitated the exchange of information, and made sure the street was clear.
- On Aug. 23 in the 3400 block of Rice Street, deputies arrested a 23-year-old man from Minneapolis for DWI after locating him in the front seat of an Infiniti QX80 in front of a Holiday gas station. The vehicle was running, taking up several parking spaces and had what appeared to be fresh damage. The deputy also noticed fresh vomit outside the driver's door and a strong order of alcohol in the air. The business had been closed for several hours. After waking the man, he claimed his girlfriend had driven him to the store, then he performed poorly on standard field sobriety tests.
- On Aug. 23 in the 3400 block of Rice Street, deputies issued a trespass notice to a 52-year-old man after the manager of a Holiday gas station told them he walked into the store wrapped in a blanket, filled his pockets with candy bars and other merchandise, then walked out the front door without paying. The manager requested the notice be issued.
- On Aug. 23 in the 4100 block of Lexington Avenue N., deputies responded to a report of a 19-year-old man from St. Paul convincing an

- 18-year-old man from Shoreview to open a bank account, which the older man later used to steal \$1,000 from the younger man, who he'd met through "mutual friends." The incident is under investigation.
- On Aug. 24 in the 400 block of County Road J West, deputies arrested a 38-year-old man from McGregor, Minnesota, for criminal damage to property after responding to a report that the man threw an object through a house's window. After interviewing the victims, deputies located the suspect nearby and placed him under arrest.
- On Aug. 24 in the 5900 block of Lexington Avenue N., deputies recovered an abandoned bicycle and placed it into evidence for safekeeping.
- On Aug. 24 in the 800 block of Highway 96 West, deputies cited an 82-year-old man from White Bear Township for failure to drive with proof of insurance.
- On Aug. 26 at the intersection of Hodgson Road and Village Center Drive, a deputy responded to a report of a crash involving a Lexus EX and a Saturn Ion, confirmed there were no injuries, facilitated the exchange of information, and made sure the street was clear.
- On Aug. 26 in the 300 block of N. Owasso Boulevard, deputies responded to a possible gun-pointing incident and learned that it turned out to be teenagers playing with airsoft guns.
- On Aug. 27 near Hodgson Road, deputies issued a citation for fifth-degree assault to a 64-year-old man after being dispatched to a report that he punched his 62-year-old neighbor in the face. After interviewing both men, the citation was issued.
- On Aug. 27 in the 300 block of Horseshoe Drive E., deputies recovered a small black purse found in a park by a woman using a bench. The matter is under investigation.
- On Aug. 27 in the 700 block of County Road F West, deputies responded to an in-progress theft, gathered information about the suspect and issued a metro alert to other law enforcement agencies. The incident is under investigation.
- On Aug. 28 in the 800 block of County Road E West, deputies issued a citation for failure to stop for a steady red arrow signal to a 63-year-old man.

SCHOOL BRIEF

Minnesota schools implement cardiac emergency plans

Minnesota schools are implementing new cardiac emergency response plans for the 2026-27 school year under a law passed by the Legislature in 2025 with bipartisan support.

The plans require schools to establish written procedures for responding to cardiac emergencies, including activating emergency medical services, starting CPR and using an automated external defibrillator. The American Heart

Association, which supported the legislation, said more than 23,000 children younger than 18 experience cardiac arrest outside a hospital each year in the United States. Immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival.

"Every second matters when someone suffers a cardiac arrest," said Dr. Robin Germany, American Heart Association board president for Minnesota. "Cardiac emergency response plans help schools prepare before an emergency happens so staff can

respond quickly and confidently."

The plans also identify response-team roles, ensure emergency equipment is accessible and encourage regular drills. The effort is particularly important for schools with athletic programs, as cardiac arrest is the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes. The association continues to advocate for CPR and AED training for all coaches and assistant coaches.

More information is available online at HeartPowered.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

U.S. Army holds public Restoration Advisory Board meeting

The U.S. Army will hold a Restoration Advisory Board meeting regarding cleanup projects on the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant property from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Arden Hills Army Training Site, 4761 Hamline Ave. N., Arden Hills. Attendees may also join via Microsoft Teams. For more information, visit tcaaprab.org/rab-meetings/#tcaapRAB or email thomas.p.toudouze2.civ@army.mil.

Shoreview Community Foundation
Pickleball Tournament & Family Fun Day

The Shoreview Community Foundation invites the community to join us for a day of fun, fitness, and connection at the **Pickleball Tournament & Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at Bobby Theisen Park.

The pickleball tournament is open to players of all skill levels. **Registration is \$35 per player** and can be completed through the **Shoreview Community Center website**. Tournament proceeds will support the Shoreview Community Foundation's efforts to enhance and strengthen our community.

Family Fun Day is open to the public, with activities and games for all ages. We will also have a pickleball clinic from 12 pm to 2 pm for anyone who wants to learn the game!

