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Southwest LRT Funding and Special Session Update

In separate actions last week, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB), Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) and Metropolitan Council, approved \$144.5 million in remaining needed funds to allow the Southwest Light Rail Transit project to move forward and be eligible to apply for the federal share of funding (\$928.5 million) for the line. Of the funding mechanisms adopted last week, \$103.5 million will be financed through Certificates of Participation (CoP).

A CoP is a revenue agreement under which the financial market provides upfront funds for project expenses that are paid back from available revenues in the borrowing entity's annual budget. CoPs were authorized last week by the Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$91.75 million and by the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) in the amount of \$11.75 million. Adopted resolutions by both bodies provide for the issuance of COPs next July, intentionally providing the 2017 Legislature an opportunity to pass an alternative funding option. Metro Cities' understanding is that COPs are commonly used funding mechanisms in other regions for large

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transit projects.

The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA), as well as the CTIB, authorized an additional allocation of \$20.5 million each for the SWLRT project. This \$41 million allows for current project staff levels to be maintained.

Governor Dayton and Metropolitan Council Chair Adam Duininck have publicly stated that these funding mechanisms, which secure the state's remaining contribution to the project, are not ideal but are the only remaining funding options in order to allow the project to move forward. In the 2016 Legislature's final hours in May, the Senate passed a bonding bill with a provision allowing the HCRRA to raise its levy to cover the state's remaining share of funding for SWLRT, but the House had adjourned by the time that bill reached its floor, and no bonding bill passed. The Senate majority caucus and Governor this year supported raising the metro sales tax to a half cent as part of a transportation funding bill, which would have provided the state's remaining necessary funds for the project. Ultimately however, there was no agreement amongst legislative leaders and the Governor on a transportation funding bill nor the metro sales tax increase.

Chair Duininck last week discussed the need to secure funding before August 31st to avoid losing the opportunity for the federal funds needed that will cover 50% of the project's cost, and noted without a funding commitment the project will run out of funding by September 30th, necessitating layoff and reassignment notices after the August 31st deadline. A key concern articulated in meetings last week was the possibility of the federal funds being allocated to another region without a funding commitment from Minnesota.

The SWLRT project has remained the key sticking point amongst legislative leaders and the Governor in special session discussions. With the state's share of the project now in hand, speculation is being renewed for a potential special session. The Governor stated last week that he is willing to re-open special session

discussions, but has noted that resolution to other key issues is needed before he will call a session.

For information on the Metropolitan Council's meeting last week, click [here](#). For more information on the CTIB meeting, click [here](#). For more information on the action taken by HCRRA, click [here](#).

Inflow-Infiltration Task Force and Grant Program Update

Metro Cities is participating with Metropolitan Council Environment Services (MCES) staff and several city staff officials on a task force to discuss resources and tools to address inflow-infiltration (I/I) mitigation on private properties. Metro Cities' policies support addressing I/I at the community level and state funding to assist cities with mitigation. Currently, over 70 communities have been identified as contributing excess levels of I/I into regional wastewater pipes.

Metro Cities has secured state funding through state bonding appropriations for public infrastructure and Clean Water legacy funds for mitigation on private properties, and continues to advocate for funding for these purposes. Cities are compelled to address I/I through an I/I surcharge program adopted by the Metropolitan Council in 2007. Addressing private property I/I has been especially challenging for many communities. The issue of I/I on private properties is complex from various standpoints, including how to incent property owners to address I/I issues occurring on their property, the consequences of which occur on a far broader scale. The purpose of the task force is to review the existing I/I surcharge program and identify possible tools, funding sources, best practices, model ordinances, and other resources to assist cities in addressing private property I/I mitigation. The work of the task force is expected to be completed this fall.

Consistent with previous years, Metro Cities has recently submitted a request to the Clean Water Council, an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Legislature, for funding to assist the private

property side of this issue. A subcommittee of the Council is not recommending funding at this time, consistent with that body's previous actions on Metro Cities' requests. Clean Water Council members have expressed concerns about funds that assist private individuals and a metro-specific program. Our proposal will be considered by the full Clean Water Council later in September. The Council is an advisory body whose recommendations go the Legislature; the Legislature then makes final appropriation decisions on the Clean Water monies. Metro Cities has previously received funding from the Legislature using Clean Water Fund dollars for I/I assistance, and funds were quickly over-subscribed for the program.

