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Lino Lakes firefighter receives first award of its kind

Brian Finke, assistant chief of operations for the Lino Lakes Fire Department, has been named the Tim Bertz Firefighter of the Year. The award was presented to Finke at the department's first-ever Awards and Commendations Ceremony, hosted by the Lino Lakes Volunteers in Public Safety. See more photos and a list of other recognitions on page 3.

Lexington temporarily partners with the SBM Fire Department

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The city of Lexington will temporarily be a part of the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department after entering into an interim fire service agreement.

According to the city, this transition marks an important step forward in continuing to provide high-quality, reliable fire and emergency services to Lexington residents.

"This partnership represents the next chapter in delivering exceptional fire service to our residents," SBM Fire Chief Dan Retka said. "By working together regionally, we can provide deeper resources, stronger staffing and faster, more

effective emergency response when it matters most."

Conversations about the possibility of the merger began around a month ago, according to Retka. He said SBM will provide administrative services to Lexington, with the goal of full implementation.

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Dan Retka
SBM Fire Chief

"We are going to keep running Lexington Fire (Department) as is, as of right now, just with different leadership, SBM, leading

it," Retka said. The partnership closely follows the recent transition of the Centennial Fire District — serving Centerville and Circle Pines — into SBM Fire (See "Centennial Fire District taking 'big step' to integrate with SBM," Quad Community Press, Sept. 2, 2025).

SEE **FIRE SERVICES**, PAGE 2

Final phase of Old Mill Estates in the works in Centerville

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

The third and final phase of development is in the works for the Old Mill Estates development. This third phase would be called Woods of Old Mill.

The concept plan proposed by Elmcrest Vistas LLC includes four single-family residential lots on approximately 6.5 acres, according to Centerville City Planner Nathan Fuerst. Old Mill Estates encompasses about 20 acres along Old Mill Road in Centerville and has been subdivided into two plats.

"Concept plan reviews are advisory. These are really helpful for us to have a discussion, ask questions and provide the developer with

feedback on their respective project," Fuerst said.

Approvals of the first two phases of development occurred in 2019 and 2020. Since then, Fuerst said the developer has refined plans for the final phase and brought it to the city's Planning and Zoning Commission in 2024 and 2025. As the commission now has several new members, the developer has asked to bring the concept back for review to ensure there is support prior to proceeding with formal approvals.

Fuerst said that based on his understanding, this would be the last addition of the development due to the presence of nearby wetlands.


"There is a pretty sizable wetland on the property, which is really driving the location of the home sites and it's also really driving the number of home sites proposed," he added.

The future land use category for the site, which is low-density residential, requires two to four units per acre. Fuerst explained since there are four units proposed for the 6.5 acres, it's about a gross density of less than one unit per acre.

"That being said, we can net out the unbuildable wetland areas. So, in future submittals the developer will have to calculate what the area of wetland on the property is so we can get an accurate calculation of net density, not gross density," he said.

Once those numbers are in front of the city, Fuerst said they would probably be seeing something that is compliant with the two to four units per acre.

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FIRE SERVICES: Contract to be negotiated in coming months

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These mergers are designed to enhance service delivery, improve response times and create long-term efficiencies through shared personnel and resources. The interim nature of the agreement will allow Lexington to evaluate long-term service delivery while immediately enhancing public safety capabilities.

For more than 70 years, the city of Lexington was served by the Lexington Fire Department. According to Lexington City Administrator Bill Petracek, the department's staff will remain in place, except for the fire chief, until the city and SBM can come to an

agreement on a permanent contract. Petracek said the contract will be negotiated over the next couple of months.

"Lexington has a long and proud history of fire service, and we are incredibly grateful to the generations of firefighters who built that tradition," Petracek said. "This transition allows us to honor that legacy while ensuring our residents receive the highest level of service going forward. We see this as a positive, forward-looking step for our entire community."

Retka said the integration of the Lexington Fire Department with SBM will be smooth due to how

close Lexington's station is to SBM Station No. 4, which is located approximately 2.5 miles away on Lever Street in Circle Pines.

Over the coming months, Retka said discussions between SBM and the city will continue to determine what full implementation of the Lexington Fire Department would entail.

"We want to make sure we honor the history of the Lexington Fire Department. They've got a strong history," he added. "We need to make sure that we're not ignoring what's currently in place, and what's been in place for 70-plus years. We've got to be smart about how we're doing this."

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Alaina Gnetz and Grace Laager, both Centennial/Spring Lake Park hockey players, helped bring home the National USA Hockey Tier 1 19U Championship title in Amherst, New York.

As part of Minnesota's Tier 1 Elite League team, Tradition Vegas, Laager scored four goals and made three assists and Gnetz also scored four goals and made two assists, competing against 15 teams from 10 different states in the USA Girls Hockey Nationals from March 24-29.

Tradition Vegas is made up of players from 11 different high schools around the Twin Cities area. The team earned the trip by winning the Minnesota Elite series last fall.