Whether you're competing on the courts or enjoying the festivities with family and friends, come be part of this exciting community event. Questions? Email us at shoreviewcommunityfoundation@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about the Shoreview Community Foundation and its community initiatives, please visit our website shoreviewcommunityfoundation.org. The Shoreview Community Foundation is an affiliate of Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. Tax ID #41-6031510



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UPCOMING EVENTS		
September 1: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 1: Bingo	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 2: Live Music: Tim Cheesebrow	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 2: Cribbage Tournament	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 3: Nick Hensley	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 4: Dixieland Pickup Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 5: Froggy Martian Boys	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 5: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 5: VIP – Vine to Bottle tasting tour	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Two Silo
A Behind the scene experience		
September 5: VIP – Pappouli’s	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Two Silo
Wine tasting experience		
September 6: Live Music: Gary LaRue	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 6: Yacht Rock Party with DJ Matt	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 6: Music: Prairie Anthem	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 6: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 6: Live Music in the Vines	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Two Silo
Pete Kavanaugh		
September 8: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 8: Trivia with Ryan	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 9: Live Music: Mike Bustin	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 10: Trivia Night	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 12: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM & 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 12: VIP – Vine to Bottle tasting tour	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Two Silo
A Behind the scene experience		
September 12: VIP – Pappouli’s	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Two Silo
Wine tasting experience		
September 13: Live Music: Michael August	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 13: Acoustic Sunday	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 13: Crystal and Rock Bazaar	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Grounded in Nature:	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
A Sound Bath at the Winery		
September 13: Music: Flannel Brothers	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Live Music in the Vines – Mia Dorr	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Two Silo
September 13: Boozy Book Festival	12-4pm	Big Wood Brewery
September 13: Packers vs Vikings	3:25pm	Big Wood Brewery
September 15: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 15: Bingo	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 16: Cribbage Tournament	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 17: Summer Artisans’ Market	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 19: Grape Stomp Festival	Open Hours	Dancing Dragonfly
September 19: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 19: VIP – Vine to Bottle tasting tour	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Two Silo
A Behind the scene experience		
September 19: VIP – Pappouli’s	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Two Silo
Wine tasting experience		
Septmber 19: Above Average Tuba Quartet	6:00 PM – 9:00PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 20: Live Music: Dueling Pianos	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 20: Live Music in the Vines – Mark Perkins	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Two Silo
September 22: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 22: Trivia with Ryan	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 23: Live Music: Becky Rae Dalton	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 24: Trivia Night	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 25: Art at the Winery	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 25-26: Oktimberfest	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 26: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 & 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 26: VIP – Vine to Bottle tasting tour	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Two Silo
A Behind the scene experience		
September 26: VIP – Pappouli’s	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Two Silo
Wine tasting experience		
September 27: Acoustic Sunday	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 27: Music: Barstool Bandits	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 27: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 27: Live Music in the Vines – Crimson Roots	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Two Silo
September 29: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 29: Bingo	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 30: Live Music: Josh Quinn	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 30: Cribbage Tournament	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 30: Monthly Book Club	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Rustic Roots Winery

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BROOKE HENNESSEY: Sept. 11 witness discusses survivor’s remorse

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PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

A view of Lower Manhattan at about 8:30 a.m. before the planes hit on Sept. 11, 2001. The apartment Brooke Hennessey was living in at the time is circled.

and sing. I would create characters and practice them in front of the mirror.

At 17, I booked my first feature film, “Drop Dead Gorgeous.” I was a junior in high school, standing on a set next to some of the biggest names in Hollywood, thinking, this is where I belong. When I got accepted to my dream school, NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, I thought the universe had laid out the red carpet.

In the fall of 2001, I had just started my junior year at NYU. I was living on the 22nd floor of a building on Water Street, just blocks from the World Trade Center. On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 11, I woke up at 6 a.m. to do laundry. I planned to go for a run but for some reason, decided to crawl back into bed. Not long after, my phone rang. It was my friend Greg. He lived in the same building.

He said, “Look out the window and turn on the TV. I’m coming up to get you.” I walked to my window; it faced north and saw the first tower engulfed in clouds of smoke. On the television, anchors’ voices cracked as they tried to make sense of what none of us could believe. Greg arrived, and we stood there together, watching in silence. I remember whispering, “It’s going to fall.” And moments later, it did. At that point, I knew everyone was dead. It was the closest thing to being on a battlefield, without enlisting.

The building we were in shook. Everything went black. Smoke and rubble rushed toward us, and blew our industrial windows open. Alarms blared. I grabbed my keys, my cell phone, and a fifty-dollar bill. I ran down 22 flights of stairs in flip-flops past students screaming, “Get out!” Campus security was tearing bed sheets into strips and dipping them in water, handing them out. “Put this over your mouth and walk north or over the Brooklyn Bridge.” I pressed that damp sheet to my face. People wandered aimlessly, holding cell phones in the air, trying to find service. We clustered around parked cars, listening to the radio for direction that never came.

Dan’s story

I was a captain at Northwest Airlines at that time. I was in training in the classroom, but I was off on 9/11. I was driving out to Richfield when my wife called. “Hey, a plane crashed into the Trade Center.”

