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Lexington
to install
pickleball
courts

BY HANNAH TESTA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

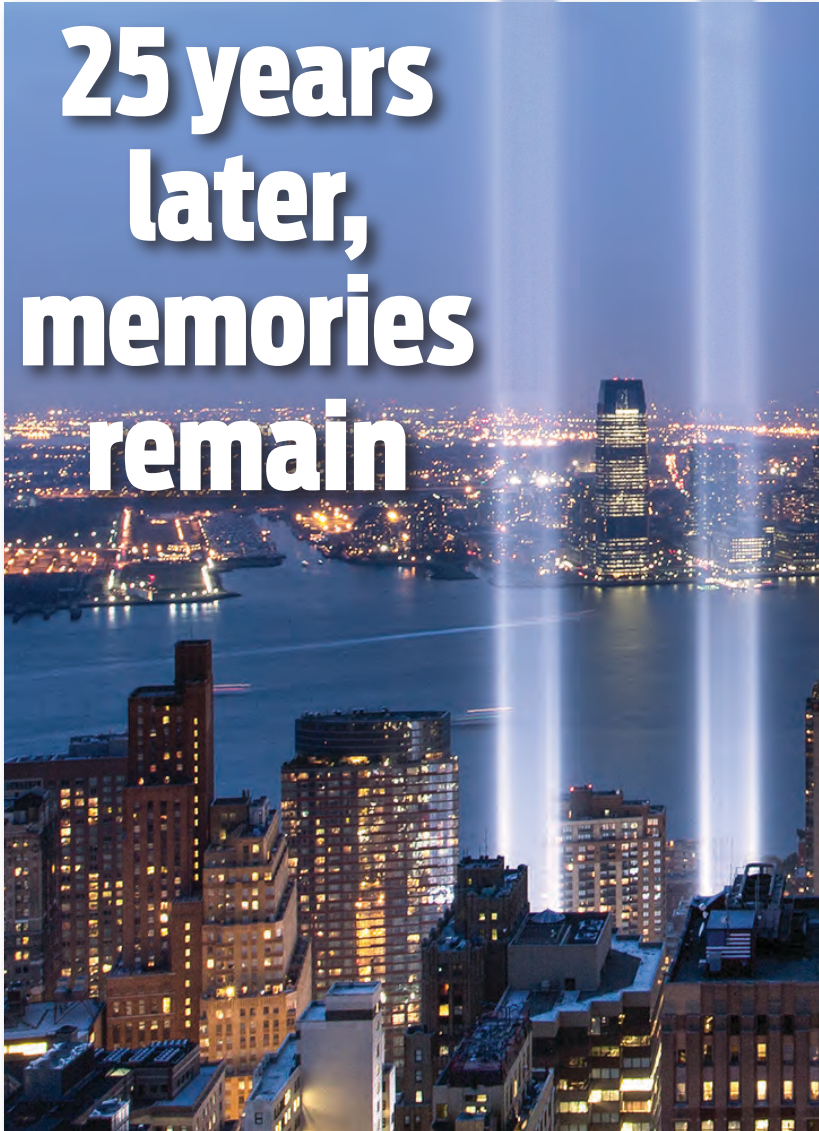
Memorial Park will be undergoing construction to install pickleball courts. MSA Professional Services will oversee the project. City Administrator Bill Petracek said that “nothing has changed from the original approved plans” for construction, aside from the council’s decision to forego a privacy screen around the fencing due to cost and “that it may not necessarily be needed at this time.”

MSA approached three companies for potential contracting: Peterson Companies, Winber companies, and Upper Midwest Athletic Construction (UMAC). Private quotes were requested on June 18, because the “estimated project cost was below the threshold for required public bidding.” Bids were due July 9.

Peterson Companies declined due to prior commitments. Winberg also declined, citing that “the project was not a good fit,” according to an August 20 memo from MSA. UMAC initially declined, as well, but eventually provided a quote on July 31 following what it called “an internal miscommunication regarding project scope.” The initial quote totaled \$117, 789.60 and included estimated totals for turf and site restoration, installation of nets and posts and repairs to existing asphalt.

The city’s Public Works Department also requested

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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.



Brooke Hennessey graduated from NYU in May 2003.