Elena Hoecke, Centennial volleyball player, has been selected as this year's Athena Award winner for Centennial High School.

During her time at Centennial, Hoecke has lettered five times in Volleyball. She was named all-conference four times, all-conference honorable mention once and all-state twice; served as a captain for the volleyball team in 2023, 2024 and 2025; was named to the Class AAAA Volleyball State Tournament All-Tournament Team; was named StarTribune Player of the Year in 2025; was named to the StarTribune All Minnesota Volleyball Team in 2024; received Academic All-State honors in 2025; and was named Ms. Baden Volleyball in 2025.

Hoecke graduated from Centennial in December and is currently attending the University of Minnesota to study kinesiology and play volleyball.

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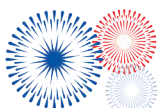
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When: 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 8
Where: White Bear Center for the Arts, 4971 Long Ave.
Details: Celebrate the release of stories written by PAI participants by hearing them told live by the authors.
Contact: whitebeararts.org

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 healthcare 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: Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N.
Details: Members will work on their quilting projects, all are welcome to stop by and see what they are working 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

Lino Lakes Fire Department puts on first-ever awards ceremony

For the first time in the department's history, the Lino Lakes Fire Department and the Lino Lakes Volunteers in Public Safety hosted an awards and commendations ceremony at Running Aces Hotel and Casino in Forest Lake. The ceremony was dedicated to recognizing the men and women who serve the community.

"This ceremony is about more than recognition—it's about honoring the commitment, sacrifice and heart our firefighters bring to this community every single day. These individuals represent the very best of the fire service, and we are proud to stand beside them and recognize their dedication," Lino Lakes Fire Chief Dan L'Allier said.

Recognitions included those who have completed five and 10 years of service, top responders and the Tim Bertz Firefighter of the Year Award. Those who were recognized at the event include:

- Five years of service: Jason Boonstra, Brandon Bryce, Nick Clausen, Luke Evens, Jesse Fronck, Brian Gustafson, Vincent Kasprovicz, Krista Marshik and Jon Stalker
- Ten years of service: West Thole, Derek Riley, Sean Mooney, Dan L'Allier, Jake Kurtz, Paul Kartman and Brian Finke
- Top responders of the year: Clayton Follett and Ben Searles
- Tim Bertz Firefighter of the Year: Brian Finke

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Generational realities

I've found out through experience that there are almost always exceptions, so I try not to make sweeping generalizations. However, I did have a bit of an "aha moment" after randomly coming across information about specific circumstances that help define the character of different generations. I recently became aware of a subset of the Baby Boomer generation that doesn't really fit with the experiences of the older Baby Boomers, or the members of Generation X that followed. The discovery of this generational subset, called Generation Jones, was validating because, personally, I've never really identified with the mainstream experiences of the Baby Boomers, and have instead felt a closer kinship to Generation X. Generation Jones is approximately defined as people born from 1954 to 1965. This generation was raised with a sense of optimism about their future but faced challenging economic conditions and a tight job market



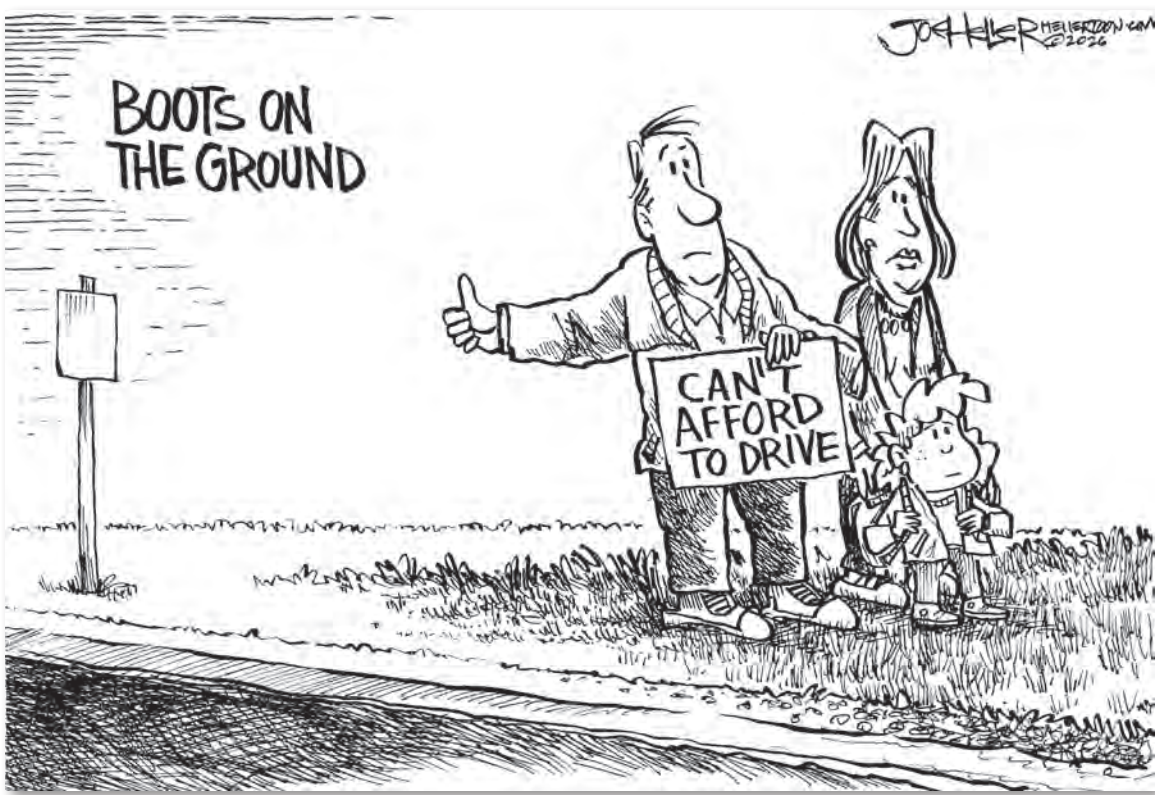
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Paul Dols

