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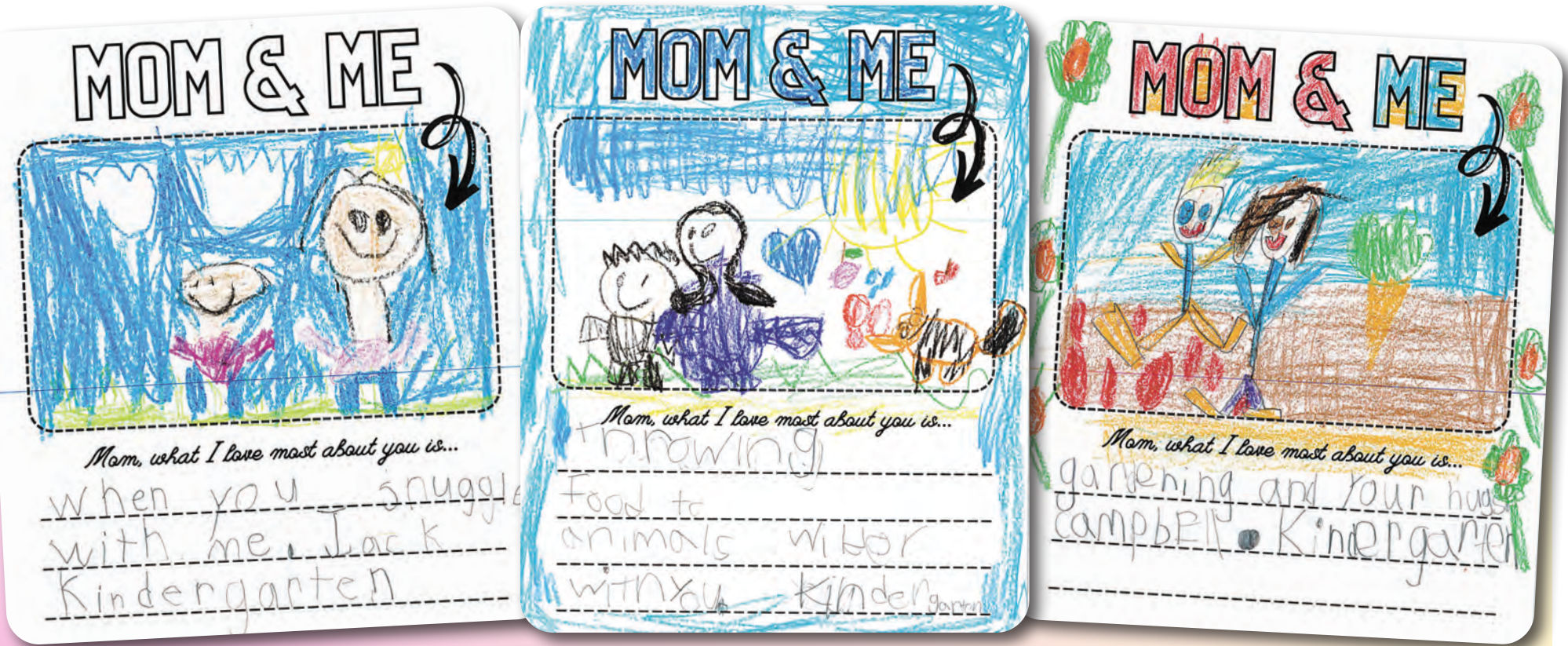
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## ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY: Takes place on Saturday, May 9 PAGE 2



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# What do you love most about Mom?

Ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10, the Shoreview Press asked kindergarten students at St. Odilia School what they love most about their mom. See page 8 for more responses.

## Best of the Press returns inviting community to spotlight local favorites

BY SHIVAM VASHISHTHA  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The familiar signs of spring in the northeast metro aren't just warmer days and busier patios — they also signal the return of one of the community's most anticipated traditions. The Readers' Choice Best of the Press Contest is back for its sixth year, with nominations now open.

Spanning multiple communities and publications, the annual contest gives readers the opportunity to recognize the people, businesses and places that define their local experience. From neighborhood restaurants and small businesses to essential service provid-

ers, the contest has grown into a reflection of what residents value most in their communities. This year's contest has more than 150 categories, covering everything from dining and retail to services, schools and community events.

"It's a great way for our readers and patrons to recognize the places they genuinely value — whether that's a restaurant they love or a service

they've trusted for years," said Patty Steele, general manager and marketing director for Press Publications. "Everything is driven by our readers. There's nothing selected by us."

What's new this year: This year brings

a notable expansion. The Citizen and Quad markets will merge into a single, combined contest, broadening participation and increasing visibility for businesses across a wider area.

This change is an indicator of both the growth of the program and continued interest from readers and business owners.

Organizers have also refreshed and modified categories to better reflect current trends and community priorities. Among the highlights:

- Meal for the Money, recognizing affordable, high-quality dining
- Chicken Wings, a category that's sure to spark a debate
- Best Electrician, spotlighting skilled trades and essential services
- New Business, celebrating recent additions to the local landscape

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Join the Shoreview Community Foundation, Green Card Voices for conversation**

The Shoreview Community Foundation, in partnership with Green Card Voices, will host an evening of connection, storytelling and community building from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, at the Shoreview Community Center. Through Story Stitch, a game created by Green Card Voices, participants will exchange stories, listen deeply and build empathy across diverse experiences. This event is held in partnership with the Green Card Voices display at the Shoreview Library during the month of May. Registration is required. To register, visit [shoreviewbecomingneighbors.eventbrite.com](http://shoreviewbecomingneighbors.eventbrite.com).

**Shoreview's annual cleanup day takes place May 9**

Shoreview's annual cleanup day event is scheduled to take place from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 9. Residents will be able to drop off appliances, as many as four tires, cardboard, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting and more at Republic Services Transfer Station, located at 10320 Naples St. NE, Blaine. Household hazardous waste items such as paint, lightbulbs and automotive fluids; yard waste; electronics; bikes; mattresses; and oversized items, like hot tubs or sheds, will not be accepted. This event is open to Shoreview residents only. You must show a valid photo ID.

**City offers cost share program to residents**

Shoreview is collaborating with Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy to offer a cost share program to residents for mattress and box spring recycling by Second Chance Recycling. Collections are available the first two weeks in June for a discounted price. There is a four-item limit per household and it is available to all Shoreview residents, including apartment tenants, until all collection slots are filled. Sign up beginning in late May at [www.secondchancecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program](http://www.secondchancecyclingmn.com/curbside-collection-program).