I thought, OK, that happens, thinking it’s a little seven or something. Then, she calls me back. She goes, “Another plane crashed.” Then, she calls a third time and says, “We’re at war. You have to come home.”

So I turned around, and what I noticed was all these planes lined up to land at Minneapolis Airport, with paint jobs I’ve seen around the world, but I never saw in Minneapolis because everybody was ordered to land at the nearest airport. So, I’m seeing Korean Air, China Air — all kinds.

After that day, what totally changed is the way we deal with hijackers.

We were trained to cooperate with hijackers. Back in the day, so many were trying to make a political statement or show off to a girlfriend. Ultimately, you flew to Havana, Cuba. You let them in the cockpit. We literally were taught how to pull circuit breakers to make it look like we didn’t have enough fuel to make it to Havana. And you talk the hijacker into landing the plane in Tampa or Miami — “We’ll never make it to Havana!”

What changed with 9/11 was, now, the hijackers are essentially killing the crew and using the airplane as a weapon.

Dan Ashbach
Arden Hills

We decided to walk north. I didn’t know anyone in Brooklyn, and I was panicked. I was in my pajamas, clutching my phone and my keys. As we walked, we passed Chinatown, Little Italy, and Soho. The smell of gas hung in the air, sharp and terrifying. The collapse of the WTC had set off explosions throughout the city. People were panicked and started pushing one another. I didn’t know which direction to run and was scared to run into one of those explosions.

Then I remembered I had my keys to the tanning salon on Bleeker Street where I worked in Greenwich Village. That small thought, “I have keys,” felt like a lifeline. I sprinted through the streets, fumbling with my keys, banging on the door. The owner, James, let me in. And for that moment, I felt safe. That salon became my shelter. Over the next week, I floated from place to place, trying to find somewhere to sleep. Nyack, Chinatown, a dorm room, a couch, sometimes a tanning bed. I made a blanket out of hand towels and mailing tape in the tanning salon. It was heavy, and it was warm. I borrowed clothes from friends.

My parents were desperate to reach me, but no one could get in or out of Manhattan. They asked what I needed. I said, “Sneakers.” That might sound strange, but jogging was the only thing that made me feel human again. They mailed me care packages with sneakers and snacks, and I held onto that \$50 bill for dear life. I didn’t know when I was going to return to my dorm room, so I didn’t want to spend my cash. I would walk to Radio Shack and ask to use a phone charger to charge up my phone for the day.

When NYU finally found us housing at the Sheraton Hotel in Times Square, it felt surreal. A full week had gone by. They gave us \$300 to buy clothes, which does not buy you much in Manhattan. The weather was turning cold too, and I needed warm clothes. For a while, the Sheraton became home. I became friends with the concierge behind the desk, and they allowed me to access the continental breakfast. So, I would run in the gym every morning just to outrun the anxiety. I’d head up to the breakfast, eat and then take the complimentary apples and oranges from breakfast. I would grab a New York Times, roll it up and stuff the newspaper full of fruit, and that’s what I ate for the remainder of the day. It wasn’t glamorous. It wasn’t brave. It was survival.

Have you ever gone through something that changed you? Something that split your life in two before and after? For me, 9/11 was that line. I started to second-guess everything. I was sitting at my dream school in acting studio and contemplating the meaning of life. How was I sitting in class memorizing a monologue, when New Yorkers were digging through rubble looking for bodies? It felt foolish. I was so depressed and felt like I wasn’t deserving of feeling that way because I was fine.

When I finally returned to my apartment weeks later, I found my laundry still hanging on the drying rack, my computer still on my desk, but some things were missing. Cash. Jewelry. My camera. The environmentalist that was sent to clean out our refrigerators and check for asbestos had looted us.

I remember riding the subway again for the first time under the WTC. The train was silent. Everyone just stared straight ahead. You could feel the grief in the air. When firefighters got on, they smelled of burnt rubber. I wondered who they’d lost that day, what they’d seen, what they’d carried home in their hearts. The subway walls were plastered with missing person posters, thousands of them. Faces of mothers, fathers, sons, daughters. There wasn’t enough wall space for all the people who never came home.

When I left New York that Christmas, I looked out the taxi window as we crossed the Brooklyn Bridge, and I sobbed. The skyline was broken. The world I loved was changed forever. For a long time, I didn’t talk about it. When people asked, I’d change the subject. I told myself, “You weren’t in the towers. You’re



Twenty-five years later, Brooke Hennessey continues to work through what she experienced. She has had to deal with “survivor’s remorse,” a symptom of post-traumatic stress disorder, where one feels an overwhelming guilt for surviving a traumatic event when others did not.

fine. You have no right to be sad.” But inside, I wasn’t fine. I carried this quiet guilt, for surviving when so many didn’t.

There’s a name for that ... survivor’s remorse. It’s a symptom of PTSD, but back then, I didn’t know that. I just thought I needed to “get over it.” If you’ve ever felt that, the guilt of being okay when others aren’t, please hear me: it doesn’t mean you’re broken. It means you’re human. For years, I pushed everything down. I didn’t want to burden anyone. I didn’t want to be broken or a victim. I wanted to keep moving, keep achieving, keep performing. But silence is heavy.