when they came of age. Dealing with unfulfilled expectations, this generation had to learn to adapt as they witnessed and participated in the revolutionary transition from analog to digital — becoming early adopters of the technology younger generations take for granted. I take particular interest in this aspect of generational analysis because I remember the transition from negatives and chemical processing to digital photography and also the transition from physical paste up and rudimentary typesetting devices to the powerful computers we use in publishing today. Members of this generational subset had to learn computers at a fundamental level, so they are less likely to be intimidated by technology and also more likely to question if it is actually making their lives better.

The Greatest Generation

Growing up in the shadow of the great depression and coming of age during the WWII era, my father William was a member of what is often referred to as the Greatest Generation. He passed away late last December, one month shy of his 99th birthday. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School a year early in 1944 and at the age of 17, with his parent's permission, enlisted into the U.S. Army serving in the occupation forces of Japan until being honorably discharged in 1947. On returning home he would take advantage of the newly created GI Bill and become the first in his family to attend college - graduating from St. Thomas College with a BS degree and the University of Minnesota with a Doctorate in Dentistry. He practiced dentistry for more than 50 years, finishing his career with part time work — helping out local doctors in Duluth — into his 80's. As a role model, I especially appreciated his undying love and respect for my mother and also his dedication to lifelong learning. When I had lunch with him late last year, I didn't think it would also be the last time I'd see him alive. Based on his tenacity and baseline health vitals, I sincerely thought that he had a good chance of reaching 100. Looking back, I'm grateful to have taken the opportunity to visit him on his 97th birthday, the last he would celebrate at home before moving to assisted living. In retrospect, I consider it an honor to have been able to prepare a birthday breakfast for him in the kitchen of the Duluth home he shared with my late mother. A special bonus was the morning light and view of Lake Superior that is always a tangible and beautiful reminder of my mother's spirit. Following our father's funeral in January, my brother arranged to have a military honor guard present at the cemetery. After a three-volley gun salute was fired, a bald eagle appeared overhead and circled before flying away. After the service I commented on the coincidence and timing of the eagle's appearance. My sister offered a more profound view of the flyover, saying that she felt that the eagle was our father letting us know that he was free.

Paul Dols is photojournalist/website editor for Press Publications.



Centennial Area Education Foundation turns 25

Happy spring! The Centennial Area Education Foundation (CAEF) has been part of our community for 25 years. As a nonprofit, CAEF is composed of community volunteers focusing on raising funds for Educational Grants and Student Scholarships. Our mission is "Supporting education to build a strong community."

CAEF supports education-based community programs in the Centennial School District for over 6,000 students in the communities of Blaine, Circle Pines, Centerville, Lexington and Lino Lakes. Last year, CAEF was able to award over \$35,000 in grants and scholarships to our staff, students and community. CAEF offers grants that support programs such as Powerpack and Back Pack programs along with many classroom needs. CAEF grants honored our school staff retirees and provided a Hall of Fame reception at our homecoming game. In the spring, CAEF partners with Centennial High School to provide student scholarships. Last year CAEF awarded \$15,000 in scholarships.

The CAEF Gala is our primary fundraiser for the year. Our

25th gala was held on Saturday, March 28. The Gala is always a fun evening to raise the funds necessary to continue providing opportunities. The gala was filled with so much support, from the sponsors, attendees, CHS bands, NHS student volunteer and silent auction donors from our local business community. A huge thank you to all of our supporters. If you have not been able to join us for a CAEF Gala, put it on your mental calendar for next year. It is such a fun night. We would love to have you join us!

Fund the Need (FTN) is a tradition at our annual Gala. Through FTN, CAEF was able to help purchase manufacturing machines and equipment to make our manufacturing program at Centennial High School top of the line. The program has provided students with career paths and many skills and opportunities. Every year, the manufacturing students give back to CAEF by donating their time and talent to create Centennial Fire Pits to add to the CAEF Gala silent auction. They are a priceless addition!