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
The smell of banana bread. That’s what my childhood smelled like. I grew up in a

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Remembering
Vern Reinert:
Lino Lakes mayor

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Vern Reinert once described the city of Lino Lakes as a “diamond in the rough.” Mayor from 1991-1995 and City Council member for a decade before that, Vern witnessed Lino Lakes’ population grow from fewer than 5,000 people in 1975 to its current size of more than 23,000.



Vern Reinert

CONTRIBUTED

Vern passed away on Aug. 29. He was 95 years old. He follows his wife, Donna Reinert, in death. She passed away July 16. The two were married for 71 years.

“He was a fantastic and incredible mentor, and a decent man — not a ‘great guy,’” Vern’s son Jeff Reinert said. “A ‘great guy’ can be anything. You can be a prick and still be a ‘great guy.’ He was a good man.”

During his time on the council, Vern’s main focus was cohesive, gradual development.

“I’m a great believer in looking to the future with planning,” Vern told Quad Community Press in a 2005 interview. “We didn’t want smokestacks industries (coming into the city). Zoning was extremely important ... It was hard because people would move in and want to close the door to other people.”

Jeff recalled that before Vern joined the City Council, the body would fluctuate between “build everything” and the “build nothing” crowd.

“His teaching was, ‘If you’re representing these people, it doesn’t matter what you want. You’ve got to listen to the people,’” Jeff said. “And what people wanted was decent and reasonable development ... He said, ‘If we do not plan, we will have all this mishmash stuff.’”

According to Jeff, when Vern started on the City Council, he and then-Mayor Ben Benson put a moratorium on building for one year, then changed and updated ordinances and created new building codes. Vern then hired people to “ghost plat” sections of Lino Lakes, meaning that they would trace over a map of the current city boundaries, then broadly conceptualize what the future could look like. Ghost platting revealed a unique challenge for development in Lino Lakes.

“Only one acre out of every six in Lino Lakes can develop,” said Jeff. “We’ve got 16 lakes that

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Centennial Community Education’s fall activities help members turn over a new leaf

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

The last school bell of the day in the Centennial School District rings at 3:52 p.m., but that does not mean the buildings close. For Centennial Community Education, activities and events run at all hours and for all age groups.

“We’re open 24/7/365,” said ISD 12 Community Education Director Corrine Sendle. “We feel like we’re the entryway for the community to come into our school buildings all of the time, so when kids aren’t in session, we open them up to community members to come in and use the space in a variety of ways.”

Athletics

Sendle highlighted sports in which adults can participate, no matter their skill level, from adult gymnastics to open basketball and volleyball.

Centennial’s pool also hosts a variety of activities, including water aerobics, open swimming and scuba classes. On Mondays and Wednesdays this fall, adults 55 and older can go to the ice arena for Silver Skaters, an open ice skating program for friends and neighbors to socialize.



CENTENNIAL AREA SCHOOLS | CONTRIBUTED

Instructor of music lessons Brady Perl (left) works with a student through Centennial Community Education.

“We try to keep people active,” Sendle said. “It’s a great way for them to meet others in the community ... in a common interest.”

Sendle added that, within an activity, participants find their experience level and their people.

Arts and crafts

This year, Centennial Community Education is partnering with Blue Turtle Art & Wellness in Lino Lakes to offer art classes involving clay and glass mosaics. Other offerings through the district this fall include needle arts, baking, music lessons and swing dancing.

Sendle noted that her department tries to offer classes and activities that minimize isolation and encourage people to connect.

“What can we offer to the community that’s of interest to them, that’s new ... where they can pick up a scale later in life or find something that they really love and that they’re interested in,” Sendle said.

Pre-K offerings

The Early Childhood Center at Rice Lake offers classes for parents of children ages infant through preschool and kindergarten, Sendle noted, both daytime and evening.

“If parents are working, they’re still able to come to early childhood,” Sendle said. She finds attending these classes especially important for new parents because an adult may meet the families of their child’s future classmates.

“They meet them in early

childhood, and that becomes their social circle,” Sendle noted. “That’s where these parents are meeting their friends and the friends that their kids are going to have their whole life.”

Trips and outings

Centennial Community Education also offers day trips. Trips have included a visit to the Glensheen Mansion in Duluth and the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Longer trips are also offered, including one to Dubuque, Iowa, next spring and Nashville, Tennessee, next fall.

Sendle said that her favorite thing to see is when steps out of their comfort zone and registers alone, then makes a new group of friends for life.