Thank God we talk about PTSD more now. But what we don’t talk about enough is the quiet version ... the version where you get up every day, go to work, smile and carry a weight no one can see. Millions carry their story alone. I was one of them. But here’s the beautiful part of my story

Before 9/11 ... before the chaos, before the fear, before the numbness that followed, I was an actress. A storyteller. A girl with unstoppable confidence, BIG dreams and a fire to bring characters to life. And even though my path was derailed, even though trauma knocked me sideways, that little girl with the loud voice and the big dream never fully went away. Today, I am a wine professional and voice-over actress. Both allow me to tell stories for a living. It reminded me that even broken voices can speak truth, even shaken voices can carry power, even quiet voices deserve to be heard.

My grandfather was a World War II veteran. Growing up, I remember the way he told his stories, not to glorify, not to dramatize, but to remember. To honor the people who didn’t come home. To pass truth down to the next generation. To make sure nothing important was ever forgotten.

That’s what I believe about 9/11. That’s what I believe about all moments that shake the world. We must tell our stories. Even the painful ones. Especially the painful ones. Because when we don’t talk about what we survived, the memories don’t disappear, they bury themselves deeper. And the people who lived the stories vanish twice.

When my oldest son turned 6, I sat him down and shared my story. He listened and then said, “So I might not have been here today.” That response was unexpected but very true. How wise he was in his younger years.

Every year on the anniversary of 9/11, we hear people say: “Everyone remembers where they were when the towers fell.” And I believe the anniversary is a day for ALL of us, survivors, witnesses, the entire country to tell that story. To pass it down to our children. To share it with the next generation, so they understand the weight, the resilience, the unity that came after.

We honor by remembering. We heal by speaking. We connect by sharing our stories in honor of the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters who vanished. The first responders who ran toward danger. The firefighters who climbed stairs they knew they might never climb down. The police officers, EMTs, volun-

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teers and everyday heroes. The people we never got to meet, but who remain part of who we are as a nation. May their courage and their memory continue to guide us.

If there is one thing I want you to take away from my story, it's this ... You don't have to earn your pain. You don't have to compare it. You don't have to justify it. You don't need permission to feel it or to heal from it. Trauma looks different on everyone. But healing begins the same way, with a single, brave decision to speak.

For years, I believed I wasn't "worthy" of being sad. I believed others had lost more, suffered more. But pain is not a competition. And surviving does not make you weak. It makes you responsible. Telling my story today is part of my healing and part of my purpose. Part of how I honor those who didn't get the chance to speak for themselves. If sharing my story helps even one person feel seen, feel understood, feel less alone, then it's a win.

So, I ask you: What story have you been afraid to tell? What truth have you carried alone?

Who in your life needs to hear it? To learn from it? To feel less alone because of it? Because your story, just like mine, is part of someone else's survival.

Brooke Hennessey has called White Bear Lake home for the past 15 years, where she lives with her husband, Joe, and their two sons, Hawkins, 12, and Hanks, 6. A proud hockey mom, Hennessey has also worked as a professional voice-over actor for 13 years and has spent her career in the wine industry, currently representing Crimson Wine Group. To learn more about Brooke and her voiceover work, visit BrookeVoice.com.



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Brooke Hennessey returned to New York to visit the 9/11 memorial and saw the Survivor Tree. The plaque reads, “The Callery pear tree stands distinct from the hundreds of swamp white oak trees. It was discovered amid the wreckage of the 9/11 attacks, its bark charred from fires at the site and many of its limbs reduces to stumps. Yet somehow, the tree still bearing leaves, showed signs of life.”

Annika's story

On 9/11/01 I was in ninth grade at Mounds Park Academy. I distinctly remember thinking on the drive to school about how nice of a day it was. It was sunny and just nice out. To this day I don't know why I was so observant of the weather. I was between French and English class when the first attack happened and in English when we started to notice some of the seniors running around the hallway announcing that something bad had happened. In my young adolescent mind, I knew this was big and I knew it was horrible. I still don't think that at that time I was fully able to really process what a historic event this was. How could this possibly happen in the U.S.? Am I really seeing this stuff on TV? Is this for real? But we're in Minnesota, like this stuff doesn't happen... Here I am 25 years later with a more educated and completely different and more compassionate understanding of 9/11 compared to my 14-year-old self at the time.

**Annika Callaghan
Shoreview**

Paul's story

I was getting my two kids ready for child care when my wife called from work. She said a plane had hit the World Trade Center. My first thought was of a small private plane, not a massive passenger jet. I flipped on the TV and saw a live video of one tower with a smoke plume. My 3-year old daughter was coming back into the room so I turned it off quickly. After dropping them off, I drove home, thinking that just about everyone could get out of the building. Once I got home and turned on the TV again, it turned out to be much worse. One tower had fallen. The second one was on fire. The Pentagon was hit.