This is the second year FTN is supporting the arts and music in the district. In 2025, FTN raised over \$16,000 for instruments in our elementary schools. This year, FTN is focused on enhancing 6-12 band programs through the purchase of instruments for middle

school and high school bands. If you would like to participate in FTN to support our bands, visit <https://centennialareaeducationfoundationcaef-bloom.kindful.com/?campaign=1360500>

CAEF partners with CHS for scholarships for our graduating high school seniors. Scholarships Award Night is Monday, May 11 in the PAC at Centennial High School. We are so proud to be part of the continued success of our amazing students.

CAEF takes pride in being able to offer our staff and community the opportunity to apply for grants that supplement the educational programs within our school district. The CAEF Grant program will open in the fall, watch our website for more information.

If you would like to know more about opportunities with CAEF, feel free to reach out through our website or contact us at thecaef@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us on the CAEF Board or committee, attend our Gala or join us in our fundraising efforts to support our students, staff and community. We appreciate the support from our Centennial Community. Together we can make a difference!

Suzu Guthmueller and Chris Bettinger are co-presidents of the Centennial Area Education Foundation.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rep. Tom Emmer avoids issues of today

U.S. Representative Tom Emmer's most recent email communication with his constituents suggests that he is avoiding the major issues of today.

Maybe Rep. Emmer missed Donald Trump's cabinet meeting (March 26). He is also trying to avoid the major issues of the day. But Trump may be auditioning to be a spokesperson for Sharpie pens.

Unfortunately, the president started a war without considering the consequences. He also makes comments indicating that he has little respect for human life, apart from his own and maybe a few close friends.

His obsession with announcing and dwelling on the results of his latest "cognitive test" is not comforting. If I am not mistaken, these tests are designed to measure the mental decline of people of my age. The manner in which he gloats about his mental prowess suggests that he SHOULD NOT be the most powerful person in the world.

Yet Rep. Emmer and his colleagues stand meekly while Trump embarrassed the USA and endangers the future of the world.

PATHETIC!

Clark Bergman
Lino Lakes

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Minnesota implements extra distracted driving enforcement

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is leading and coordinating a distracted driving education and extra enforcement campaign through Thursday, April 30.

The campaign is in partnership with the Lehman family. Ashley Lehman was seriously injured last July in a T-bone crash at a four-way intersection. She later died from her injuries. Her family is joining local traffic safety officials and OTS calling for safer driving this month.

"Almost every crash that happens is an avoidable tragedy. We want to protect families by reminding drivers to focus on the road," said OTS Director Mike Hanson, who added that putting phones away and setting aside other tasks while driving saves lives. "Lives really do depend on how much attention you give the road."

According to OTS, from 2020 to 2026, there were 33,183 distracted driving crashes that resulted in 888 serious injuries and 162 fatalities. In 2025, there were at least 21 fatalities related to distracted driving and 159 serious injuries related to distracted driving.

Visit HandsFreeMN.org and DriveSmartMN.org for more information.

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Anoka County Sheriff's Office raises funds for Special Olympics

Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad noted that the Anoka County Sheriff's Office raised approximately \$5,194 for Special Olympics at the Polar Plunge. Fourteen employees from the Sheriff's Office took part in the Polar Plunge, which took place at Lakeside Commons Park in Blaine. In total, 865 people participated, raising around \$219,234.

Crews respond to commercial fuel truck fire

At around 9:15 p.m. Sunday, March 29, the Lino Lakes Police Department and the Lino Lakes Fire Department responded to a commercial fuel truck on fire on the shoulder of southbound I-35W near Lake Drive. The truck, carrying approximately 3,200 gallons of unleaded gasoline, caught fire near the rear axle and fuel tank.

Police units shut down the roadway while fire crews arrived and were able to control the fire. Additional support from Forest Lake Fire and Rescue, Minnesota State Patrol and the Minnesota State Department of Transportation helped managed the scene.

The driver and passenger exited the truck safely and did not suffer from any injuries.

According to the city of Lino Lakes, the scene was cleared and I-35W was reopened by 11 p.m.

Indoor soccer training facility a possibility on Fairview Street

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

CENTERVILLE — A prospective tenant has contacted the city of Centerville to explore the possibility of leasing part of the Max Storage property at 2010 Fairview Street and converting the space into an indoor soccer training facility.

"When we get questions like this, we try to understand what are you looking to do, and then we look at our (land) use table that shows us what's allowed and try to identify what type of use this is," City Planner Nathan Fuerst said.

The site is zoned I-1 (Industrial Park), which provides opportunities for light manufacturing and industrial uses, trade businesses, machine shops and other land uses. The current zoning ordinance does not expressly define or permit indoor soccer training facilities, or fitness centers more generally.