# Vineyards & Breweries

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- |  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Every Sunday: Acoustic Sunday                    | 1 - 4 pm          | Dancing Dragonfly |
| Every Wednesday: Key Chain Kash                  | 8:30pm            | Big Wood Brewery  |
| Every Thursday: The Initials Game LIVE!          | 7-9pm             | Big Wood Brewery  |
| Every Friday: 80's Rewind with DJ Matt Kotefka   | 5-8pm             | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 2: Two Brothers MS Fundraiser                | 11 am             | Two Silo          |
| May 2: Event for a Cure Food - Wine - Beer       | 12 - 5 pm         | Two Silo          |
| May 2: Live music Ryan Sullivan                  | 2 - 5 pm          | Two Silo          |
| May 3: Pet Fair                                  | 12 - 3pm          | Rustic Roots      |
| May 3: Live music Mia Dorr                       | 2-5 pm            | Two Silo          |
| May 5: Trivia with Ryan                          | 6:30 - 8pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 6: Poetry & Sound                            | 6 - 8pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 7: Trivia Night                              | 6:30 - 8 p.m.     | Rustic Roots      |
| May 9: Puppy Yoga (Ticketed event)               | 10-3              | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 9: Mother's Day Mini-Market                  | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  | 7 Vines           |
| May 9: Music by The Jimtones                     | 6-9pm             | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 10: Mother's Day                             | 11am - 8pm        | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 10: Mother's Day at the Winery               | open hours        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 10: Live Music - Gary LaRue (Ticketed event) | 2-5pm             | Rustic Roots      |
| May 10: Music: Claire Isakson                    | 3 - 6pm           | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 10: Mother's Day Yoga                        | 5:30 - 6:30pm     | 7 Vines           |
| May 11: 3D Paper Art Design Class                | 5 - 7:30pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 12: Bingo                                    | 6:30 - 8pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 13: Live Music - Mike Bustin                 | 5-8pm             | Rustic Roots      |
| May 13: Cribbage Tournament                      | 5:30 - 7pm        | 7 Vines           |
| May 15: Art at the Winery                        | 6 p.m. - 8:30 pm. | Rustic Roots      |
| May 16: Twin Cities Vintage Flea Market          |                   | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 16: Music by Paul Berger's Trip              | 6-9pm             | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 17: Candle Making Class                      | 1 - 4pm           | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 17: Live Music - Tyler Herwig                | 2 - 5pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 17: Music: Chris Bertrand                    | 3 - 6pm           | Two Silo          |
| May 19: Trivia with Ryan                         | 3 - 6pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 20: Live Music - Becky Rae Dalton            | 6:30 - 8pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 21: Summer Artisans' Market                  | 5-8pm             | 7 Vines           |
| May 21: Trivia Night                             | 4 - 7pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 23: Music by The Flannel Brothers            | 6:30 - 8 p.m.     | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 24: Music: Riverside Unplugged               | 6-9pm             | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 26: Bingo                                    | 3 - 6pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 27: Monthly Book Club                        | 6:30 - 8pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 27: Cribbage Tournament                      | 5:30 - 6:30pm     | Rustic Roots      |
| May 27: Live Music - Billy McLaughlin            | 5:30 - 7pm        | Rustic Roots      |
| May 28: Give Back Night                          | 5-8pm             | 7 Vines           |
| May 30: Kolsch Event!                            | 4 - 7pm           | Rustic Roots      |
| May 30: German music by "Squeazy" Wes Miller     | noon - 9pm        | Dancing Dragonfly |
| May 31: Live Music - Steve Cassavant             | 6-9pm             | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 31: Live Music - Mark Stary                  | 2 - 5 pm          | Big Wood Brewery  |
| May 31: Music: Flannel Brothers                  | 2-5pm             | Two Silo          |
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**Note:** Events are subject to change or cancellation. Please call or check online for the most up-to-date information.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ONGOING EVENTS

### DROP IN MAH JONGG

**When:** 1 p.m. Thursdays  
**Where:** Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.  
**Details:** Bring your tiles and your friends for drop-in play. All levels welcome. No registration required.  
**Contact:** shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700

### 500 CARD CLUB

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

## CURRENT EVENTS

### PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

**When:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, May 8  
**Where:** Ramsey County Environmental Center, 1700 Kent St., Roseville  
**Details:** Ramsey County residents can bring up to three boxes of paper to shred. Shred Right will shred all papers onsite and recycle them.  
**Contact:** www.ramseycountymn.gov

### LAKESHORE QUILTERS GUILD SATURDAY SEW-IN

**When:** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9  
**Where:** Ramsey County Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria St. N, Shoreview  
**Details:** Lakeshore Quilters will be working on their own quilting projects. Stop in to see what projects are



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### SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16  
**Where:** Lake Owasso County Park, 370 Owasso Blvd. N., Shoreview  
**Details:** Joint sale with the Lake Owasso Garden Club.  
**Contact:** www.shoreviewcommunitygardenclub.com or www.lakeowassogc.weebly.com

being worked on.  
**Contact:** lakeshorequiltersmn.org

### GARDEN TOOL SWAPS

**When:** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday May 6 & May 13; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday May 9 & May 16  
**Where:** Ramsey County Environmental Center, 1700 Kent St., Roseville  
**Details:** Donate or take gently used garden tools. No donations are required to participate. Items should be cleaned at home before arriving at the swap.  
**Contact:** www.ramseycountymn.gov

### FLOWER CROWN EVENT

**When:** 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12  
**Where:** Churchill St. Restaurant, 4606 Churchill St., Shoreview  
**Details:** Welcome spring with the Minnesota Waldorf School, who will be on hand making May Faire Crowns. Part of family dinner night.  
**Contact:** www.churchillst.com/events-calendar

### RAIN GARDEN PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

**When:** 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12  
**Where:** Mounds View City Hall, 2401 County Hwy 10

**Details:** Participants will plant a basin at the new Mounds View Splash Pad parking lot. The workshop will also cover how rain gardens work, native plant selection, planting techniques, weed management and maintenance tips. Register online.  
**Contact:** www.moundsviewmn.org

### BARK IN THE PARK

**When:** 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14  
**Where:** Shamrock Park, 5623 Snelling Ave.  
**Details:** Features dog exhibits, vendor booths, music, caricatures, a food truck and more.  
**Contact:** www.shoreviewmn.gov

### TOUR THE LEPAK/LARSON HOUSE MUSEUM

**When:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 16  
**Where:** Lepak/Larson House, 1170 Lepak Court, Shoreview  
**Details:** The Shoreview Historical Society is offering guided tours to the public of the recently established 1930's-40's Lepak/Larson House Museum.  
**Contact:** shoreviewhistoricalsociety.org

### SPRING ROYAL TEA PARTY

**When:** 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17  
**Where:** Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.  
**Details:** Afternoon consists of crafts, a special appearance by a princess, storytelling and refreshments. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite princess look. Pre-registration required. Register by Monday, May 11 through the Shoreview Parks and Recreation catalog.  
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## Mental Health Awareness Month

For those of who don't know, May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. May has been recognized as National Mental Health Awareness month since 1949 to reduce stigma, educate the public and support those with mental health conditions.



Madeline's Mail  
Madeline Dolby

As someone who has struggled with mental health for almost a decade, it can be difficult asking for help. Some days it feels like I'm a ghost hovering above my own body and I can't wait to crawl back into bed. Others, I am on Cloud 9 and never want the day to end. Mental health is never linear. It's always changing.

When I was 19, a song by one of my favorite artists, Harry Styles, called "Treat People with Kindness" came out. Now, I don't know

how it happened, but the title of the song became my life mantra. If you listen to the song, you will find that it is about encouraging people to be genuinely kind to one another, make small positive changes and embrace a more welcoming world.

Since listening to the song, I've worked on trying to change my mindset to look at the positives in the world instead of all the negatives. Instead of complaining about having to wake up at 3 a.m. to go to the airport, I think to myself "How lucky am I to be able to afford to go on a fun trip with my friends (or family)!" Instead of complaining about how tired my legs are going to be after long walk with my parents on a Saturday afternoon, I think "I am so glad I'm able to move my body. I'm so glad I'm able to spend time with my parents."

Another thing I've tried to accomplish is not being afraid of complimenting strangers. It sounds weird, I know, but it pushes me out of my comfort zone. I know when I receive a compliment from someone, my mood instantly lifts, and I feel more confident. Why should I not provide those same feel-good feelings to those around me? Who knows, your compliment might just make someone's day, or even their week.

I've realized it is small positive changes, like these, can make all the difference in the world.

While these changes have helped me, I know they might not work for everyone. And resources are available for those who might need extra help. Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS) serves a majority of Press Publications' cities and serves students in the Centennial School District.