Finally, as a reminder to cities participating in the I/I grant program funded with state bonding monies, required documents need to be sent to the Metropolitan Council by October 30, 2016. Cities should have received a reminder notice from Metropolitan Council Environment Services staff. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Gsellmeier, I/I Grants Administrator, at 651-602-1802, or Matthew.Gsellmeier@metc.state.mn.us

Final Policy Committee Meetings Next Week

Third and final Metro Cities' policy committee meetings will be held next week. The Transportation/General Government Committee will meet on Monday, September 12th at 11:00 a.m., Municipal Revenues on Tuesday September 13th at 11:00 a.m, and the Housing and Economic Development Committee on Friday September 16th at 11:00 a.m. Libby Starling from the Metropolitan Council and Rosslyn Pedracine from the HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will speak to the Housing and Economic Development Committee next Friday. The Metropolitan Agencies committee completed its work in August and will not meet in September. All interested city officials and staff are welcome to participate in policy committees.

Fiscal Disparities Data Available on LMC Website

Estimated 2017 fiscal disparities data is now available on the League of MN Cities website, [HERE](#). Cities use this information to set preliminary property tax levies. The LMC's site contains data on both the metropolitan Fiscal Disparities program, and Iron Range Fiscal Disparities Program.

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A veteran from Crystal received an honor Wednesday that was decades in the making. Navy corpsman John Christianson was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for injuries he suffered in Vietnam.

"The Purple Heart is one of the most honored medals that you can earn in the service," said Don Fernstrom, the former senior vice commander of Crystal VFW 494.

Navy Hospital Corpsman John Christianson earned his Purple Heart on March 20, 1970.

"The only part I know is he was in Vietnam and he was in a tent with a bunch of other guys," said Angie Christianson, John's wife. "And they were sitting in a circle probably on their time off, visiting."

What happened next, according to Angie, is that his tent was hit with friendly fire.

"He got shrapnel into his back," she said. "And a guy maybe three feet away from him died. Got hit and died right there."

It was an injury that affected John from that day forward, yet for decades, he never wanted to apply for the Purple Heart he deserved.

"I don't think he wanted to take the time or maybe, because it was friendly fire, he didn't know if he'd get it or not," Angie said.

Choose to Forget

For many Vietnam veterans, it's a period of their lives they choose to forget about

"We got the feeling when we got home that they not only didn't care about what we did, but were disrespectful for the sacrifices and the service," Fernstrom said.

But in recent years, Fernstrom says more are opening up and getting the recognition they deserve.

47 Years Later

Forty-seven years after being injured, and nearly a year after her husband's death, Angie Christianson received the long overdue honor Wednesday on John's behalf at the Crystal VFW.

"I just want to say 'thank you,'" she said during the ceremony. "I feel very honored that I'm able to receive this for John. And he's here today.

While John may not have been physically present to receive his Purple Heart, it's a symbol that will live on forever as

a token of the sacrifice he made.

"I know that he would be more than honored to receive it," Angie said. "And for me to be able to receive it for him, I think that's an honor. And he knows that."

John filed the paperwork to receive the Purple Heart from his bed at the V.A. Hospital in Minneapolis before he died last year. Angie plans to keep it in a glass case along with his other medals at her home in Crystal.

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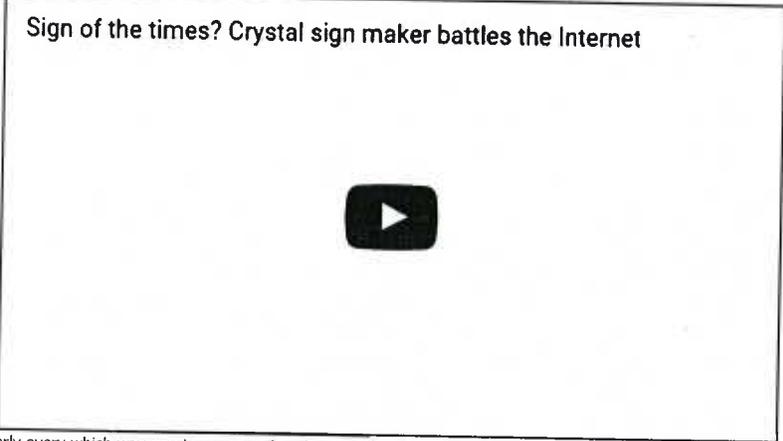


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Nearly every which way you turn, campaign signs can be spotted in yards, boulevards and busy intersections. The signs promote candidates running for nearly every local office imaginable, and Pat Bedell, owner of Crystal-based Signs in MN is an expert at designing and printing those signs.