Since the proposed use is not explicitly mentioned in the zoning code, the Centerville Planning and Zoning Commission can determine the land use as closely, or similar to, other permitted or conditional uses.

According to Fuerst, city staff have identified two different land uses the proposed facility could fit under: Commercial recreation and indoor shooting/archery ranges.

"When you're thinking about what is a similar land use, you have to think about what are the different

operational aspects ... What does the traffic look like? Is it open to the public? Is it not open to the public?" Fuerst explained.

The two land uses, commercial recreation and indoor shooting/archery ranges, are the most similar to what is being proposed. Commercial recreation land use is permitted in the I-1 zoning district, but a conditional use permit (CUP) would be required. An indoor shooting/archery range is permitted by right.

If the commission doesn't believe the proposed facility falls under either of those categories, Fuerst said the commission can decide to make amendments to the land use table or even add a new land use category to better fit the training facility.

"We might want to modify the actual uses within the code to be a little bit more broad or maybe a little bit better defined," he said. "We could consider something like indoor commercial recreation or even a fitness center."

Chad Anderson, co-owner of Max Storage Enterprises, and his business partner Nam Ly provided a bit more background on their intention for the building. They also have been interviewing prospective tenants for the site.

"We have our own rules and regulations of things we're looking for to make a cohesive

environment," Anderson explained. "We're looking for no obnoxious fumes or sounds, or anything that is going to disturb the other tenants." Alcohol consumption and overnight occupancy is also not allowed.

He said the building is really for "incubator businesses" and is suitable for local entrepreneurs whose businesses are not yet large enough to occupy a building as a standalone business.

"It's a really cool way to build community and for people who want to take that next step in the businesses they operate," Anderson added.

Per the proposed business plan, the indoor training facility would be limited to small groups by appointments only. There would not be general hours of operation open for the public.

Michael Vang, founder of Playm10k, is one of the proposed tenants for the space. Vang, a former professional soccer player, said this facility is a way to give back to the community and guide young soccer players.

"We already have 50-plus players already training with us. The reason why we're here is to find a space for these kids to come to train altogether," Vang said.

In the winter, the company struggles to find places to train because club teams

rent out local spaces, he noted. By having its own space, Playm10k would be able to host training sessions three to four times a week, rather than once or twice.

Commissioner Rebecca Oldenburg-Downing said she was in favor of creating an indoor recreational land use category. She added the facility would fit under that specific land use category for a number of reasons.

"I do think it is commercial recreation ... We're looking at a lot of outdoor things for recreation uses, like how it's defined. So, I think having a category that clarifies indoor commercial recreation adds a stipulation to that," she explained.

Oldenburg-Downing also recommended developments that fall under the indoor recreational land category require a CUP to remain consistent with the commercial recreation land use category, which also requires a CUP for developments.

The Planning and Zoning Commission ultimately decided to amend city code Table 156.A1 to permit a new category of indoor commercial recreation, including a more specific definition as proposed by staff. The amendment passed 5-0.

Editor Madeline Dolby can be reached at 651-407-1226 or quadnews@presspubs.com.

CITY BRIEF

Registration open for annual Garage Sale Days

Centerville residents are now able to register for the 34th annual Garage Sale Days, scheduled to take place Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, across the city. Registration closes on Friday, May 29.

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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.

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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.**

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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

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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.

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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.
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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:

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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
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Phone 612-330-5500
Web: xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings

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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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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- Officers observed a traffic violation March 25 in the area of Lake Drive and Restwood Road in Lexington and initiated a traffic stop. The officers discovered subsequent violations and arrested the driver. The vehicle was towed.
- Police conducted a traffic stop March 26 near the area of 21st Avenue North and Michaud Way in Centerville.
- Officers observed multiple traffic violations March 27 near the area of Main Street and Peterson Trail in Centerville. Officers followed the vehicle and observed more misconduct. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was cited for the violations and released.
- Police were dispatched March 28 on reports of an assault that occurred in the 100 block of South Drive in Circle Pines.
- Officers stopped a vehicle March 30 near the area of Main Street and Frenchman Road in Hugo for a sign-and-release warrant.
- Police conducted a traffic stop March 30 near the area of Lexington Avenue and Woodland Road in Lexington.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- Officers attempted to arrest a female March 23 on a felony warrant in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway. The officers were unable to locate the person at the residence.
- An officer responded March 23 to a hit-and-run

accident report in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. The driver of the suspect vehicle was later identified. The investigation is ongoing.