“I generally have some singles that register, and they call me, like, ‘Can I do this by myself?’” Sendle said. “Then I have these people that are like, ‘Oh, my gosh, we met this group of people that we went on this trip with, and we still get together once a month to play cards or have coffee.’ So that is what we’re doing, right? We are connecting people.”

For a complete list of offerings this fall from Centennial Community Education, visit communityed.isd12.org.

WEEKLY WAG

Carmelito is a young boy who is never short of charm. He is big-hearted with a big smile. His foster describes him as a lovable goofball.

Carmelito is a Siberian Husky/American Pit Bull Terrier mix. He is just shy of a year old and he already weighs 60 pounds.

Even at nine months old, Carmelito believes he is most content in your lap; size does not matter. When he is not snuggling or cuddled up next to his person on the couch, Carmelito enjoys running and exploring outside. He is social with other dogs and enjoys play time. With proper introductions, he is also friendly with people. Carmelito is house trained and leash (harness) trained, and he enjoys going for walks. He likes his toys and his food, and his new forever family should continue training and managing his guarding tendencies.

For the right person or family that can offer patience, training, love and reassurance, Carmelito will be a loyal, loving companion.

If you are interested in learning more about Carmelito or adopting him, please fill out an application at www.ruffstartrescue.org. Once your application is received, Ruff Start Rescue will contact you as soon as possible.





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Where: Lexington Municipal Liquor Store, 9271 Lake Drive
Details: A variety of vendors will be set up in the parking lot selling produce, plants, breads, syrups, crafts and more.
Contact: 612-272-3386 or kgregory244@gmail.com

LIVE MUSIC AT THE LEGION
When: 6-9 p.m. Fridays
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Come on out for the live music, drinks and Friday specials. This week's musician is Jen Chorost, an eclectic performer who brings together unique acoustic twists to familiar classics as well as gospel and blues tunes.
Contact: 651-783-0055 or officepost566@gmail.com

FRIDAY DROP-IN DOMINOES
When: 9:30 a.m.-noon every Friday
Where: The Rookery Activity Center, 7690 Village Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Dominoes is played with two or more players, and the goal is to be the first one to use all of their tiles by matching them to other tiles that have already been played. Admission will be charged for non-members. Pre-register at linolakes.gov/608/The-Rookery-Activity-Center.
Contact: 651-982-2468

CURRENT EVENTS

CAFFEINE AND CONNECTION: THIELEN & GREEN
When: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8
Where: 7455 Village Drive, Suite 110, Lino Lakes
Details: Come grab a coffee in one of the coolest offices in the area. Thielen & Green will host this networking gathering. Guests are welcome. To register, visit business.centennialareachamber.com/quad-area-community-calendar.
Contact: 763-786-9672

NORTH SUBURBAN NEIGHBORS CLUB FALL COFFEE
When: 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10
Where: Shoreview Library, Community Room, 4560 Victoria St. N., Shoreview
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

CHURCH OF ST. TIMOTHY CARNIVAL
When: 5-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11; noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: 707 89th Ave. NE, Blaine,
Details: This event has been a family favorite in the north metro area for decades, bringing together



BLOOD DRIVES
When: Noon-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 and Monday, Sept. 14
Where: On Sept. 9, St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes; on Sept. 14, St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1 North Road, Circle Pines
Details: To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive, type in your zip code and choose either Sept. 9 or Sept. 14 for your date. Donors during September will receive a themed gift.
Contact: redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

people of all ages for rest, play and community building. Activities and attractions include Bingo, silent auction, cake walk, K-9 police visit, live music, grand raffle and more.
Contact: 763-784-1329

FLEETWOOD MASK
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11
Where: The Outskirts, 15201 Running Aces Blvd., Columbus
Details: Visit The Outskirts for an outdoor venue with an atmosphere built for fun. The next concert act is Fleetwood Mask, the only tribute in the Americas endorsed by Fleetwood Mac founding member Mick Fleetwood. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Admission will be charged.
Contact: 651-927-2717 or theoutskirtsmn.com

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY
When: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: 1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine
Details: Recycle Technologies is offering an additional recycling opportunity to its regular monthly event. Get rid of old computers, cell phones, scrap metal and holiday cords. Other recycling is also accepted for a small fee. A photo ID will be required.
Contact: 763-559-5130 or dispatch@recycletechnologies.com