"Yes, this time of year we used to do a lot more campaign signs," Bedell said. "Like when I first started 10 years ago, we would look forward to this season because we knew there would be an influx of yard signs."

But that was ten years ago. This year, the story's a little different.

"This year, zero," Bedell said. "I don't have any political signs going on right now."

Bedell says it's a result of candidates trying to worry about the bottom line with limited financial resources.

"People are going online," Bedell said. "They're ordering things over the Internet. They will always get it cheaper. I can't compete with the Internet."

She says it's a shift that began about four years ago. Bedell estimates that candidates going to online retailers can save up to 40 percent over what she charges.

In the process, she's lost about 20 percent of the business she used to get this time of year, so she's had to come up with ways to make up for that.

"You just learn to market differently," she said. "You know, you market to the different industries. Churches are doing a lot right now. Schools."

As a small business owner, it's a matter of doing what you can to keep going, and while she understands the desire for candidates to pinch pennies, she makes the argument that it's not worth it to sacrifice customer service.

"I think they're losing support," Bedell said of the candidates. "I think it would be much better if they said, 'I bought this at my local sign company rather than somebody in North Dakota.'"

With two months to go before Election Day, she says there's still time for candidates to change their minds.

"Definitely there's time for us to help you get elected," she said.

Meanwhile, not every candidate goes to online retailers. During our assessment of signs in the northwest metro, most were made by Twin Cities companies.

Delane Cleveland

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Arrest Report

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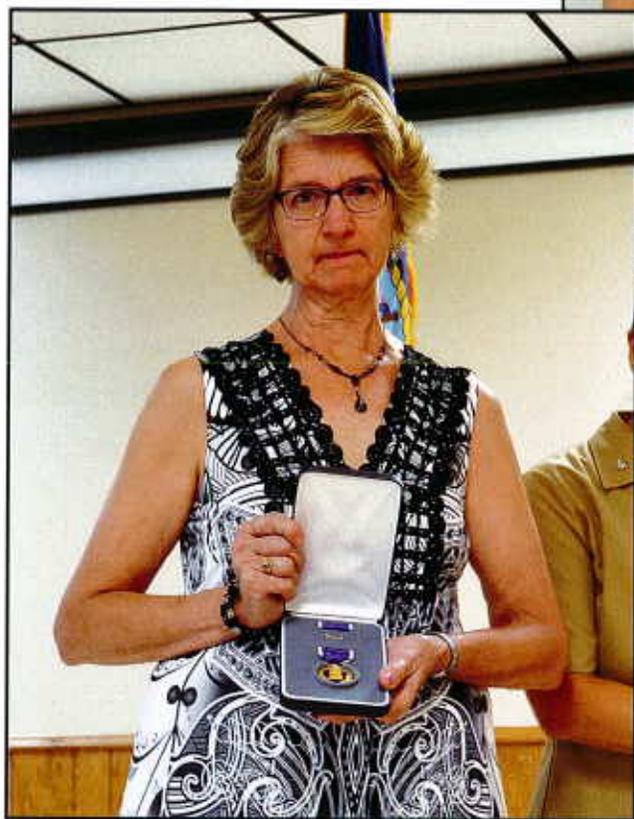
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Crystal Resident Posthumously Awarded Purple Heart

Navy corpsman and Crystal resident John Christianson was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Crystal VFW 494. Angie Christianson received the overdue honor for her husband, who died last year. Christianson earned the Purple Heart on March 20, 1970 when he was hit by friendly fire in Vietnam.



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Public Meeting Held on Southwest Light Rail Project

The Met Council convened a public meeting on Thursday, August 25 to discuss possible funding solutions for the Southwest Light Rail project. The proposal had been the focal point of special session negotiations that took place all summer. When it became clear in August that an agreement could not be reached, Gov. Mark Dayton instructed Met Council Chair Adam Duininck to find possible funding solutions not dependent on legislative support. The proposal includes an increased commitment of \$144.5 million from the Hennepin County Rail Authority, the Counties Transportation Improvement Board (CTIB), and the Met Council. The rail authority and CTIB account for \$20.5 million each, while the Met Council has agreed to increase its funding commitment by \$103.5 million. Chair Duininck stated that if the funding had not been secured by August 31, there would have been layoffs to staff and the engineering contractor assigned to the project.