- An officer responded March 25 to a harassment report in the 300 block of Elm Street. The officer determined no crime occurred and documented the incident.
- Officers responded to a local day care March 25 on a report of disorderly conduct in the 6400 block of Lakota Trail. The adult female employee was trespassed from the location.
- An officer responded March 25 to a report of theft at a local business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. After an investigation, the officer located the suspect. The victim elected not to pursue charges and the stolen item was returned to the victim.
- An officer responded March 2 to a report of two dogs at large in neighborhood in the 2000 block of 21st Avenue S. The dog owner was advised of local city ordinances regulating loose animals.
- Officers responded March 25 to a restaurant in the 7100 block of Otter Lake Road for a complaint of disorderly juveniles. Contact was made with the juveniles and their parents. At the restaurant's request, the juveniles were trespassed from the property.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop March 25 for an equipment violation in the 200 block of Ash Street and subsequently arrested the driver for fourth-degree DWI. The driver was booked in jail.
- Officers responded March 26 to a property damage hit-and-run crash at a business in the 6700 block of Hodgson Road. The officers located the vehicle involved at a residence. After an investi-

gation, an adult female driver was arrested and booked in jail for fourth-degree DWI.

- An officer responded March 26 to a report of fraud in the 7500 block of Swan Street. The investigation is ongoing.
- An officer observed a male March 26 attempting to get into a closed fire station in the 1700 block of Birch Street. The officer investigated and found the male had multiple warrants. The male was then booked in jail.
- While on patrol March 28, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 2200 block of Main Street. The male driver was arrested and booked in jail on a misdemeanor warrant.
- Officers responded March 28 to a business in the 8000 block of Lake Drive on a report that a customer was refusing to leave. The business did not want criminal charges pursued, and the customer was transported to their home.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop March 28 in the 7400 block of Main Street and found the driver to be impaired. The driver was arrested and booked in Anoka County Jail.
- Officers responded March 28 to a complaint about a juvenile party in the 6300 block of Cripple Creek Court. The officer spoke with an adult at the location and determined there was no problems.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop March 29 in the 1300 block of Interstate 35W, and an adult female was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant. The female was booked in jail.
- Officers responded March 29 to a report of an assault in progress in the 600 block of Oak Lane. After an investigation, an adult male was arrested and booked in jail.

CALENDAR BRIEF

Anoka County Parks holds cleanup event in honor of Earth Day

In partnership with the city of Lino Lakes and Anoka County Libraries, Anoka County Parks will host its annual Earth Day Cleanup and Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18. Both events will take place at Wargo Nature Center.

The cleanup will take place from 10 a.m. to noon. In the morning, participants will be able to choose between two different project sites. The cleanup will include projects such as the removal of invasive species, trash cleanup and more.

The Earth Day celebration will follow shortly after from 1-3:30 p.m. It will include family-friendly activities for all ages such as booths from community partners, a spring scavenger hunt, a visit from local author Sandra Hiusakuni and a performance by CLIMB Theatre.

Visit anokacountyparks.com for more information and to register for the cleanup. Wargo Nature Center is located at 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes.

CONSTRUCTION BRIEF

Temporary exit ramp in place at County Road J, I-35E interchange

As of this week, the northbound I-35E exit ramp to County Road J will be closed for approximately 30 days due to construction. A temporary exit ramp will be open to keep traffic connected to County Road J via southbound Otter Lake Road.

Otter Lake Road will be closed north of County Road J to northbound traffic for 30 days as well, beginning this week. It will be closed to traffic north of the temporary northbound I-35E exit ramp. The detour to access Otter Lake Road south of County Road J is to use Main Street to Centerville Road to County Road J.

On Tuesday, April 7, northbound I-35E will be closed overnight from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. to place new bridge beams at County Road J. On Wednesday, April 8, southbound I-35E will be closed overnight from 8:30 p.m.-5 a.m. to place new bridge beams at County Road J.

Business access and local detour signs will be in place. Businesses on County Road J will remain open during construction.

Madeline Dolby

COUNTY BRIEFS

County chief financial officer named 'Champion of Public Service'

Cory Kampf, Anoka County's chief financial officer, was recently honored by the LocalGov250's Champion Initiative as a "champion of public service."

LocalGov 250 is a national effort led by a group of local governments and government associations to honor and elevate the role of government as the country approaches its 250th anniversary. As part of this effort, the National Academy of Public Administration and its partners created an awards process to honor 250 public servants who have had exceptional impact on their communities.

Board of Commissioners approves grant

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners has accepted funds from the Minnesota Department of Health for the Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) Program and the Peer Breastfeeding Support Program (PBSP.) The board has approved participation in the WIC Program since 1978 and the PBSP program since 2010.

County Board hires director of economic assistance

Mike McFadden has been named the new director of economic assistance after the Anoka County Board of Commissioners approved his employment agreement. McFadden recently served as the public assistance manager in the Economic Assistance Human Services Division and has more than 15 years of leadership experience in human services.



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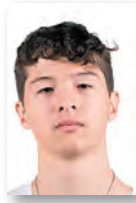
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Cougars in college athletics



Landon Liu

Landon Liu, former state high school champion in the 200 meters, now a senior on the Hamline track team, was MIAC indoor season champion in the 55-meter dash in 6.31 seconds. He placed fourth in the NCAA Division III meet in the 60-meter dash in 6.76 seconds after winning an indoor qualifier in 6.75 seconds.