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS
When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes
Details: Drivers ages 55 and up can attend this class to receive a discount on their auto insurance. The course taught follows the state of Minnesota guidelines. Admission will be charged. Advanced registration is required.
Contact: 651-494-3943

THIRD ANNUAL BALD EAGLE LAKE ART CRAWL
When: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Multiple sites across Bald Eagle Lake, with Park and Ride at White Bear Lake Area High School, 5045 Division Ave.
Details: Self-paced art crawl featuring 10 stops around Bald Eagle Lake. More than 100 artists as well as live music, food trucks, kids' activities and wheelchair-accessible shuttles. Site map at www.belarts.org.
Contact: belarts.org

MOVIE IN THE PARK: 'ZOOTOPIA 2'
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park, 6970 LaMotte Drive, Centerville
Details: Bring a lawn chair or blankets and join your neighbors for Centerville's showing of "Zootopia 2." Popcorn and lemonade will be served.
Contact: 651-429-3232

STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDING
When: 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14
Where: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Stand-up paddle boarding is easier than you think and a fun way to be active on the water. After a few minutes of instruction, participants will spend most of their time on a paddle board. No experience required and all equipment is provided. Admission will be charged; register online.
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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.



Gardening using raised beds

Gardening in a raised bed has several advantages. You don't need to stoop over as much when clearing the bed of weeds, planting



Gardener's Grapevine
Norm Mofield

seeds or harvesting vegetables.

Raised beds come in many shapes and sizes. I have three on my back deck which are constructed out of wood and are about 30 inches high, four feet long and two feet wide. The planting depth is 12 inches. The inside planting area has a black permeable cloth lining that holds the soil in, and the bed is supported by wooden legs. This year, my wife and I have planted tomatoes, parsley and chives in these beds. We also planted marigolds along the front of the tomatoes to add color and help deter insects. Wire cones and bamboo sticks surround each tomato plant to give it support.

A neighbor purchased a number of metal oblong-shaped raised beds that are about three feet high, several feet long and

look like horse and cattle watering troughs. The metal pieces are put together using screws and then filled with soil.

In our backyard, we have four raised beds that are four feet wide by 12 feet long and one foot high. The bed should be no more than four feet wide so it can be easily reached from both sides. The walls of the bed are constructed out of plastic. Wooden planks can also be used to construct raised beds. When constructing the beds, I put hardware cloth at the bottom, then I covered it with cardboard and then added the soil. The hardware cloth deters moles and gophers from getting into the raised bed. We had the soil brought to our driveway, and I filled each bed with many trips using a wheelbarrow.

I allowed a separation of four feet between the beds for a walkway that allows access with a wheelbarrow when weeding and adding soil. The walkway is grass, but mulch or rock could also be used.

The location of the raised beds is important to allow for plenty of sunlight. Raised beds will help with drainage but don't place them in low lying areas that are prone to flooding. Make

sure the beds are placed close to a water source as the soil in the raised beds drains faster than beds placed at ground level. I have used a sprinkler between the beds that rotates in an arc over the beds.

It is important to rotate the crops in the raised beds. Don't plant the same type of plant year after year in the same bed to avoid problems with pests and disease. Maintain the soil fertility by adding compost or potting soil to the beds every year. Certain plants, such as beans or peas, are legumes, which add nitrogen in the soil, making it available for other plants in the future.

When planting seeds, I like to run a string from one end of the bed to the other and attach it to stakes on each end of the bed. Then, I plant the seeds under the string so I know the location of where the seeds have been planted. Investing in the materials and time used in the construction of raised beds will provide you with years of enjoyment in the growing and harvesting of vegetables.

Norm Mofield is an Anoka County Master Gardener with the University of Minnesota Extension.

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

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home my father built with his own two hands ... every wall measured, every nail pounded in on his weekends and evenings after work. My mother filled that house with warmth, with love, and with the scent of something always baking in the oven.

My family is very close. 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 and sing. I would create characters and practice them in front of the mirror. So, when I told my parents I wanted to sing and be an actress, they didn’t laugh. They just nodded, the way parents do ... thinking I’d probably grow out of it. But I never did.

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.

We decided to walk north. I didn’t know anyone in Brooklyn, and I



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.

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,



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.

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 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. It sits on your chest. It steals your breath. And for a long time, that silence was my companion.