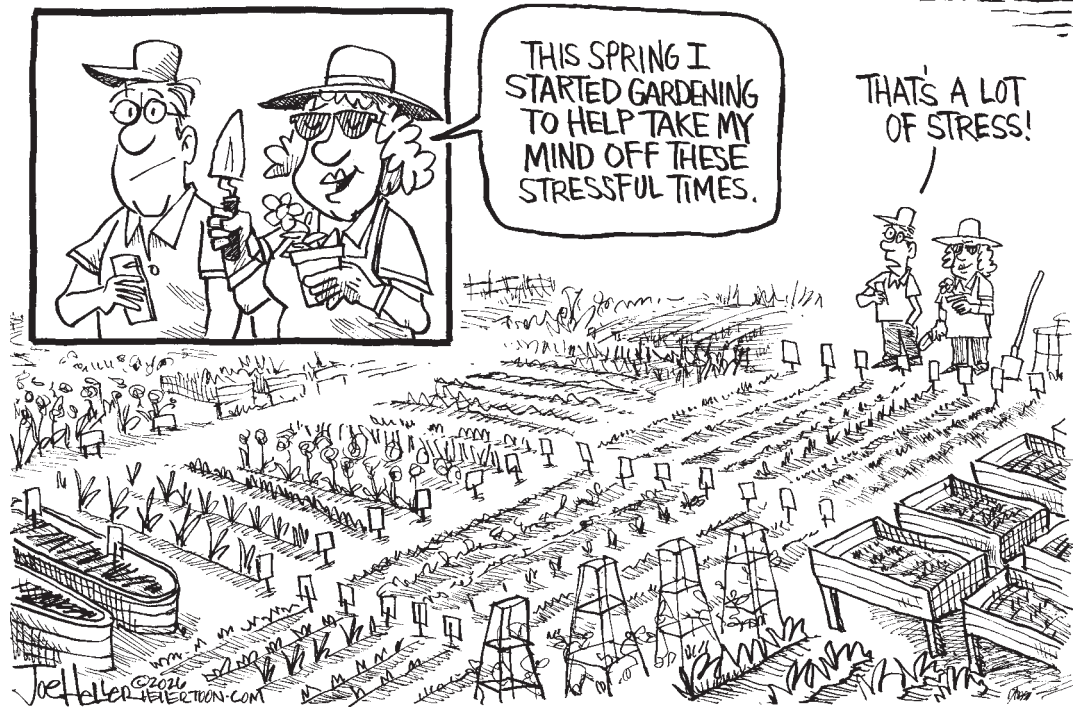
NYFS is a local nonprofit mental health clinic and community service provider and has served the area since 1976. It offers therapy, medication management and community programs for individuals, families and couples, specializing in youth, children and adult services. The main NYFS office is located in Shoreview on Lexington Avenue N.

Another resource available is the National Alliance on Mental Health, better known as NAMI. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. The organization provides a support group for those struggling with mental health conditions called NAMI Connection. Groups meet weekly, monthly, every other week or monthly depending on your location. Many of these support groups are virtual and attendance is open to everyone across the country.

If you, or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, know you are not alone. Resources can be found at, [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) or [nyfs.org](http://nyfs.org).

And remember to treat people, and yourself, with kindness.

Madeline Dolby is an editor at Press Publications.



## Ramsey County passes Building Stronger Together

Residents consistently tell me that their property taxes are too high and continue to grow.

That concern is real—and it demands a serious response. Recently, the Ramsey County

Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a bold new economic development plan,



Movers & Shakers

Tara Jebens-Singh

Building Stronger Together. This plan is centered on two key strategies: targeted investments to support a dynamic downtown St. Paul and the sale of county-owned land ripe for redevelopment.

The way we build our community shapes our financial future.

Around half of Ramsey County's general fund is currently supported by property taxes while only about half of our land is taxable (the rest is made up of tax-exempt property, public infrastructure, and natural features like lakes). In order to build property tax capacity, reduce property taxes, and shift burdens away from residents; we must be intentional.

Building Stronger Together is rooted in the county's values of well-being, prosperity, opportunity and accountability. It advances and operationalizes key resident-centered recommendations and strategies from the Ramsey County Economic Inclusion & Compet-

itiveness Plan, the All Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan, and the Ramsey County Transit Improvement Plan.

This plan includes \$250 million in targeted investments to create a more vibrant, active downtown and \$70 million to unlock more than 630 acres of county-owned land to drive transformative growth. Due to Ramsey County's strong fiscal management (including maintaining a triple A bond rating for over 25 years), we can rely on existing resources and strategic bonding – not additional increases to the property tax levy - to make high-impact investments now while advancing legislative requests.

Downtown investments: Data shows that dense, mixed-use development in the urban core generates significantly more tax value per acre than lower-density suburban areas.

Downtown St. Paul produces approximately 8.3-times more taxable value than the share of Ramsey County land it occupies. We believe that Ramsey County investments in projects like the Park at RiversEdge, office-to-residential conversions, improved public spaces and transit connections and supporting business growth - in partnership with public, private and community stakeholders - will catalyze downtown economic revitalization.

Sale of county-owned land: Building Stronger Together transforms underutilized land into powerful engines for economic prosperity across Ramsey County. Through strategic site readiness and strong

partnerships with cities and developers, we are not just planning for growth—we are actively converting these opportunities into lasting economic impact.

This plan strengthens our commitment to the development of Rice Creek Commons by investing Ramsey County dollars to construct Rice Creek Boulevard and site preparation.

These infrastructure investments are a critical step in delivering housing across income levels, creating well-paying jobs and building a sustainable, energy-forward community.

How we grow and invest directly impacts affordability for residents and the county's ability to invest in roads, parks, libraries and essential services like public safety, public health and social services. Building Stronger Together recognizes that property tax burdens are too high for our residents and focuses on broadening the tax base to more fairly and sustainably reduce that property tax burden. For more information on this initiative, you can access: [RamseyCountyMN.gov/BuildingStrongerTogether](http://RamseyCountyMN.gov/BuildingStrongerTogether).

Stay up to date on District 1 news by signing up for my newsletter and following us on

Facebook. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to set up a meeting, please contact me at Tara. [JebensSingh@ramseycounty.us](mailto:JebensSingh@ramseycounty.us) or 651-266-8362.

Let's keep the conversation going!

Tara Jebens-Singh is the District 1 Ramsey County Commissioner.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Gun control**

The Democratic-led Minnesota Legislature is/ has been attempting to enact another “gun control” law. On every attempt to pass any form of gun control, they consistently attempt to regulate firearms owned by legitimate law-abiding citizens.

NEVER do they address the reality of felons using firearms during criminal activity.

Here's a novel idea for our illustrious Democrats!! Propose a law that punishes those individuals that utilize a firearm (ANY FIREARM) during the commission of a felony!

Perhaps word the law something along these lines:

1) Commission of a felony with a firearm is punishable for a MANDATORY MINIMUM prison sentence of 10 years. More prison time would be allowed based on the felony committed. But NEVER LESS TIME.

2) No discretion by a judge or prosecuting attorney to plea bargain for a lower sentence

3) No bail allowed at all

4) No early probation allowed

5) No time off for good behavior

Will this prevent further crime? Probably not, but there will be a significant change in the “repeat offenders” statistics. Most of them would be in prison!

At least the Legislature could attempt to pass a law that punishes the felon instead of law-abiding citizens! Maybe there could even be a bipartisan agreement achieved.

**Vic Kascht  
Shoreview**

**SHOREVIEW CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS**

• Resident Steve Bona raised his concerns about Snail Lake Boulevard, the street he resides on. Bona said the road is in terrible shape and every 100 feet, there is a sinkhole crack. He added that it is bumpy and the pavement is falling apart. Bona said about five years ago, Snail Lake Boulevard was replaced from Victoria Street to Mackubin Street. Neighborhood residents thought the next phase would come the year after, but it didn't. He added many in the neighborhood want to know whether the next phase of the project is scheduled in the near future or what the next steps are.

• Former Mayor Sandy Martin recognized Shoreview resident and former City Attorney Jerry Filla, who passed away last month. Filla served as the city's attorney for 41 years. Martin said Filla was instrumental in many of the groundbreaking decisions made by past councils. Martin said Filla navigated many zoning and comprehension plan revisions, helped the city pass the first ordinance in Minnesota that banned the use of fertilizer containing phosphorus within the city and negotiated the contract with television tower owners regarding the placement of towers in Shoreview.

• The city will prepare a feasibility report for the Hamline Avenue reconstruction project, now that council has given its approval. The feasibility report is prepared by the city engineer and describes the proposed improvements. Hamline Avenue is currently scheduled for reconstruction in 2028,

per the city's capital improvement plan. The project will reconstruct Hamline Avenue from Lexington Avenue to County Road I, realign the intersection with County Road I, replace and add additional street lights, and install trail connections in the area.