Marissa Frost

Marissa Frost is a Division I basketball player for North Dakota State University. The 5-foot-8 sophomore guard averaged 12.7 points and 2.1 assists, shooting 47.3%, this season. The Bison were 29-5 overall and won the Summit League Conference with a 15-1 record.

Autumn McCall is a Division I basketball player at the University of St. Thomas. The 6-foot-2 freshman forward appeared in all 32 games, averaging 4.9 points and 3.1 rebounds in 20.7 minutes per game. The Tommies had a 16-16 record.

Helene Krage, Augustana (SD) senior, leads the Viking pitching staff, posting a 7-4 record and 3.53 earned run average so far in 79 innings, with 51 strikeouts. The team's record is 16-17.

Will Whelan, Minnesota Gophers sophomore, has pitched 5 1/3 innings over four appearances, allowing one hit and one run, striking out five. The Gophers (18-13) have used 17 pitchers.

Timmy Ball, Bethel track-and-field sophomore, placed third in the weight throw with 54 feet, 5 1/2 inches, and fifth in shot put with 47 feet, 3/4 inch, in the MIAC indoor meet.

Bruce Strand

Cougar spring teams opening this week

Cougar spring sports teams get their seasons started this week, weather permitting.

On Monday, the tennis team hosted Coon Rapids and the softball team hosted Blaine in openers, while the volleyball team (0-1) played at Champlin Park.

The boys and girls golf teams will open Tuesday in an invitational at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, while

the softballers play again at Andover.

The baseball team will open Wednesday hosting Minneapolis Roosevelt/Heritage Christian, while the tennis team opens at Park Center. Boys golf plays again at Troy Burne in Wisconsin and the volleyballers visit Blaine.

The golfers are on the road again Thursday, the girls at Shamrock in Corcoran and

the boys at Bunker Hills. The baseball team is at Osseo and the tennis team at Champlin Park.

The track teams will open at Irondale on Friday while girls lacrosse opened at home against Grand Rapids and softball plays at St. Francis. On Saturday, girls lacrosse plays at Forest Lake.

Bruce Strand

This Week In SPORTS

BOYS GOLF

11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 — at Troy Burne
9 a.m. Thursday, April 9 — at Bunker Hills Golf Course

BOYS TENNIS

4 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — at Park Center
4 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — at Champlin Park

BASEBALL

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — vs. Minneapolis Roosevelt/Heritage Academy
4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — at Osseo
7:00 p.m. Monday, April 13 — at Minneapolis Southwest

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 — vs. Blaine
6 p.m. Monday, April 13 — vs. Anoka

GIRLS GOLF

9 a.m. Thursday, April 9 — at Shamrock Golf Course
12:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 — at Elk River Golf Club

SOFTBALL

4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9 — vs. Osseo
4:30 p.m. Friday, April 10 — at St. Francis

GIRLS LACROSSE

6 p.m. Friday, April 10 — vs. Grand Rapids
1 p.m. Saturday, April 11 — at Forest Lake
6 p.m. Monday, April 13 — vs. Elk River

BOYS LACROSSE

6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 — at Elk River

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF LINO LAKES IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

This may affect your 2027 property tax payments.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Lino Lakes shall meet on April 27, 2026, 5:30 P.M. at Lino Lakes City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Submitted by: Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk, City of Lino Lakes
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CITY OF CENTERVILLE ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Important Information Regarding
Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2027 property tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Centerville shall meet on Thursday, April 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at Centerville City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Teresa Bender, CMC, City Clerk

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CITY OF LINO LAKES ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project:
Lino Lakes Public Works
1189 Main St,
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Owner:
City of Lino Lakes
600 Town Center Parkway
Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Architect:
Oertel Architects
1795 St. Clair Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Construction Manager:
RJM Construction
830 Boone Avenue North
Golden Valley, MN 55427

NOTICE TO QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS - Notice is hereby given that the City of Lino Lakes will receive sealed bids for Bid Package #2 from qualified bidders until 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 20th, 2026 at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

The project work scope consists of a new public works facility for the City of Lino Lakes. Bid Package No. 2 consists of Building Demolition, Earthwork, Utilities, Site furnishings, MEPs, and interior and exterior finishes.

A bid security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bids. Bids received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Sealed bids will be received at the Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 until 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 20th, 2026 at

which time bids will be publicly opened, reviewed, and read aloud. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked **City of Lino Lakes Public Works Facility - Bid Package #2** and the **Bid Category No.** being bid with **attention to Michael Grochala - Community Development Director**. The name and address of the Bidder must be shown on the outside of the envelope. The date and time of the bid is to be noted on the label. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Bidding documents including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications will be on file at the office of the Construction Manager:

RJM Construction
830 Boone Avenue North
Golden Valley, MN 55427
952-837-8600

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the existing Lino Lakes Public Works Facility, 1189 Main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55014, on April 13th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the meeting, we do ask that you pre-register via email with nick.driessen@rjmconstruction.com by EOD April 9th, 2026.