The Southwest Light Rail project is a proposed 14.5-mile light rail track connecting

downtown Minneapolis to Eden Prairie. With funding secured, construction of the rail is expected to begin during the summer of 2017.

DNR to End Walleye Season on Mille Lacs

Anglers will only have one more weekend of the Mille Lacs Lake walleye catch-and-release season, as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced that it will end the season early this year, on Tuesday, September 6. According to the DNR, the warm water temperature and the high catch rate have contributed to a higher-than-expected mortality rate for walleye that have been released after being caught. The current walleye harvest is estimated to be about 45,276 pounds, which exceeds the quota by 16,676 pounds. Similar to last year when there was debate about calling a special session for the walleye shortage on Mille Lacs, there has been pressure on the DNR to keep the season open to help the tourism industry in northern Minnesota, but this idea has faced strong opposition from tribal leaders who hold treaty rights on the lake. Fishing for other species of fish will remain open throughout the fall, but

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They said it:

"There's over 60 projects around the country right now moving through the federal process that we're in competition with. And if we stumble or show any sign of slowing down we could lose those funds in a heartbeat."

— Adam Duininck, chair of the Met Council, referring to funding the Southwest Light Rail project

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walleye catch-and-release fishing will come to an end next week. The DNR will conduct a walleye assessment this fall to determine the quota for next year.

Rep. Barrett May Be Removed from Ballot

Voters in House District 32B may have a shakeup on their ballot at the local level in November, as a judge has ruled that Rep. Bob Barrett (R-Taylors Falls) does not fill the residency requirements according to Minnesota law. Current law requires a person to live in the district they are running in for at least six months prior to the general election date. Rep. Barrett's residency has been under question the past two election cycles, and now a Second District judge has ruled that Rep. Barrett's listed address of Taylors Falls may not be his permanent residence. A home he owns in the nearby town of Schafer, which is outside of house district 32B, may be considered his permanent residence. Rep. Barrett has challenged the ruling, and the Minnesota Supreme Court is set to hear oral arguments on Tuesday, September 6.

Legislative Toolbox

The campaign season has moved on to the final stretch, as candidates will make their big push post-Labor Day. Getting involved in the election can be very important for an association to have its platform reach a broader audience. Developing a grassroots strategy is a crucial aspect of impacting the legislative process, but the task can seem daunting if you have not done so before. Ewald Consulting has developed a [guide for developing a grassroots strategy](#), and why it matters.

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Get Guidance for Dealing with Cell Towers and Small Cell Technologies



A new League information memo provides information about the deployment and typical siting requests for large and small cell towers and distributed antenna systems.

With the increase in the use of cell phones and other mobile technology, cities are getting more requests for placement of new cell towers and for placing cell technology and distributed antenna systems (DAS) on city property and in public rights of way. It's important for cities to proactively review their regulations to ensure they are consistent with federal law, while still retaining control over the deployment of structures and the use of rights of way.

The League has released a new information memo to address this topic. The memo, *Cell Towers, Small Cell Technologies & Distributed Antenna Systems*, provides information about the deployment and typical siting requests for these technologies. It outlines common gaps in city zoning, federal laws cities must comply with, and some best practices for dealing with large and small cell towers and with DAS.

- **View the memo: Cell Towers, Small Cell Technologies & Distributed Antenna Systems (pdf)** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/celltowerssmallcelltechanddas.pdf>*)

Legislative action on this topic

During the 2016 legislative session, a bill was introduced that would have pre-empted local authority and implemented statewide requirements for cities to allow wireless companies to install small cell facility networks in public rights of way, on publicly-owned buildings, and on commercially-zoned property. An amended version of the bill would have created a task force to study the issue further, but was not included in the final supplemental budget bill.

While cities recognize these new technologies can provide mutual benefits to residents and providers, the League is committed to ensuring cities have the ability to be thoughtful and equitable when helping to facilitate new technology deployments. This topic is likely to come up again in a future legislative session.

Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>*)

Proposed Property Tax Levy Certification Due This Month



Cities and special taxing districts must take official actions this month related to proposed property taxes and hearings.

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The property tax hearing and notification process, also known as truth-in-taxation, includes several important dates in September by which taxing entities, including cities and special taxing districts, must take official actions.