You know, people talk a lot about PTSD, and thank God we talk about it more now. But what we don’t talk

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REMEMBERING 9/11: Readers share their experiences of that day 25 years later

FROM PAGE 6

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... The part where life, in its strange and winding way, brings you back to yourself.

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.

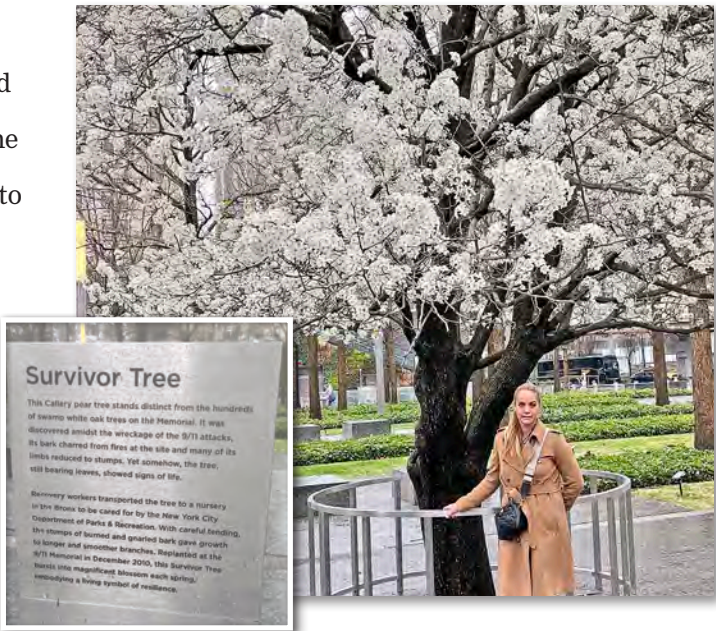
Every year on the anniversary of 9/11, we hear people say: "Everyone remembers where they were when the towers fell." And I believe the anniversary is a day for ALL of us, survivors, witnesses, the entire country to tell that story. To pass it down to our children. To share it with the next generation, 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, volunteers 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. Responsible to live, to honor, to speak, and to share the truth of what you've been through. 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



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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 reduced to stumps. Yet somehow, the tree still bearing leaves, showed signs of life."

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.

Jim's story

Approximately 9:30 a.m., 9/11/2001, I exited an elevator into the lobby of a hotel in Las Vegas to join colleagues. We were each to fly home that morning. At that moment, a colleague saw me. He urgently yelled "We're not going anywhere! Get back to your room and turn on the TV." I rushed back to my room to see the horrible news. I called my wife back home in Portland, Oregon. She too was watching the news. I then called my daughter and son in Cupertino, California. It took two days to succeed in getting on a local Greyhound bus. Luckily. The waiting line was around an entire block! Eventually, via Sacramento, I arrived at the crowded Portland bus depot where my wife was awaiting my finding her. HOME AGAIN!

Jim Cox
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Dave's story

I was home the morning of 9/11 and had some workers building landscaping walls in the backyard. All of a sudden, they were at my door telling me they had heard odd news on their radio and wondered if I could turn on my TV. The screen came on right as the plane flew into the second tower. We all stood there stunned at watching it happen live! And then, the next day, I recall that planes were not supposed to be flying at all, so I thought it was odd when a small private plane went by in the sky near my house. A few minutes later, an Air Force fighter plane swooped across Golden Lake at only a couple hundred feet high, shaking the houses and stirring the water as it pursued this little private plane! I never found out what happened to the pilot of that small plane, but it sure was loud and exciting to see out my front window!

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The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Aug. 26 in the 10 block of Pine Drive, Circle Pines, an officer self-initiated a report regarding an ordinance complaint.
- On Aug. 26 in the 10 block of Center Road, Circle Pines, an officer responded to an animal complaint.
- On Aug. 26 at the intersection of Main Street and 20th Avenue, Centerville, officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers discovered the accident had occurred due to one of the involved drivers making an illegal change of course. The driver was cited for the offense.
- On Aug. 26 in the 7100 block of Progress Road, Centerville, officers responded to an ordinance complaint.
- On Aug. 27 in the 9400 block of Lexington Avenue, Lexington, police responded to a harassment call of a person that was looking through windows.
- On Aug. 28 at Inner Park, Circle Pines, police were dispatched to respond to a fight.
- On Aug. 28 in the 100 block of Indian Hills Lane, Circle Pines, officers took a theft report.
- On Aug. 28, an officer took a phone call report of a lost dog in the 10 block of Pleasant View Lane, Circle Pines.
- On Aug. 30 in the 10 block of S. Pine Drive, Circle

Pines, officers were flagged down for a person who was choking. The report was cleared.