In addition to growing up in the Virginia suburbs outside Washington, D.C., in the '90s I also lived in Arlington, and we would take a bus to the Pentagon to catch the metro. My late grandfather had lived in Manhattan for decades and his wife still lived there. My sister and her husband were in New York City for a funeral a few days before. I had other family members in the D.C. area. I just started calling everyone to make sure they were safe, although it took a while because cell networks were overloaded. Everyone was fine, although my stepsister had gone right by the Pentagon after it was hit. My father and stepmother had flown to Europe from D.C. maybe 12 hours before the attack. I ended up faxing my dad's hotel

just letting him know everyone was OK.

The video was horrific. The images of people choosing to jump out of the World Trade Center will never leave me. First responders showed us their selflessness as they went into the buildings, most never to survive. For months afterward, we asked ourselves why people would do this. We've made a lot of mistakes in the response over the years, but that week, everyday Americans showed their generosity, love of country and compassion. May we never need to respond to something like that again.

**Paul Gardner
Shoreview**

Sandy's story

Although I heard about the initial attack on September 11, I was pulled away from the news for several hours and didn't realize at first how devastating it was. When I finally learned what had happened, I was horrified and frightened for our country and for all those whose lives had been changed forever. Knowing that Tom Burnett, one of the passengers on Flight 93, was from Minnesota and that I knew his family made it especially personal and heartbreaking. I felt tremendous sadness but also anger that so many innocent people had been killed in this terrible act of terrorism. At the same time, I was deeply moved by the courage, sacrifice and kindness people showed. Seeing our country come together during such a terrible time was incredibly heartwarming.

**Sandy Martin
Shoreview**

Susan's story

I was in college. I remember seeing about it on the news on TV in my apartment before I went to class. It was surreal. I called my mom. She was worried the Mall of America would be targeted. At class a lot of people were absent. The students who were there were very quiet. It was a big auditorium biology class. So, it felt strange. At the end our professor gave us an extension on our work and told us to go spend time with family if possible. I was 23. It was really eye opening for me. Wars and terrorists had only been things I'd seen in movies or some far away place that felt like it could never reach me. I had never felt unsafe before.

**Susan Berlien
Shoreview**

Sue's story

On the morning of the 9/11 attacks, I was driving to my office in Eagan. I was listening to the morning news on the radio when I heard the announcer say that a commercial jet had crashed into one of the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City. I remember wondering how that was possible. How could a commercial aircraft so suddenly fail? Did the pilots become incapacitated? When I heard the news about the second tower being hit, I remember crossing a railroad track adjacent to our building and feeling an ominous chill as I realized that this was not an accident. My sixth floor office had one wall of windows, and I saw frequent air traffic as our building was close to both the MSP International Airport and Holman Field in St. Paul. I will never forget the eerie emptiness of the skies and not seeing or hearing air traffic for several weeks. I remember the grief and fury we all felt for the tragic loss of life and at those who caused so many deaths of innocent people.

**Sue Denkinger
Shoreview**

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North Oaks golfer makes splash at 3M Open

BY ANDREA SWENSSON
NORTH OAKS NEWS

“I grew up on the third hole,” Muzzy Donohue says, reminiscing about his childhood growing up in a home that bordered the North Oaks Golf Club. That upbringing overlooking the greens had an impact on him; after years of pursuing golf as a passion, and then a collegiate focus, the 25-year-old North Oaks native has gone pro with a gusto this summer.

Donohue first turned heads at the Minnesota Open in early July, where he finished 22-under to win the tournament. His victory caught the eye of the executive director of the 3M Open, Hollis Cavner, who invited Donohue to interview for a slot on the PGA Tour stop in late July.

Donohue’s visit to Cavner’s office turned out to be more than just an interview. In a heart-warming moment that went viral online, the 3M Open director slid a box across the table to the young player that contained a caddy shirt for the tournament and asked, “Do you have someone that could wear that and can you play in the 3M Open?”

“That was awesome. That was sick,” Donohue says. “Opening that box and seeing the caddy vest was sweet. It’s hard to put words to the emotions.”

His entrance into the PGA Tour came at a bittersweet time. Just days before getting the invitation to play the 3M Open, Donohue’s grandmother, Marcey Johnston, passed away.

“I think it gave me a little bit of perspective and helped me through the week, because it’s showed me that life isn’t all about golf — and that family and relationships are more important than that. Regardless of how I did on the course, I knew my family would still support me and be there



CELINE DONOHUE | CONTRIBUTED

As a child, Muzzy Donohue grew up playing at the North Oaks Golf Club.

for me.”

The son of longtime residents Morgan and Celine Donohue, Muzzy speaks with a seriousness about his golf dreams. After growing up on the third hole, his family moved over to the 10th hole of the course, and he says he started sneaking out onto the course around age 10 to play the same couple of holes on a loop before sunset. Donohue attended St. Thomas Academy, where he played both hockey and golf, and then refined his passion at Boston College.

“I decided to put my head down and work hard at it,” he says, “and I’ve been going at it ever since.” Donohue estimates that he spends about six hours a day at Sea Island in Saint Simon, Georgia, where he now lives, averaging about 30 to 40 hours of play each week.