By Sept. 15, special taxing districts, such as economic development authorities (EDAs), housing and redevelopment authorities (HRAs), port authorities, and other special taxing districts, must adopt a proposed property tax levy and also certify the proposed levy to the county auditor by that date. The League sought to move this date to Sept. 30—consistent with the city and county proposed levy certification date—but that change was blocked by the veto of the 2016 tax bill.

By Sept. 30, all cities must adopt proposed budget by resolution and certify proposed tax levy to the county auditor on or before this date. This proposed levy will be used to compute the parcel-specific proposed tax statements that will be delivered to property owners in November.

Proposed levy can be reduced but not increased, with a few exceptions

Keep in mind that, cities and special taxing districts may reduce their proposed tax levy, but—with a few exceptions for cities—they may not increase it. Thus, the proposed property tax levy becomes the maximum final levy that can be adopted in December, when the budget and property tax levy for taxes payable in 2017 are finalized.

For cities setting their 2017 levy, the limited exceptions to this maximum include:

- ***Voter-approved operating or capital expenditure levies.*** Levy increases are allowed for operating costs or capital expenditures approved by the voters at a referendum held after the proposed levy was certified.
- ***Bond referendums.*** An increase is allowed in the amount of a levy to pay the principal and interest on bonds approved by the voters under, Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58, after the proposed levy was certified. This allowance does not apply to bonds issued after the proposed levy was certified if the bonds were issued without voter approval in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 475.58.
- ***Natural disaster costs approved by the commissioner of Revenue.*** An increase is allowed in the amount of a levy to pay the repair and clean-up costs due to a natural disaster that occurred after the proposed levy was

certified. A taxing entity is required to appeal to the commissioner of Revenue for the authorization to make this additional levy and receive the commissioner's approval.

- ***Tort judgment costs approved by the Commissioner of Revenue.*** An increase is allowed in the amount of a levy, subject to certain limitations, to pay the costs of a tort judgment that became final after the proposed levy was certified. A taxing authority is required to appeal to the commissioner of Revenue for the authorization to make this additional levy and receive the commissioner's approval.
- ***Emergency debt certificates.*** An increase is allowed in the amount necessary, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 475.55, to pay emergency debt certificates authorized and issued after the proposed levy was certified.

Additional requirements for cities over 500 in population

In addition to setting the proposed maximum levy by Sept. 30, there are other actions that cities with populations over 500 must take at the meeting where the proposed levy is adopted. These cities must announce the time and place of subsequent meetings at which the budget and levy will be discussed and at which public comment will be permitted. The subsequent meeting information must be included in the minutes; however, newspaper publication of the minutes is not required. The meetings must be held at or after 6 p.m.

These cities must also provide the county auditor with the date, place, and time of the regularly scheduled meeting at which a final budget and levy will be determined, which must be held between Nov. 25 and Dec. 28, and must be held at or after 6 p.m. The city must also provide the county with a phone number that city taxpayers may call if they have questions related to the auditor's property tax notice and an address where comments will be received by mail.

For cities with populations of 500 or less, there is no additional meeting requirement and these cities may certify their final 2017 property tax levy at any time through Dec. 28. If these cities have determined that the proposed property tax levy is also the final property tax levy, they may notify the county auditor of this determination and no further certification of final levy would be required.

Resources

- **View the official Minnesota Department of Revenue truth-in-taxation instructions for more guidance on this process (pdf)** (*Link to:* http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/local_gov/prop_tax_admin/aclb/tnt_inst_instructions.pdf)
- **View the LMC Calendar of Important Dates for more information on upcoming dates to note** (*Link to:* <http://lmc.org/media/document/1/calendarofimportantdates.pdf>)

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MnDOT Seeks Comments on Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan



Last updated in 2011, the Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan provides an investment plan to meet 90 percent of public transit demand in Greater Minnesota by 2025.

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The Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (MnDOT) is updating the Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan (GMTIP). Last updated in 2011, the GMTIP provides a 20-year strategic plan for transit in Greater Minnesota and an investment plan to meet 90 percent of public transit demand in Greater Minnesota by 2025.

The GMTIP is required by Minnesota statute, and it helps fulfill federal requirements for transportation planning. Thousands of Minnesotans were involved in shaping the GMTIP through on-board surveys, public meetings, online and mailed surveys, and phone interviews.

MnDOT is accepting comments on the draft plan through Oct. 14, 2016. Comments can be submitted online, emailed to stateplans.dot@state.mn.us (Link to: <mailto:stateplans.dot@state.mn.us>), or mailed to MnDOT, 395 John Ireland Blvd., Mail Stop 440, Saint Paul, MN 55155.