- On Aug. 30 in the 10 block of Oak Leaf Lane, Circle Pines, officers were dispatched for an illegal burn. The person was given a verbal warning for the offense, and the fire was extinguished.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Aug. 24 at the intersection of Elm St. and Lake Drive, an officer responded to a hit-and-run property damage crash. The identity of the suspect is unknown.
- On Aug. 24 at the intersection of Birch Street and Black Duck Drive, an officer responded to a hit-and-run crash report. The identity of the suspect is unknown, and the highway department was advised of damage to a sign.
- On Aug. 25 at the intersection of Interstate 35E and 80th Street, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for multiple violations. The driver was arrested for a license violation and booked into jail.
- On Aug. 25 at the intersection of Main Street and Otter Lake Road, an officer responded to a crash alert detection from a cell phone. The officer found a phone in the roadway and was able to return it to the owner.

- On Aug. 25 near Lake Drive, an officer responded to a harassing communications report. Both parties were instructed to stop contacting one another.
- On Aug. 25 in the 1400 block of Snow Goose Trail, an officer responded to a report of a possible structure fire. The Lino Lakes Fire Department arrived and determined the cause was due to burnt food.
- On Aug. 25 in the 6400 block of Totem Trail, an officer responded to assist a resident with a squirrel stuck in a garage. The animal was safely relocated.
- On Aug. 25 in the 200 block of Cherry Lane, officers responded to a report of a muskrat stuck in a fence. The animal was safely relocated.
- On Aug. 27 at the intersection of Birch Street and W. Shadow Lake Drive, an officer on patrol located two juveniles out past curfew. Parents were contacted and the juveniles were returned home.
- On Aug. 27 in the 7500 block of Fourth Avenue, an officer responded to a sexual assault report at a detention facility. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Aug. 27 at the intersection of Fairmont Drive and Sunrise Drive, officers responded to a report of a juvenile walking in a neighborhood with a gun. An officer located the individual, determined the item was a toy and spoke with the juvenile and his parents.

Centennial Schools unrolls new Language Access Plan

BY SARAH BAKEMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Centennial School District is starting off the school year with a new Language Access Plan to accommodate English as a Second Language families and students.

According to the district website, the plan’s goal is to “to mitigate language barriers so that families can make informed decisions in their children’s education.” In full, the text provides information about families’ language access rights, how language needs are identified, and what translation resources, including staff and liaisons, will be used to lessen language barriers in the coming year.

More than 65 languages are spoken

by families in the district. Over his 30-year career in education, Mark Grossklaus, executive director of teaching and learning, has not only seen the increased need for language support, but also the growing resources available to respond.

“When I started teaching, it could be a struggle to help families,” Grossklaus said. “There were times when the students were the interpreters for their families.”

Grossklaus says the district tries to put together a plan for every family, whether it be through liaisons, advocates or translating services. Centennial isn’t alone in this demand for ESL support — its plan comes as just one part of a statewide response.

The Minnesota Legislature enacted

the Language Access Plan statute (132B.32) during the 2025-26 school year. All public districts and charter schools across the state are now required to adopt and implement a formal plan for multilingual families and students. It’s an attempt to support the fastest-growing public school student demographic: English learners. According to the Minnesota Department of Education, approximately 9% of the state’s public school students are ELs.

Each district must adopt its Language Access Plan during a board meeting, include information about family rights and resources, make it readily available to the public and revise the plan every two years. No additional state funding was provided

to bring these plans together; the Centennial District worked entirely with existing staff members over the previous school year to develop its plan.

According to Grossklaus, the primary goal for the first year of the plan is to spread awareness. That means sending out information through emails, printing the plan in the school handbook, and having liaisons and advocates reaching out to harder-to-reach families — like those who cannot read — to spread the word about the plan.

“The question is always, ‘How do we best serve our students and their families?’” Grossklaus said.



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Engen sentenced on DWI charge

Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen (District 36A) has pleaded guilty to one DWI charge following a traffic stop in White Bear Lake back in March.

Engen was convicted of operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more and sentenced to 30 days in jail, stayed for one year, and supervised probation for one year. Two other charges were dismissed.