• Amendments will be made to the mayor and council salaries effective Jan. 1, 2027. State law requires these adjustments to take place before the City Council elections. It also states that adjustments cannot take effect until the following year. The council's current salaries were approved on July 15, 2024, and took effect Jan. 1, 2025. Currently, the mayor makes \$896 per month and council members make \$665 per month. Staff received data from benchmark communities the city used for the 2024 compensation study. The data showed the current salaries are 6.25% below the average for the mayor and 10.69% below average for council members. A 3% adjustment, which is what city staff received this year, to both would bring the compensation to 3.29% below the average for the mayor and 7.74% below the average for council members. With these amendments, the mayor would receive \$923 per month and council members would receive \$685 per month.

• An agreement between the Metropolitan (Met) Council and the city of Shoreview has been approved by the council. The agreement will allow the Met Council to formulize the use of city property for the existing bus stop and bus route. An existing bus route

and bus stop, operated by the Met Council, serves Shoreview Center and Commons Park.

• The council has approved plans and specifications and ordered the improvements and the taking of bids for the 2026 water main rehabilitation project. The city's 2026 capital improvement plan includes funding for the rehabilitation of water main in the southwest corner of the city. This year's project will include approximately 1.1 miles of water main lining on Richmond Avenue (south of Edgewater Avenue), Lexington Avenue (Carleton Drive to Glenhill Road), Glenhill Road (Lexington Avenue and Richmond Avenue) and Edgewater Avenue (Lexington Avenue and Richmond Avenue).

• Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation will be responsible for the city's 2026 crack sealing project after the council accepted its quote of approximately \$65,825. The project will be paid for with street renewal and street maintenance funds.

• The council also accepted a quote from Cobalt Companies in the amount of \$26,900 to complete the 2026 traffic signal system maintenance project. This project will be funded by the street renewal fund as designated in the 2026-2030 capital improvement program.

The next Shoreview City Council meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, in council chambers.

*Madeline Dolby*

**BEST OF:** Allows readers a chance to recognize their favorite local businesses

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“Some ideas come from us, but a lot come directly from readers and even businesses,” Steele added. “People will call and say, ‘How do you not have this category?’ and we’ll realize — it’s a great addition.”

While returning favorites remain, these additions aim to capture both everyday needs and evolving tastes.

**A boost for local businesses**

For many businesses, being named a “Best of” winner carries real impact. Past honorees such as the Hugo American Legion and Cabin 61 have seen increased visibility and customer engagement following recognition in the contest.

“When a business is nominated year after year, it tells other readers that the place is trusted and authentic,” Steele noted. “It shows consistency and that they’re doing something right.”

That visibility is especially meaningful for small and locally owned businesses that rely heavily on community support and word of mouth.

**How it works**

The process begins with nominations, when readers can submit their favorite businesses and organizations across a range of categories. After the nomination period closes, the top contenders move on to a voting round, where the community determines the final winners.

Specific timelines for nomination and voting phases will vary slightly across publications, but all contests will be accessible through the “Best Of” section at [presspubs.com](http://presspubs.com).

Participants are encouraged to nominate early and often, which helps ensure that their favorite spots make it onto the ballot. “Every year, we’ve seen growth in participation,” Steele indicated. “We’ve never gone backward — it continues to build momentum.”

**A reflection of the community**

At its core, the Readers’ Choice Best of the Press Contest is less about rankings and more about recognition. It highlights the places people return to, the services they trust and the businesses that help shape everyday life in their communities.

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## POLICE REPORTS

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

- Deputies responded April 7 to a report of a crash with property damage in the area of Rice Street and Demar Avenue after Shoreview Public Works employees working on the sewer system saw a red Honda FIT strike a metal rod and leak-detection sensor before driving away from the scene. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a theft citation to a 57-year-old Coon Rapids man April 7 after he was caught by employees at a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North attempting to leave the store without paying for merchandise.
- On April 7, a 77-year-old woman in the 5700 block of Willow Lane reported receiving a phone call from someone pretending to be with Apple's fraud department, who tricked her into providing banking information that was later used in an attempt to fraudulently take money out of her account. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies responded April 9 to a report of a dispute in the 1200 block of Woodcrest Avenue and mediated a disagreement between a woman and her juvenile brother.
- Deputies arrested a 52-year-old woman from Otsego on April 9 for DWI after responding to a report of a pickup truck that had been swerving through a neighborhood in the 900 block of Monterey Drive and hit a "No Parking" sign. After the crash, the complainant reported that the woman smiled, backed up and drove away. Deputies later placed the driver under arrest after locating her at her home, where she performed poorly on standard field sobriety tests.
- A 21-year-old man from Minneapolis in the 3400 block of Victoria Street reported April 9 being contacted by a woman who has no-contact order against him. The incident is under investigation.
- A deputy attempted to make a traffic stop April 10 in the area of County Road F West and Sylvia Lane South, but the driver of the vehicle jumped out and ran away on foot before the stop could be made. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a parking citation April 10 to the owner of a black Ford EcoSport parked illegally in a handicapped parking space using a deceased person's handicapped placard.
- Deputies were dispatched April 10 on a report of teens with a weapon in the 4500 block of Victoria Street North. After investigation, it was determined that the juveniles were "mock mugging" another juvenile with a BB gun. Trespass notices were issued to two 13-year-old males.
- A man in the 1000 block of Robinhood Place reported April 10 that a package worth approximately \$120 was stolen from his front step. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies cited a 32-year-old woman from Farmington April 10 for passing a parked, authorized vehicle in the area of I-694 and Victoria Street North without moving over to the second lane of traffic headed in the same direction.
- Deputies issued a trespass notice and citation for theft April 12 to a 25-year-old New Brighton man after he was caught by employees at a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North attempting to leave the store without paying for nearly \$400 worth of merchandise.
- Deputies responded April 13 to a report of a 9-year-old boy in the 1600 block of Knight Street being slapped on his cheek by another child. The incident is under investigation.
- A 25-year-old woman from Maple Grove reported April 14 that her Nissan Altima was struck by a blue Acura MDX while parking outside of a gas station in the 3500 block of Lexington Avenue North. The Acura was driven away before its driver shared any information, and the victim's vehicle was damaged. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies arrested a 33-year-old man April 16 for fifth-degree drug possession and possession of a firearm after they assisted Ramsey County Probation with a search in the 800 block of Nancy Circle and located the items.
- A 26-year-old in the 4700 block of Hodgson Road reported April 16 that someone stole the front license plate off his work truck. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies responded April 17 to an elementary school in the 1100 block of Lepak Court after receiving a report of that someone attempted to lure a girl away from the walking path. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies were dispatched April 17 to a report of a theft in the 4900 block of Hodgson Road after a member of a church reported that someone stole \$1,000 from them. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a theft citation April 17 to a 45-year-old man from Minneapolis after he was caught by employees at a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North leaving the store without paying for merchandise, a crime for which he has been suspected more than a dozen times.
- Deputies responded April 18 to a crash in the area of Highway 96 West and Snail Lake Boulevard involving a vehicle and a 12-year-old boy on a scooter. The victim had minor injuries to his elbow and forearm. His mother told deputies she would take him to the hospital for evaluation.
- A 6-year-old girl was bitten by a dog while out for a walk in the 4200 block of Highland Drive with her mother and father April 18, suffering minor injuries. An animal control officer responded but was unable to locate the dog. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies arrested a 39-year-old Minneapolis man April 18 for DWI and refusal to participate in testing after receiving a complaint from another driver and making a traffic stop in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North.

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**MOUNDS VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD SNIPPETS**

• Board Chair Heidi Danielson noted that during the session in which comments to the board are received prior to the meeting, many constituents spoke about the changes to the middle school curriculum. Danielson said that if parents have questions about these changes and how they will affect their student(s), they should reach out to their respective middle school principal for more details.

• The board approved the ratification of the employment contract for paraprofessionals in the district. Executive Director of Human Resources Julie Coffey explained that this contract is a two-year agreement covering the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. The terms and conditions of the agreement include a 2.5% increase to the salary schedule in year one and a 2.75% increase to the salary schedule in year two. She noted that the off-schedule payment provided to paraeducators has been eliminated moving forward. Longevity increments

were increased in year one and the district contribution to the 403b was increased by \$500 in the second year. A 403(b) plan is a tax-advantaged, employer-sponsored retirement savings plan for employees of public schools, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, and certain church ministries.