- **Access the draft GMTIP on the MnDOT website** (Link to:

<http://www.mndot.gov/transitinvestment>)

If you have questions about the plan or would like to schedule a time to discuss the plan in person with MnDOT's planning team, contact Sara Dunlap, Transit Principal Planner, at sara.dunlap@state.mn.us (Link to: <mailto:sara.dunlap@state.mn.us>) or (651) 366-4194.

The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan and the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan are also available for public comment.

- **Access all three plans on MnDOT's Minnesota Go website** (Link to:

<http://www.minnesotago.org>)

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All Fiscal Disparities Data Now Available



Cities can use the estimated distribution levy in setting their preliminary property tax levy.
(Published)

Estimated 2017 fiscal disparities data is now available. This data is presented in tables facilitated and reviewed by the administrative auditor; Anoka County serves this role for metro cities, and St. Louis County does so for Iron Range cities.

Cities use the estimated distribution levy in setting their preliminary property tax levy. Three pieces of data are used in estimating these amounts. Table V shows each city's final contribution net tax capacity while Table VII contains the distribution net tax capacity. Table VIII shows the distribution levy—the amount of the property tax paid to the city through the Fiscal Disparities program—for each city. The administrative auditors use Table VIII to calculate the areawide tax capacity rates by dividing the total distribution dollars for all tax jurisdictions in the area, metro or Iron Range, by the total contribution value.

- **Access the fiscal disparities data (under “Property tax resources”)** (Link to:

<http://www.lmc.org/page/1/property-tax-state-funding-fiscal-issues.jsp>)

Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>)

Current Grant Opportunities

MN Fire Department Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor 2017 Award Program

The State Fire Marshal is now accepting applications for the Turnout Gear Washer/Extractor Grant Award program. The grant money is to be used for equipment that cleans turnout gear of toxic combustion byproducts that contain carcinogens. A total of \$300,000 has been approved for the 2017 fiscal year, funded from the Fire Safety Account. Individual awards will be given in amounts up to \$10,000. The deadline for the 2017 program year is **Oct. 10** at 4:30 p.m.

To learn more and request an application, contact Special Programs Coordinator Nanci Libor at Nanci.libor@state.mn.us (*Link to: <mailto:Nanci.libor@state.mn.us>*) or (612) 270-6956.

2017 Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards

The Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation has announced a grant opportunity for cities across the country. Up to 15 cities will be awarded \$25,000 each in matching funds to produce their own Levitt AMP Music Series—an outdoor, free concert series featuring a diverse lineup of high-caliber entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Online public voting determines the top 25 finalists. Grant applications are due by **Oct. 10**.

Learn more and apply for the grant (*Link to: <http://www.levittamp.org>*)

2016 James Metzen Mighty Ducks Ice Arena Grant

The Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) is seeking proposals from interested communities to improve and update ice arenas. The grant program has been renamed the James Metzen Mighty Ducks Ice Arena Grant Program in honor of former state Sen. James Metzen, who was instrumental in creating the original Mighty Ducks program in 1995. The 2016 grant program has \$10 million to help Minnesota communities eliminate R-22 refrigerant or improve air quality in ice arenas. (Read related article about the upcoming ban of R-22. (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/IceArenasMayJune2016.jsp>*) Grant recipients must have at least one local partner that is a political subdivision of the state, and all grant applications require a minimum one-to-one dollar match from non-state sources. The deadline to apply is **Oct. 3**.

Learn more and apply for the grant (*Link to: http://www.mnsports.org/mighty_ducks.stm*)

2017 Cultural Community Partnership Grant

The Minnesota State Arts Board is now accepting applications for the FY 2017 Cultural Community Partnership grant program. This program is designed to enhance the artistic and career development of artists of color. It supports collaborative projects between two individual artists, or between an artist and an organization. Proposed projects must take place between March 1, 2017, and February 28, 2018. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on **Sept. 16**.

Learn more and apply for the grant (*Link to: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/cultural-community-partnership.htm>*)

Aquatic Invasive Species Grants

The Initiative Foundation announces an open process (no deadlines) to apply for funds for projects that implement or expand innovative and comprehensive pilot projects to prevent the introduction or spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) into the surface waters of Minnesota. A total of \$3.6 million will be awarded for pilot projects and an assessment of their effectiveness. The grant program was approved by the Minnesota Legislature from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, one of four funds of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment passed in 2008. It is intended to fund pilot projects anywhere in Minnesota that are legal, effective, and financially sustainable methods of preventing the spread of AIS through a range of communication, education, and outreach efforts; inspection and decontamination; enforcement; containment; and/or other methods than can be administered locally.