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North Oaks golfer makes splash at 3M Open

BY ANDREA SWENSSON
NORTH OAKS NEWS EDITOR

“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 Cagner, who invited Donohue to interview for a slot on the PGA Tour stop in late July.

Donohue’s visit to Cagner’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



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



CELINE DONOHUE | CONTRIBUTED

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 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 being 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.”

This Week In SPORTS

Girls Soccer

5 p.m. Sept. 8 — vs. Spring Lake Park
7 p.m. Sept. 10 — at Anoka
12 p.m. Sept. 12 — vs. Mounds View
5 p.m. Sept. 15 — at Andover

Boys Soccer

7 p.m. Sept. 8 — vs. Spring Lake Park
5 p.m. Sept. 10 — at Anoka
7 p.m. Sept. 15 — at Andover

Girls Tennis

4 p.m. Sept. 9 — vs. Totino-Grace
4 p.m. Sept. 10 — vs. Anoka

Girls Volleyball

7 p.m. Sept. 9 —

vs. Duluth East

7 p.m. Sept. 11 — vs. Anoka
7 p.m. Sept. 15 — at Andover

Cross Country

3:30 p.m. Sept. 10 — at Anoka
8:30 a.m. Sept. 12 — at Elm Creek Park Reserve

Football

7 p.m. Sept. 11 — at Osseo

Girls Swim and Dive

9:30 a.m. Sept. 12 — at Edina Invitational

SPORTS BRIEFS

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.

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 Huseeth/Kendall Innes and Amelya Nelson/Caityn 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.

Bruce Strand

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/quad/sports.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Dara Akpan

Centennial Girls Soccer

Sept. 8, 2026



Dara Akpan, Centennial girls soccer junior forward, has delivered three of the four goals by the Cougars, who have one tie and two close losses. She booted two goals in a 3-2 loss to White Bear Lake and one in a 2-1 loss to Maple Grove. As a sophomore, Akpan (also a speech state qualifier in creative expression) tied for the team lead with 12 goals.



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PICKLEBALL: Construction to begin this fall

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a quote from ATE Recreation and was provided two partial quotes dated August 7 and 11 for two potential project versions. According to the August 20 memo from MSA, Version 1 “substituted linear crack patching and overlay with a different product,” with an estimated initial total of \$113,483.18.

Version 2 “substituted new asphalt for the court overlay and patching” with an estimated initial total of \$145,841.44. MSA requested a full quote from ATE but did not receive a response as of August 20.

At the Lexington City Council meeting on August 20, Council Member Barbara Mahr raised concerns that UMAC was the only company that had provided a full quote. MSA consultant Eleanor Brandt said that she’s familiar with UMAC’s work and that she feels “comfortable” with contracting with them.

Following this brief discussion, the Council approved UMAC’s project quote, not to exceed \$92,869.60. The new estimated total reflects the exclusion of the privacy screen.

Construction is expected to begin fall 2026, with a targeted completion date of June 1, 2027.

VERN REINERT: ‘No one person does anything; it’s a team’

FROM PAGE 1

are in Lino or tangent into Lino, and also all the wetlands.”

Jeff noted that in the residential areas Lino Lakes could develop, Vern wanted lot sizes that were 80 feet wide, 140 feet deep.

“Dad was big on that,” Jeff said. “Lino Lakes is a place where you come to raise a family ... You need a backyard to do family things and to gather.”

As this vision was implemented, not everyone saw eye-to-eye.

“You’ve got to agree to disagree,” Vern said in 2005. “If (all the council members) agreed all the time, you’d need one person to make the decisions. You have to compromise sometimes.”

Therefore, when Vern was mayor, he introduced the



Vern with his son Jeff Reinert. Both served as mayor of Lino Lakes.



Donna and Vern Reinert. They were married for 71 years.

Lino Lakes work sessions.

“We used it to air out differences, to ask staff questions and to learn the personalities of the other council members,” Vern said.

Vern’s outlook on compromise made an impression on others.

Upon hearing of Vern’s passing, the former mayor of Circle Pines, Dave Bartholomey noted, “Vern was on the Centennial Utility Board of Directors with me for quite a few years, and he

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Chandra Peterson, Assistant City Administrator for Operations

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GENERAL NOTICE

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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: July 13, 2026

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Michael Grochala

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