• The board also approved the ratification of the employment contract for clerical staff in the district. The contract will also cover the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school year. Coffey said the terms and conditions of the agreement include a 2.85% increase to the salary schedule and lead differential in year one and a 3.1% increase to the salary schedule and lead differential in year two of the contract. The off-schedule payment provided to clerical staff will also be eliminated moving forward. Longevity increments were increased in year one and the district contribution to the 403b was increased by \$500 in the second year. There were also sev-

eral language items that were clarified and updated.

• Coffey also provided an update to the board regarding the district's operational plan (DOP) goal of providing onboarding and staff support. Coffey said this DOP goal will allow employees to feel more confident, supported and able to do their best work. District staff have begun to gather feedback by creating a survey for those hired within the last two years. Coffey said staff are currently analyzing the results and trends to better understand what is working and where improvements are needed. A teacher mentoring program has also been implemented at Pike Lake Kindergarten Center this year. Coffey said seven mentors supported nine new teachers. She added that district staff and Mounds View Education Association staff have been working together to refine the program and hope to have it expanded districtwide by the 2027 school year. Coffey said that staff have

also implemented an exit interview process. She said this information will better help them understand patterns and reduce retention moving forward. Lastly, Coffey said the district is working on creating a new onboarding online platform for new district employees. This will provide new employees with access to tools before their first day and allow them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with district programs. Next, Coffey said district staff will select a platform and begin its development soon. They intend to have it fully functional by the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

The next Mounds View Public Schools School Board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the District Center, 4570 Victoria St. N., Shoreview. Public comments to the board will be at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting.

*Madeline Dolby*

**PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS**

**Updated law improves student safety**

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, legislators have updated the law that requires drivers to stop when a school bus arm is out.

Previously, the law required drivers to stop for a bus when its red flashing lights were on and the stop arm was extended. This created a situation in which some drivers might pass the bus when the lights were flashing but the stop arm wasn't fully extended.

Effective immediately, the updated law closes the loophole and improves the safety

of children across Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. When red lights are flashing, a vehicle must stop 20 feet away from the school bus whether the stop arm is extended or not.

**Family water safety, wellness day takes place this month**

The city of Shoreview, in partnership with Abbey's Hope and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, will host a family water safety and wellness day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16, at Bobby Theisen Park.

The event will educate attendees on water safety and rescue tips, boating regulations,



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**The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office will be on-site at the family water safety and wellness day.**

demonstrations and activities. Free life jackets will be available for attendees while supplies last.

Bobby Theisen Park is located at 3575 Vivian Ave., Shoreview.

**CITY BRIEF**

**City of Mounds View changes website, email addresses**

Mounds View has transitioned all email addresses to .gov. The domain to the city's website will also be .gov. According to the city, this change enhances the credibility and security of its website and email communications.

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**BEST OF THE PRESS CONTEST**

**Readers, you can nominate once a day through May 17**

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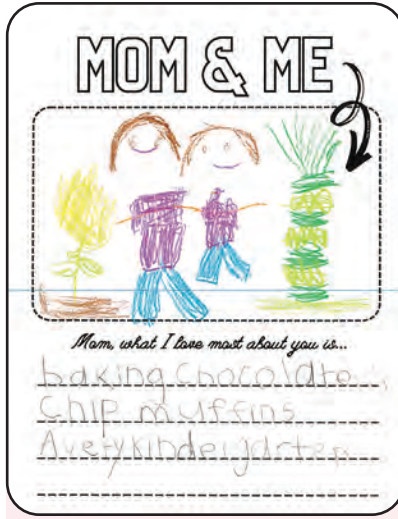
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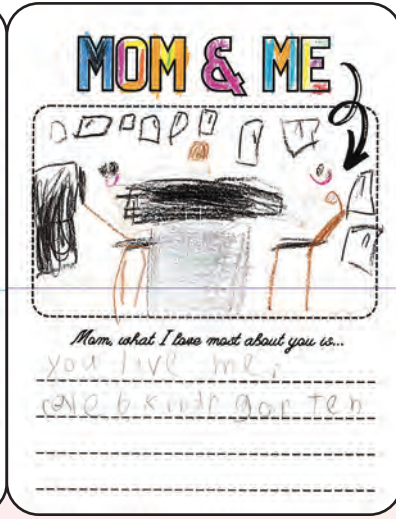
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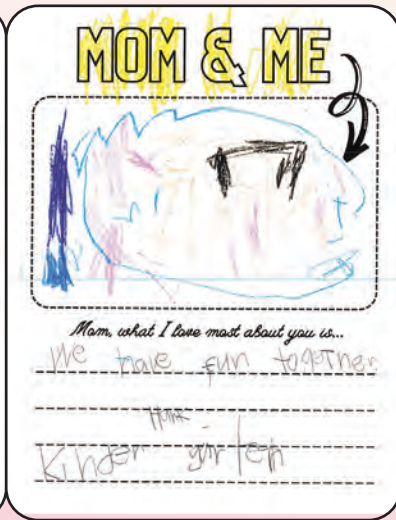
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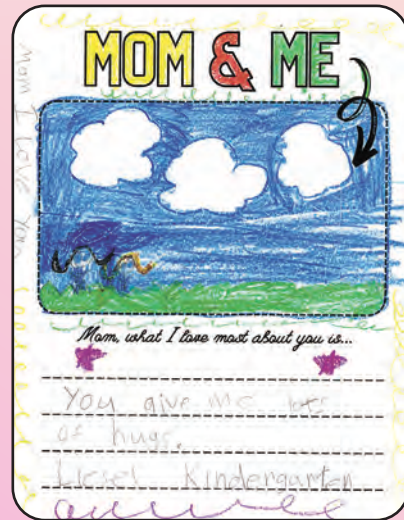
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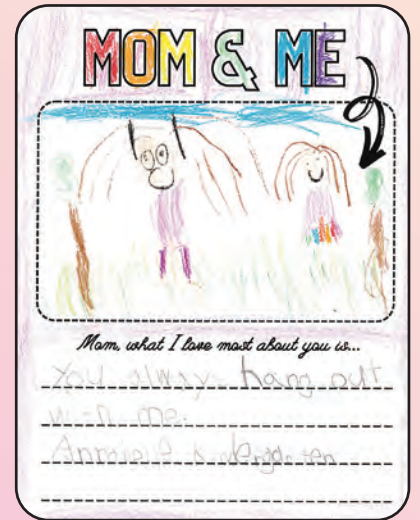
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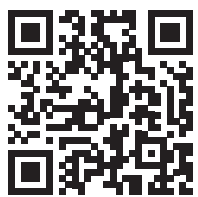
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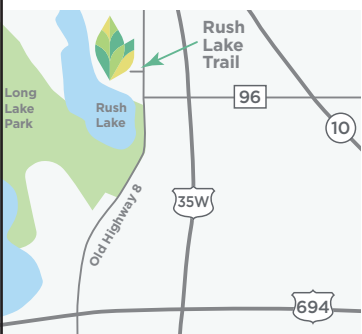
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**CITY OF NORTH OAKS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING 2026 NORTH OAKS FEE SCHEDULE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at the North Oaks City Council meeting on **Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 7 p.m.** in the North Oaks Community Meeting Room, 100 Village Center Drive, Suite 150, North Oaks. The purpose of said hearing is to review and consider possible amendment of an ordinance amending the 2026 North Oaks Fee Schedule.

Kevin Kress, City Administrator  
City of North Oaks

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**CITY OF NORTH OAKS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A WALL SIGN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 VILLAGE CENTER DRIVE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the City of North Oaks will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit for a wall sign** for the property located at **100 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, MN 55127** at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, in the Community Room, 100 Village Center Drive, North Oaks, MN.