HOW TO GET PLANS:

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com for \$22.00 by inputting project #10137348 on the website's Project Search page. Paper Bidding Documents may also be viewed at RJM Construction, 830 Boone Avenue N, Golden Valley MN 55427 or can be purchased from National Reprographics by calling 651-779-8000. Complete set(s) of hard copy Bidding Documents can be obtained through National Reprographics as noted in AIA Document A701, Article 1. A digital download of the documents will be available for purchase for access with check made payable to National Reprographics. They are also available at any of the building exchanges. Plans will be available on or about March 30th, 2026.

Make Bids in duplicate in exact accordance with the proposal form in the Project Manual, and sign in long-hand. No oral, telegraphic or fax bids will be accepted or considered.

Combined bids including multiple bid categories will be accepted. However, in order to be considered bidders must also submit separate individual bids in addition to the combined bid. Combined bids will not be accepted if individual bids are not submitted. Each separate bid or combined bid must appear alone on a bid form and submitted in separate envelopes.

Submit with each bid a certified check, bank money order or acceptable bidders bond issued by a surety meeting city requirements payable to the City of Lino Lakes in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. For requirements, please reference specification section 00 21 00 - Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

All bids will be evaluated by the Owner, the Architect and the Construction Manager. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding. Successful bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, Performance Bond, and Certificates of Insurance and a signed contract within 10 days of award of contract. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for at least 60 days after the scheduled bid opening.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use

to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

The schedule for the project is to commence work May 2026 with substantial completion scheduled for July 2027. Work will be completed according to the preliminary project construction schedule issued in the Bid Documents.

Please direct all inquiries to Nick Driessen, RJM Construction at 612-615-5965.

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CITY OF LINO LAKES ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BIRCH STREET SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GENERAL NOTICE

City of Lino Lakes (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of Birch Street Sewer Improvement Project. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received online through QuestCDN vBid™ until **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 10:00 am** local time. Immediately following expiration of the time for receiving bids, representatives of the City of Lino Lakes will publicly view Bids at an online Bid opening meeting. Those interested in viewing the online Bid opening are welcome to join the meeting by logging on to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 305.224.1968 and entering Meeting ID 978 2898 3281 and Passcode 910973. The as-read online Bid results will be available at www.questcdn.com following the Bid opening.

The Project includes the furnishing of all labor and materials for the construction complete in-place, of the following approximate quantities:

3,500	SY	Remove and Replace Bituminous Walk
1	LS	Dewatering
1	LS	Steel Sheet Piling (Temporary)
1	LS	Sanitary Sewer Bypass Pumping
125	LF	15" PVC Sanitary Sewer
100	LF	24" Steel Casing Pipe (Jacked)
1	LS	8" Temporary Water Service
50	LF	Remove and Replace 16" DIP Watermain
150	LF	Temporary Fence
3,200	SY	Turf Establishment

The provisions of MINN. STAT. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/submission to the Advertisement for Bids of the City of Lino Lakes shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at www.questcdn.com. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$55 by inputting Quest project #10097312 on the website's Project Search page.

The website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the website www.questcdn.com. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources.

Bids will only be accepted via the electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any Bids received without explanation. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DATED: April 7, 2026

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Michael Grochala, Community Development Director, Lino Lakes, MN

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WOODS OF OLD MILL: City planner says concept plan 'in a good place'

FROM PAGE 1

Due to wetland impacts, three of the lots are shown to share an access point off Laramie Lane. The fourth home also would have its own entrance off Laramie Lane.

The city did receive a letter from the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department regarding the shared access point. Written by Assistant Fire Chief Matt Montain, the letter states that the fire department would like to see a turnaround location at a proposed fire hydrant and the water extended to the two homes at the end of the shared access point.

Commissioner Jeannie Seppala asked Fuerst if the concept plan for

the development will undergo major changes, and if buildable acreage was already calculated in the original concept plan.

"I think this may have been initially planned to some degree in terms of the number of units," Fuerst responded. "I think we're in a good place at this point ... It appears to me that we're likely able to meet the density standard for this area."

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not make a formal decision. It was discussion only.

Editor Madeline Dolby can be reached at 651-407-1226 or quadnews@presspubs.com.



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Old Mill Estates encompasses about 20 acres along Old Mill Road in Centerville. A concept plan proposes four single-family homes on approximately 6.5 acres.

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side anyone who is on the couch or in bed. He loves his belly rubs and ear scratches. Rusty is house-trained and he knows his basic commands. But friendly emotions often overtake him, and Rusty can't help himself — he physically greets people. He would do well in a formal training course. If you are interested in learning more about Rusty or adopting him, please fill out an application at www.ruffstar-trescue.org. Once your application is received, Ruff Start Rescue will contact you as soon as possible.

pecially with other dogs, and likes to play with his toys inside, too. When he's not playing, Rusty can be found snuggled up along-

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