He wonders if sometimes he practices too much. “If you get on the range for three hours, then it’s super easy to go down a few rabbit holes and make your swing worse than when you started,” he says, shaking his head.

Donohue said that once players get to the pro level, it becomes as much a mental activity in focus and positivity as it is an exercise of technical skill. At his recent tournaments, he was joined on the course by

his cousin, Harrison, who caddied for him at both the Minnesota Open and the 3M Open. “He keeps me pretty chill and keeps my mind off golf, which helps me because I can overanalyze a bit.”

Has returning to his home state helped him to level up this summer? He says it just might have. “Maybe sleeping in my own bed and having my parents make me breakfast in the morning helps, too,” he said, smiling.

While home in North Oaks, Donohue took time to visit the Junior Club Championship at the North Oaks Golf Club and talk to the young players about his experiences. “That was a nice full-circle moment,” he says. “It’s a great community. I think at some point I would like to move back here and maybe raise a family in North Oaks, too.”

In the meantime, he’s hoping to qualify for more PGA Tour stops and to take a little bit of his own advice: “I think the biggest piece of advice I gave the junior golfers was just have fun. Try not to take it too seriously. It’s just a game — it’s not life or death,” he concludes. “If you don’t play your best but still enjoy being out there, that’s where I think you can really flourish and continue to grow.”

Mustangs fall to Lakeville South 28-21 in grid opener

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Unable to stop Lakeville South’s running game, Mounds View lost the season opener 28-21 at home Thursday evening.

The Mustangs, behind quarterback Tanner Jude, kept the score close. Tanner completed 14 of 20 passes for 113 yards and ran 13 times for 73 yards. He threw a 21-yard touchdown to Jordan Hvistendahl and scored on a one-yard sneak. The Mustangs also got a kickoff return touchdown from Jack Holmes.

Case Wassink caught four passes for

50 yards, and Hvistendahl, six, for 42 yards. Connor Jude rushed 12 times for 47 yards.

Tanner was intercepted twice, both by Sakifarah Hashi.

Lakeville South rushed for 379 yards, highlighted by Jeremiah Lebby’s 83-yard touchdown. Griffen Dean carried 17 times for 166 yards; Lebby, 10 times for 117 yards; and Theodore Hilliard, four times for 91 yards, each with one touchdown. Lakeville South also had a 15-yard touchdown pass from Grant Meyer to Zach Farah.

Mounds View journeys to Roseville Area in week two next Friday.

SPORTS BRIEF

BOYS SOCCER

The Centennial boys have allowed just one goal in three games, posting a 2-0-1 record. The Cougars beat White Bear Lake in their opener last week, tied Armstrong 1-1 Monday and beat Park Center 1-0 on Wednesday.



JON NAMYST | CONTRIBUTED

Ava Myers of the Mustangs blasted the ball downfield during their win over Hill-Murray.

GIRLS SOCCER

Centennial lost to Maple Grove 2-1 on Saturday with Dara Akpan scoring, assisted by Lydia Parker, then tied Stillwater 1-1 on Monday. Bri Stuckey scored with an assist from Aubrey Frost. The Cougars are 0-2-1.

TENNIS

The Cougars beat Park Center 7-0 Tuesday, with wins by Ashlin Kilmer,

Medha Andiappan, Radha Andiappan, Jenny Hyser, Ella Nelson/Hanah Lofren, Ellen Huseh/Kendall Innes and Amelya Nelson/Caitlyn Setterholm. The Cougars are 3-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference. Kilmer, a sophomore, is 5-3. Lofgren/Nelson, juniors, are 6-1.

Editor’s note: Due to early deadlines this week for Labor Day, action from Thursday, Sept. 3, and Friday, Sept. 4, will appear in next week’s paper. See write-ups online at presspubs.com/shoreview/sports.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Maki
Mounds View Swimming

Sept. 8, 2026



Lauren Maki, Mounds View junior swimmer, had an excellent season opener as she anchored two Mustang victories in the Suburban East Relays on Aug. 27. Maki is expected to be a team leader after scoring points in three events at the 2025 state meet: 12th in the 100 freestyle, 13th in the 50 freestyle and 10th in the medley relay.

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FOOTBALL

The Mustangs will try to improve on last year's 5-5 season using a team blessed with some speed.

"We are not physically a huge team, but we have a group of athletic kids that can move well," coach Aaron Moberg said. "On defense, we should be tough to block up front. On offense, we have a group of linemen who can run well. We want to be able to run the ball to open up the pass ... I like the athletes we will be able to use on our special (teams) unit."

Tanner Jude, a receiver last year (31 catches, 341 yards), will be throwing rather than catching the ball this year, taking over as quarterback. "(He's) an absolute gamer who can be explosive on the ground and through the air," Moberg said.

Jude will have a couple big targets in 6-foot-5 Case Wassink, a returning starter with excellent ball skills, and Max Hoerneman, a 6-foot-3, 220-pound tight end who played tackle last year. A ball-carrier to watch is fleet sophomore Connor Jude.