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

- Attending the meeting in person and providing public comment during the public hearing;

- Attending the meeting remotely and providing public comment via zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81564530294>; or
- Submitting written public comments by emailing City Administrator Kevin Kress at [kkress@northoaksmn.gov](mailto:kkress@northoaksmn.gov) by May 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Public comments submitted in advance will be accepted into the record as part of the public hearing.

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

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**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**2026 STATE GENERAL ELECTION**  
**NOTICE OF EARLY FILING**

Notice is hereby given that a filing period will be given for candidates seeking election to State, Municipal, and Judicial office in the 2026 State General Election occurring on Tuesday, November 3rd 2026. The filing period will begin on Tuesday, May 19th at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude on Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Candidates may withdraw their name from the ballot up until Thursday, June 4th at 5:00. After this deadline, the list of candidates for each race is finalized. Filing fees associated with each office are non-refundable, even if a candidate decides to withdraw.

Please note: the early filing period will only be for Judicial offices as well as State and Municipal offices with potential primaries. Candidates seeking election to municipal offices without primary elections and school board offices will submit their Affidavits of Candidacy during the late filing period in July (Tuesday, July 14th through Tuesday, July 28th).

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**Petitions**

Candidates seeking Federal or State office as minor party or independent candidates must submit a nominating petition in order to be placed on the ballot. This petition must be filed together with the candidate's Affidavit. Signatures must be gathered during the filing period and signees of the petition must be eligible to vote for the candidate circulating the petition.

Candidates may also opt to submit a petition in place of filing fee. This petition must be filed together with the candidate's Affidavit. Candidates can begin gathering signatures for this kind of petition before the start of the filing period, but signees must be eligible to vote for the candidate circulating the petition.

The number of signatures required for a valid petition will vary depending on the office sought. Visit the Secretary of State's website for the exact number of valid signatures needed for a given office, printable versions of petition pages, and more information on circulating petitions/valid petition format.

**How to File**

Affidavits of Candidacy and Affidavits of Withdrawal must be filed in-person at a designated filing location or mailed to a filing officer after being properly notarized. Please note, there are four different versions of the Minnesota Affidavit of Candidacy (Federal, State/Judicial, City/Town/School District/Special District, and County/Special District), candidates must submit the correct version in order to be placed on the ballot. Candidates must also present valid proof of residence when filing. Candidates for Ramsey County Sheriff must present their peace officer license at the time of filing. Candidates for Judicial seats and Ramsey County Attorney must present their license to practice law at the time of filing. Nominating petitions and petitions in place of filing fees must be submitted in-person at Ramsey County Elections. If a candidate must be out of Minnesota during the filing period, they should contact Ramsey County elections for information on how to file.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available at all filing locations. Printable versions of every type of Affidavit are also available on the Secretary of State's website. Printable versions of the Affidavit of Withdrawal will also be available at filing locations as well as the Secretary of State's website.

For more information on the filing process, contact Ramsey County Elections at:

**651-266-2171**  
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Dated: April 24, 2026

Signed: Eric Ewald

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## CITY OF SHOREVIEW, MN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2026 WATER MAIN REHABILITATION CITY PROJECT NO. 26-11 SEH NO. SHORE 190447

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received at Shoreview City Hall - Council Chambers, 4600 Victoria Street, Shoreview Minnesota, electronically through BidVAULT until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, May 13, 2026, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the 2026 Water Main Rehabilitation project. At which time, two or more designated officers or agents of the City of Shoreview will publicly open and read the bids. Estimated major quantities for the Work include:

Item Description	Unit	Est Qty
TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE	LS	1
WATERMAIN FITTINGS	LB	3692
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6" CIPP WATER MAIN LINING	LF	2564
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6" GATE BOX AND VALVE	EA	19
8" GATE BOX AND VALVE	EA	8
REINSTATE SERVICE CONNECTION	EA	79

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 10650 Red Circle Drive, Suite 500, Minnetonka, MN 55343, Brian Hare (PM), bhare@sehinc.com, 612.255.4040. All planholders and bidders must register and download all project related items from the city's Connex page: mn-ci-shoreview.app.rtvision.com for a fee of \$25.

Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Documents prepared by SEH dated April 15, 2026. Bids will only be accepted electronically, from

contractors listed as a planholder on the city's Connex site.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City. It is expected that the city council will consider the bids at their meeting on May 18, 2026.

By Order of the City Council  
/s/ Brad Martens, City Manager  
City of Shoreview, Minnesota

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## CITY OF SHOREVIEW

### ORDINANCE NO. 1062

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE II, CITY COUNCIL

The Shoreview City Council ordains that Chapter 2, Administration, of the Shoreview Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (**New language is underlined and bolded**; stricken text is proposed for deletion):

#### CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION

#### ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

#### Sec. 2-21. Compensation.

As of January 1, **2027**, 2025, the salary of the mayor shall be **\$923** \$896 per month, and the salary of each councilmember shall be **\$685** \$665-per month. City council compensation will be reviewed every two years per policy.

**Adoption Date:** Passed by the city council of the City of Shoreview on the 20th day of April, 2026.

**Effective Date:** This ordinance shall become effective the day following its publication in the city's official newspaper.

**Publication Date:** Published on the 5th day of May, 2026.

Sue Denkinger, Mayor

Attest:

Brad Martens, City Manager

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## MOUNDS VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mounds View Public Schools is requesting proposals for self-insured Group Medical insurance. The RFP (with submission instructions, general information and all pertinent underwriting details) can be obtained by contacting Katie Tillemans at Gallagher Benefit Services - Phone: 612.619.1324; Email: katie.tillemans@ajg.com - 3600 American Blvd W, Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55431. All questions regarding this RFP should be directed to Katie Tillemans at Gallagher. **Quoting carriers must provide a SEALED proposal, following the instructions outlined in the RFP no later than 2:00 pm on May 26, 2026. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.**

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## MOUNDS VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### MOUNDS VIEW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY, APRIL 7, 2026

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

#### Termination of probationary staff

Executive director of human resources Julie Coffey presented a resolution for termination of contracts for probationary staff.

#### Ratification of employment contract

The Board approved the proposed contract between the District and SEIU Local 284, School Service employees, representing custodians and buildings and grounds, as presented.

#### DOP Goal Update: Environmental & Outdoor Learning

Executive director of curriculum and instruction Angie Peschel, director of community education Karl Brown and Ryan Monson, instructional support, elementary science and technology, gave an update on the District Operational Plan Goal of implementing environmental and outdoor learning. The presenters outlined four strategies for implementing the goal:

- Develop a vision and guiding principles for outdoor classrooms and environmental learning.
- Create a district document that includes a listing of all physical locations being used as outdoor classrooms.
- Create a comprehensive list of curricular environmental learning opportunities for students across all grade levels K-12.
- Create a list of enhancement opportunities for students across all grade levels K-12.

The presentation is available on the website.

#### Thank you

The Board accepted with appreciation gifts from Fidelity - Sarah Greene, Benevity - Takeda Pharmaceuticals - Luyen Nguyen, Benevity - Graco - Robert Redpenning, AmericaOnline - Ryan Companies - Marie Barnum, CyberGrants - Abbott - Randall Cochran, CyberGrants - Abbott - James Rodgers, Help a Neighbor - Julie McDaniel, Benevity - US Bank - Lisa Denning, Dick and Susan Dragovich, Gary "Shooter" Frederickson, SFM Mutual Insurance Company - Terry Miller, The Blackburn Giving Fund YourCause, on behalf of Land O'Lakes Foundation (LoLgives), Sharon Monthei, Holly Hamdorf, A.K. and C.A. Jacob Charitable Fund, Amy Ackerman-Hoffmann, Arden Hills-Shoreview Rotary Club Matt Rossetter, Katherine Bach, David Benning, Gary and Sharon Borg, Sonja Bornus, Jim L. and Ruth A. Bowyer, Michael and Lynn Branch, Carley Foundry - Jordan Carley, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Dick and Susan Dragovich, Richard and Kathleen Eaton, Miles Fredenburg, Graco Charitable Giving Program via Benevity, Suanne and Ken Hallberg, Incarnation Lutheran Church - Pastor Kai, Maureen Lybarger, Mark 4:8 Seeds of Grace Fund, Medtronic, YourCause, LLC Blackburn, Mounds View Police Foundation, David Olson, Forrest Pape, Salem Covenant Church - Shelli Streeper, Shoreview Community Foundation, Sunnyside Elementary School PTA - Megan LaCoursiere and members, The North Church - Jason Vaden, The Thorston Rauch Family Fund, Jean and David Tillman, Valentine Hills PTO president and members, Walen Thompson Family Charitable Fund and Mary Zaudtke.

#### A look ahead

April 21, 7 p.m., regular meeting (6:30 p.m. comments to the Board)  
May 14, 6 p.m., work session  
May 19, 7 p.m., regular meeting (6:30 p.m. comments to the Board)  
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# Mounds View students create card game based on storytelling, vocabulary

BY MADELINE DOLBY  
EDITOR

Four Mounds View High School students have created a new card game, EsoStory. Players use the unique words on their cards to create a story together.

Cards have a vast number of vocabulary words on them to help players learn and remember more words. In addition, the game also has a heavy emphasis on storytelling to help players exercise their creativity using their own imagination.

The group, consisting of senior Richard Law, junior Rowan Moua, sophomores Keith Law and Olivia Hu and freshman Andy Zhao, founded EsoStory after seeing a decline in literacy rates and creativity in students around the community.

EsoStory, Richard said, comes from the word esoteric. The word refers to knowledge, teaching and information for or understood by only a small, specialized or initiated group.

“Every story you tell, every game that you play, is different and unique to the group of friends,” Richard noted.

To play EsoStory, players select three vocabulary cards from decks categorized as easy, medium, or hard.



**EsoStory includes three decks of vocabulary words ranging between easy, medium and hard. There also are sentence starters that players lay down to help get the game moving.**

Richard explained that each deck varies in difficulty. “Everyone can pick three cards, but it doesn’t have to be only from one (deck) or only from the other (deck), so you can pick a combination of either three,” Richard added. “The reason we do that is because we want it to be accessible to people of any skill level.” The game begins with a sentence starter card.



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**The group who created EsoStory includes senior Richard Law, junior Rowan Moua, sophomores Keith Law and Olivia Hu and freshman Andy Zhao. Pictured here (from left) are Keith, Zhao, Richard and Hu.**

Richard said the reason for the sentence starter card is, when they first started testing the game, people would twist the story around to their words.

“You could be talking about a sandwich and then be in space in another second... We put down a sentence starter card and that gives you an idea of what the setting is, to sort of give us direction for the story,” he explained.

On your turn, you can add one to three original (non-card) words to continue the story. If you play one of your vocabulary cards, you earn its corresponding points. After a full round of turns, players may draw a new sentence starter card. The game ends once a player draws 12 points.

Zhao said there are also challenges, limited to two per game, to stop people from placing random words down and ruining the flow of the game.

Examples of words from the decks include “release,” “capture,” “depart,” “scarce,” “bombastic,” “Byzantine” and “apoplectic.” Richard said the group chose vocabulary words that were not well known, but practical.

“First, we wanted to use the hardest words we could find. But we realized a lot of these really hard words are cool, but there are maybe two ways you can use it in a sentence... We wanted to find words that were not very well known, but also pretty practical in everyday conversation so it’s not impossible to try to use them,” he added.

He said the group is also looking to add different decks with different Lexile levels. (Lexile levels, or measures, are a standardized scientific system used to measure both a student’s reading ability and the complexity of a text on the same scale.) Zhao noted that the intended audience for this game is elementary and middle school students.

“I was talking to some of my lower-level school teachers recently, and a lot of them were saying their students weren’t meeting the grade level requirements for reading and writing,” Richard said. “It was a little sad to hear... So I thought maybe we could make a card game to sort of combat that.”

Zhao said they plan to add expansion packs for all ages. He added the group wants to focus on breaking even before they think about expansion packs. These expansion packs would include vocabulary that will help students prepare for the SAT and ACT standardized exams.

Richard said, right now, the biggest focus of EsoStory is the storytelling and creative element.

“In the writing spaces, a lot of generative AI is being used. In a way, we are losing creativity because people are using generative AI to skip the creative process, the struggle for ideas, when the actual struggle for ideas is where you learn to be creative,” Richard said.

“When you play our game, you’ll find it’ll take a while to think of some words, but that’s the point of it, so that you can actually practice those skills.”

For more information on EsoStory, or to buy your own deck of cards, visit [esostory.squarespace.com](http://esostory.squarespace.com).

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**The game ends when a player earns 12 points. Each card is worth two points.**

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## Mustangs handed first two losses, still lead SEC

Mounds View baseball absorbed its first two losses last week but got a quick payback on one of them and still hold first place in the power packed Suburban East Conference (SEC).

The Mustangs were 9-0 before losing to White Bear Lake 8-5 on Tuesday. They pummeled the Bears 10-2 in a makeup game a day later, lost to Stillwater 8-5 on Friday and beat Blaine 4-2 Saturday.

The Mustangs (11-2 overall) are 9-2 in the SEC, with Stillwater 8-3, Woodbury 8-3 and East Ridge 7-5 in the top four.

White Bear Lake (4-7) upset the Mustangs with Joseph Setter's two-run single in the sixth breaking a 5-5 tie. Henry Braun took the loss in relief.

Jackson Tretter was 2-for-3 (two RBI's) and Jackson Glancey hit a solo homer.

The Mustangs got even 10-2 as Cooper Caligiuri delivered a two-run double, Glancey hit a solo homer and Tretter was 2-for-4 (three RBI's). Jayson Cook

threw five innings (one run, seven strikeouts) for the win.

The Mustangs led Stillwater 5-1 after five innings behind Sawyer Shewmake's pitching, but the Ponies got seven runs in the sixth off Calvin Anderson and Braun. Liam Berlien had a triple, two singles and two RBI's for the Mustangs.

Andrew Gette threw five strong innings (one run, nine strikeouts) in the 4-2 win over Blaine. Anderson finished. RJ Madison and Berlien had RBI's.

Prior to last week, Shewmake and reliever Vince Bone stymied Blaine 2-1 on April 24. Madison was 2-for-3 and scored both runs, knocked in by Berlien and Caligiuri.

Madison is hitting .405 with 14 runs, Berlien .400 with 14 RBI's, and Caligiuri .359 with 11 RBI's.

Bruce Strand



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Jackson Glancey homered in two straight games for the Mustangs.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### SOFTBALL

Mounds View is 9-8 after three straight losses, to Cretin-Derham Hall 3-2, Forest Lake 9-0 and Park 15-1. They had a good tournament in Rochester on April 25, beating St. Paul Central 16-1 and Rochester Lourdes 9-3. Against Central, Gillian Hanson was 3-for-3 (triple, four RBI's) and Katie Leopald 3-for-4 (RBI, three runs). Kara Cmiel pitched three innings (one run) for the win. Against Lourdes, Audrey Pritchard hit a three-run homer and Maria Walsh a two-run double. Kate Tretter pitched five innings (three runs) for the win and Nora Kelly two innings (no runs).

#### VOLLEBALL

Mounds View has a 12-5 record including 3-2 in an Eastview tournament and 2-2 in a Bloomington Jefferson tournament. Last week, the Mustangs won 3-0 against both Forest Lake and Cretin-Derham Hall.

#### TENNIS

Mounds View has an 9-3 record with losses to No. 1 ranked Wayzata 5-2, No. 5 Eden Prairie 4-3 and No. 4 Rochester Mayo 5-2. The No. 3 Mustangs won a rematch with

Eden Prairie 4-3 on Saturday, loading up doubles for a sweep, while losing to Mayo, in Rochester. In Suburban East Conference meets the last two weeks, the Mustangs beat Park, East Ridge and Forest Lake, all 7-0, and Irondale 6-1. Soren Swenson, defending state champion, has 12 straight-sets wins. Anders Swenson is 11-1 and Max Daigle 10-2.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Mounds View was 0-4 before defeating Woodbury 5-4, Cretin-Derham Hall 7-6 and Spring Lake Park/Coon Rapids 14-9 in their last three games.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Mounds View is 5-3 after winning three of its last four. The Mustangs beat Woodbury 13-9 and Forest Lake 12-7, lost to Cretin-Derham Hall 17-2 and beat Spring Lake Park/Coon Rapids 16-7. A balanced attack includes Chesney Herlofsky and Brooke Whitehill netting 11 goals each, Allie Atwood ten, Mikenna Peloquin and Claire Diffley nine goals each, Katie Koch eight goals and Audra Dixon seven goals. Ground ball leaders are Dixon with 28 and Atwood 18. Mia Brosnahan in goal has a .491 save percentage.

#### BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Mounds View placed fifth of eight teams in a Wayzata meet Friday, won by Stillwater. Rufus Godson-Okomhanru won the 200 dash (21.84). Ben Mugisa won 110 high hurdles (15.34) and took second in long jump (21-0). Samuel Koch won long jump (21-1 1/2). Ryan Wirrer was second in pole vault (14-6). Robert Essie was fourth shot put 50-4 1/4.

#### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Mounds View placed fourth of nine teams in a Wayzata meet Friday won by Wayzata. Allison Richter won the 200 dash (25.22) and was fourth in triple jump (33-10). Nora Tilstra won shot put (37-1 1/4) with Alysse Hollister second (36-0). Hollister was also second in discus (114-6). Adela Peterson was fourth in the 3200 (11:23). Two relay teams placed third: the 4x800 with Peterson, Madelyn Schmaltz, Leah Marchek and Maren Van Schyndel (10:05) and the 800 sprint medley with Ayla Aitkin, Kaia Schifsky, Julia Choi and Althea Barlow (1:58.21).

Bruce Strand

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- 9 a.m. Thursday, May 7 — at Troy Burne Golf Club
- 10 a.m. Monday, May 11 — at Troy Burne Golf Club

#### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

- 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 — at Roseville

#### BASEBALL

- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 — at Cretin-Derham Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 8 — vs. Irondale
- 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9 — at Centennial
- 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 11 — vs. Forest Lake

#### SOFTBALL

- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 — vs. Woodbury
- 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 8 — at Stillwater
- 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9 — vs. Anoka
- 6 p.m. Monday, May 11 — vs. Coon Rapids

#### BOYS GOLF

- 1:45 p.m. Thursday, May 7 — at St. Cloud Country Club
- Noon Saturday, May 9 — at Forest Hills Golf Course

#### BOYS TENNIS

- 4 p.m. Thursday, May 7 — vs. Stillwater
- 4 p.m. Monday, May 11 — at Blake

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

- 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7 — at White Bear Lake
- 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 — vs. Roseville

#### BOYS LACROSSE

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Andrew Gette

Mounds View Baseball  
May 5, 2026

Andrew Gette, the Star-Tribune's State Player of the Year as a junior, is mowing down batters again as a senior. Leading the pitching staff for Mounds View (11-2), the 6-foot-5 right-hander has a 3-0 record and a 1.19 earned run average in five outings, with 42 strikeouts in 23.67 innings. Gette, a Miami University recruit, has been clocked at 93 mph. At the plate he's 5-for-22 with a three-run homer and six RBI's.

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# Mural artists welcome to bring color to Shoreview trail tunnel

BY PREETI MATHUR  
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Gallery 96 and the city of Shoreview's Bikeways and Trails Committee are seeking artists to paint a mural in the tunnel under Highway 96 that connects the Shoreview Community Center and the Snail Lake Nature Preserve. The tunnel, which is part of Shoreview's walking and biking trails, is used by walkers, bikers, runners and children to safely cross Highway 96 to reach the community center, the playgrounds and the library.

Gallery 96 is a nonprofit Shoreview-based arts organization that provides local artists with opportunities through exhibitions and classes. The Bikeways and Trails Committee advises the city of Shoreview on developing trails to encourage various modes of transportation within the city.

The idea for the mural came from Bikeways and Trails Committee's Chair Neil Cavanaugh, who had read about murals that enhance the underpasses in the city of Amsterdam. Mark Stange, a committee member who was acquainted with Gallery 96, approached that organization for help with painting the mural. The underpass next to the community center was a good place to test this concept, so they looked for funding together.

Two organizations, the Shoreview Community Foundation and the

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, both of which are heavily invested in projects that improve Shoreview, each granted \$12,500, for a total of \$25,000 toward the project. Now that funding has been secured, the organizations are seeking artists.

"We're trying to find people who have experience with painting murals in public places," said Tom Reynen, president of Gallery 96. They have reached out to artists through various art forums and websites, but also wanted to open it up to artists in Shoreview.

Besides working on the design and drafting broad strokes for the mural, they expect the artist to also oversee and collaborate with other Gallery 96 artists and members of the Shoreview community to fill in and finish the mural.

"We want to involve everyone and not restrict it to just a few," said Reynen. Those interested in participating can write to [info@gallery96.org](mailto:info@gallery96.org) or check the Gallery 96's Facebook page.

Since the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District partially funded the project, it has asked the mural's theme to reflect Snail Lake. "A nature theme with features like native plants, animals, flowers, ducks—things that you'd find all over at Snail Lake," Reynen added.

The painted mural, which will cover both sides of the tunnel, will be approximately 2,500 square feet. The city



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The tunnel under Highway 96 that connects the Shoreview Community Center and Snail Lake Preserve will have a mural painted on its walls.

will power wash and prime the tunnel walls in preparation for the mural. Upon completion, the mural will be sprayed with an anti-graffiti coating. Since the tunnel requires no construction or repairs, most of the funding will be used for artist remuneration, paints and other supplies.

The tunnel will remain open during the painting period, and passersby can watch the mural take shape. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held sometime in August or September 2026.

Work on the mural will begin soon after the artist is selected in late May or early June. Representatives of both Gallery 96 and the Bike Trails Com-

mittee will review and select the artist. The deadline for sending applications is Friday, May 8. Applications should be mailed to [info@gallery96.org](mailto:info@gallery96.org). Additional information on the application process is available at: <https://www.gallery96.org/#/mural/>.

Members of Gallery 96 and the Bikes Committee are excited, and say the mural is sure to support the city of Shoreview's broad efforts to add public art throughout the city.

Cavanaugh said, "By making our bike trails more visually appealing, we believe more people will take the time to appreciate what Shoreview has to offer."

## City council supports creation of new county agency

The Shoreview City Council has agreed to opt in, and support, the Ramsey County Economic Development Agency by a 5-0 vote.

Last year, Ramsey County received legislative approval to expand its housing and redevelopment authority (HRA) for the purpose of supporting economic development authority (EDA) related programs. According to Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director Tom Simonson, the county board recently took action to formally establish an EDA so it can begin the process of implementing new business programs.

For communities to enable their businesses to access these new programs, cities must "opt in" as a

participating in the county EDA.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners took the initial step to formally create the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority in December 2025. Simonson said this was a requirement prior to the beginning of this year's legislative session, but it is only the first of a number of steps required to allow enhanced business programming to be funded through the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy (HRA).

While the legislation paved the way for the creation of the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority (EDA), it outlined two conditions:

- The EDA will have no taxing authority. This county EDA will only receive and spend funding from the existing Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy. Expansion of the HRA to include EDA powers, as described by state statute, allows the county to utilize a portion of HRA levy funding for purposes of small business support and enhanced business programming.

- Each city in the county is required to "opt in" to this enhanced business programming. This process requires a city by resolution to state its intention to participate in the program by June 1, 2026. Once this deadline passes for cities to elect to "opt in," the county would then establish the EDA Area of Operation on or by June 15, 2026. Enhanced business programming is expected to begin as of January 1, 2027. Ramsey County has stated that its tentative plan is to allocate approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million yearly from the existing HRA levy directed toward new business programming.

Since there is no additional tax levy being proposed through the county's HRA and there is no impact on Shoreview's economic development and business programs, Simonson said staff believe by opting into the program, community businesses would benefit from the authority because it would allow them to have access to additional resources.

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