Jack Frye, a returning line starter, has bulked up by 40 pounds and transformed into an elite offensive lineman, Moberg noted.

SCHEDULE

Sept.11 — at Roseville, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 — Maple Grove, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25 — at Stillwater, 7 p.m.
Oct. 2 — East Ridge, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9 — Woodbury, 7 p.m.
Oct. 14 — at Forest Lake, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 — at White Bear Lake, 7 p.m.

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TENNIS//GIRLS

Mounds View is a perennial Top Five team in the state and should be again this year while pursuing their ninth straight title in both Suburban East and Section 4AA.

Returning starters are seniors Stella Fagerlee, Audrey Halverson, Saina Makin and Sofia Kostinovski; juniors Reese Wahlstrand, Mikenna Peloquin, Nora Tilstra and Sonam Bhaskar; and

sophomore Julia Choi.

Wahlstrand moves up to No. 1 after playing behind her sister Rory for four years. The siblings were state doubles champs in 2024 and state runners-up last year.

"We are a senior team with many players having multiple years of varsity experience," coach Scott Sundstrom said. "We are also deep, a lot of strong players on the team. We will be a top five ranked team.

Sept. 8 — Stillwater, 4 p.m.
Sept. 9 — Edina, 4 p.m.
Sept. 10 — at Forest Lake, 4 p.m.
Sept. 14 — at Wayzata, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 — Park, Cottage Grove, 4 p.m.
Sept. 17 — at East Ridge, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 — Woodbury, 4 p.m.
Sept. 24 — at Irondale, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 — Edina Invitational, 9 a.m.
Sept. 29 — White Bear Lake, 4 p.m.
Sept. 30 — Maple Grove, 4 p.m.

MUSTANGS //
MOUNDS VIEW
VOLLEYBALL//GIRLS

Mounds View returns five starters from a 14-17 team (2-7 in conference). They are seniors Lana Wymer (middle/outside hitter), Annika Johnson (libero), Stella Sperr (defensive specialist) and Alyssa Gaynor (middle hitter), and sophomore Abby Hruby (right side hitter).

"Our strengths will be an aggressive attack, big block, multiple players who can finish plays and tough serves," assessed coach Tom Weko. "We looked good in our scrimmage without two starters. We are expecting to be contenders."

SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 — at Spring Lake Park, 7 p.m.
Sept. 11-12 — Aerie Challenge at Apple Valley, 5 p.m. Sept. 11 and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 12
Sept. 16 — at Concordia Academy, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 — Woodbury, 7 p.m.
Sept. 22 — at Roseville, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 — Irondale, 7 p.m.
Sept. 29 — at Stillwater, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 — Park, Cottage Grove, 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 — at Cretin-Derham Hall, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 — East Ridge, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9-10 — St. Michael-Albertville Fall Classic, 5 p.m. Oct. 9 and 8 a.m. Oct. 10
Oct. 13 — White Bear Lake, 7 p.m.

MUSTANGS //
MOUNDS VIEW
SOCCER//GIRLS

Three of six all-conference players return from a 10-7-3 season (5-3-1 in conference). They are senior defender Molly Nystrom, junior midfielder Ida Wynn and junior defender Ava Myers. Wynn was top scorer last year with nine goals and seven assists.

Other returning starters are seniors Taylor Whitehill (attacker), senior Tierney Morgan (attacker), and junior Hadley Bina (defender). Emily Bly, senior mid, is a returning starter but will miss the season due to a summer knee injury.

Coach John Pass said he likes what he's seen of the team for "soccer IQ, technical ability, decision making and possession."

SCHEDULE

Sept. 8 — Two Rivers, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 — White Bear Lake, 7 p.m.
Sept. 12 — at Centennial, noon
Sept. 15 — at Forest Lake, 5 p.m.
Sept. 17 — Woodbury, 5 p.m.
Sept. 22 — at Roseville, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 — Irondale, 7 p.m.
Sept. 26 — at Prior Lake, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 29 — at Stillwater, 5 p.m.
Oct. 1 — Park, Cottage Grove, 5 p.m.
Oct. 6 — at Cretin-Derham Hall, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 — East Ridge, 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 — at Spring Lake Park, 11 a.m.

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MOUNDS VIEW
SOCCER//BOYS

Mounds View had four all-conference players, all of whom graduated, on last year's senior-dominated 10-8-1 team (5-3-1 conference).

"We graduated 20 seniors, so this year will be a very different team," coach Joseph Warren stated. "We will have a mix of guys who play at high levels for their respective clubs in the off-season. The trick will be to see how quickly we can gel and score a ton of goals."

Returning starters are senior captains Zach Hoyt, Ike Snider and Sean Dols, and junior Jacob Sosnouski.

Warren said he sees a "very talented group that will be fun to watch this season."

SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 — White Bear Lake, 5 p.m.
Sept. 12 — Minnetonka, 1 p.m.
Sept.15 — at Forest Lake, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 — Woodbury, 7 p.m.
Sept. 22 — at Roseville, 5 p.m.
Sept. 24 — Irondale, 5 p.m.
Sept. 26 — at Edina, 7 p.m.
Sept. 29 — at Stillwater, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 — Park, Cottage Grove, 7 p.m.
Oct. 3 — Park Center, 11 a.m.
Oct. 6 — at Cretin-Derham Hall, 5 p.m.
Oct. 8 — East Ridge, 5 p.m.
Oct. 10 — at Spring Lake Park, 1 p.m.

MUSTANGS //
MOUNDS VIEW
CROSS COUNTRY//BOYS

Always a big factor at conference, section and state, Mounds View was Section 5AAA champion and placed eighth at state last year, after a third-place finish in the strong Suburban East. Their top five in the section lineup return.

"We return with a strong frontrunner in Hunter Miller, but we also have great depth," coach Tom Wentworth stated. "I believe we have a dozen or so guys capable of running in our top seven at some point this season."

Miller, senior, is a returning all-state runner (19th place at state). Other returning starters are senior Andrew Richter (49th at state) and juniors Ben Russell, Ismaeel Ahmed, Sam Sparks and Charlie Altstatt.

"We have a lot of continuity from last year's group which lets us pick up where we left off," observed Wentworth.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 — Anoka Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 — Roy Griak Invitational, St. Paul, 9 a.m.
Sept. 30 — St. Michael-Albertville Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 — Lions Meet of Champions, Alexandria, 10 a.m.
Oct. 20 — SEC meet, Tanners Brook, Forest Lake, 4 p.m.

Six of Mounds View's top seven runners return from the 2025 team that won Section 5AAA, placed second in conference and sixth at the state meet. Forest Lake won the SEC and took fourth at state.

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CROSS COUNTRY//GIRLS

They are senior Linnea Ousdgian, Leah Marchek and Abigail Urriola, junior Cora Gentry, sophomore Emme Brodin and freshman Maddie Schmaltz. Ousdgian was conference champion last year and placed sixth at state.

Four more returning letter winners are Emma Stupar, Lydia Anderson, Elizabeth Hartman, and Anika Robinson.

"We are ranked fourth in preseason," coach Jimmy McArthur noted. "It is too early (to tell), but we have a squad that could do well in November if we stay healthy, take care of one another and race hard for each other."

SCHEDULE

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MUSTANGS //
MOUNDS VIEW
SWIM AND DIVE//GIRLS

The Mustangs, coached by Chris Yauch, are gearing up for another strong season after last year's performance that included second place in the conference meet and sixth place in the state True-Team meet. Their graduation losses included a state champion (Ellie Bina).

Leading swimmers are juniors Kara Gorzek and Lauren Maki, and sophomores Riley Bury, all of whom scored points in the state meet last year. Those three as well as juniors Annika Schwartz and Adeline Peterson won events in this year's season-opening conference relays.

Zoey Butler, Berkeley Johnson, Ruby Waffensmith, Lanie Crego and Lucy Neiwert; sophomores Kelly Ward and Eleanor Bakken and freshmen Eloise Peterson and Eva Pearson.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 — Stillwater, 6 p.m.
Sept. 12 — at Blaine Invitational, 8 a.m.
Sept. 17 — Roseville, 6 p.m.
Sept. 24 — at East Ridge, 6 p.m.
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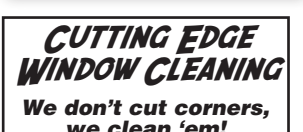


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St. Odilia’s Woodworkers Guild refurbishes a kayak for the live auction.

yard sale. “That’s going to be anything from junky junk that people are going to be cleaning out of their garages to a nice patio table and chairs,” Brokman said. This year’s highlighted auction item is a wooden kayak refurbished by the St. Odilia’s Woodworkers Guild.

Saturday will also see the Fall Festival’s first puzzle competition, during which teams of one to four members will put together a mystery 500-piece puzzle. Prizes await the first three finishing teams, but everyone will get to keep the commemorative puzzle.

Children can enjoy activities run by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts both Saturday and Sunday, including a cake walk, cherry tree and bottle blast. Plenty of inflatables will also be on-site. The “book nook” will also display over 5,000 gently used books, puzzles, games, CDs and DVDs.

Sunday’s festivities will end with a raffle for a quilt the St. Odilia quilters donated.

One might think that, with so many activities happening, Brokman and Derfus would not have time to enjoy the festival.

“It’s a lot of work for Trish and I until the festival,” Derfus said, “but Friday evening, once we get things set ... that night, for me, is the most relaxing.”

During the festival, both Derfus and Brokman are in awe of the time and talent the St. Odilia community donates.

“Anybody from the community can come,” Derfus said. “We love to see people from outside the church come because (the festival) shows that a church can be fun ... see that this is a lively vibrant community of people who care.”



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St. Odilia Catholic Church’s Fall Festival is an annual, three-day event run by parish volunteers. Those who run the games, cook elote corn, serve ice cream and perform on stage are all parish members.

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