Learn more and apply for the grant (*Link to: <https://www.ifound.org/community/aquatic-invasive-species/>*)

Hazardous Materials and Emergency Preparedness Grant Program

The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) is now accepting requests for Hazardous Materials and Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grants. Fire departments are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities that are eligible through the fiscal year (FY) 2015 HMEP Grant, which ends on **Sept. 30, 2016**.

Allowable expenses for planning include:

Conferences and Meetings

Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC)

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)

Fire Rescue International (FRI)

Hot Zone

These are just a few of the allowable expenses. Registration costs for out of state conferences are not eligible through the MBFTE, but are eligible through the HMEP grant awarded to the MBFTE. HMEP grants require a 20 percent soft match of the project cost.

If your department would like to take advantage of the FY 2015 HMEP grant, please send your request to Steve Flaherty, MBFTE Executive Director, at steve.flaherty@state.mn.us (*Link to: <mailto:steve.flaherty@state.mn.us>*). Your request should include the following information: Fire department, contact person, specific request, amount, soft match provision.

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Minnesota Women in City Government to Host Empowerment and Communications Event

Please join Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) for an exciting opportunity to hear Michelle Perdue's presentation on empowering women to speak beyond barriers to achieve infinite possibilities. The event will take place on Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the League of Minnesota Cities.

Perdue is the founder and CEO of Speak to Advance Communications, a training development company created to advance the careers, networks, and communication skills of aspiring leaders and women executives. As a world class certified speaking coach, she has the skills and talents to transform women and their communication skills.

Perdue will share her original poetry and her inspiring story. There will be time for questions, networking, and a roundtable discussion following her presentation.

To register for the event, contact Candy Petersen at candy.petersen@northstpaul.org (*Link to: <mailto:candy.petersen@northstpaul.org>*) or (651) 747-2400 by Sept. 16.

Download the registration form (pdf) (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/mwccginvite.pdf?inline=true>*)

There is a \$10 registration fee, which includes lunch. Please send the registration fee to MWCG Treasurer Emily White, 870 17th Street, Newport, MN 55055 by Sept. 16.

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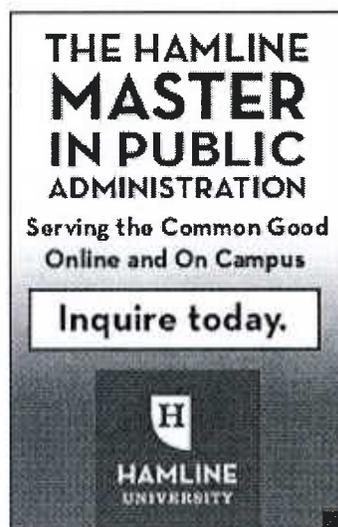
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U of M Accepting Letters of Intent to Apply for Resilient Communities Project

The University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is now accepting letters of intent from cities and counties that wish to apply to be RCP's community partner for the 2017–2018 academic year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018). The deadline for letters of intent is **Sept. 15, 2016**.

What is RCP?

RCP facilitates year-long partnerships between the University of Minnesota and one selected community in Minnesota. Through the partnership, students and faculty from across the University collaborate with the partner community to address its self-defined sustainability-related needs through course-based projects.

How Does the Partnership Work?

RCP provides the partner community with access to sustainability expertise at the University of Minnesota by matching *community-identified projects* with graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses that can address the needs of the community. Work is completed by students as part of their coursework, under the supervision of university faculty and RCP staff.

RCP staff work closely with the partner community to match projects with students and faculty from a wide range of disciplines—from architecture, planning, and engineering to environmental sciences, public health, and the humanities. Most projects involve multiple disciplines in order to address problems from diverse perspectives. RCP has the capacity to assist with 10 to 30 local projects during the partnership year.

Assistance is available related to all aspects of sustainability (e.g., environmental health, economic opportunity, social equity, and community livability) and all stages of sustainability efforts (analysis, planning, design, implementation, and evaluation).

Get instructions for submitting your letter of intent and application (*Link to: <http://rcp.umn.edu/home/communities/apply-to-rcp/>*)

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Candidate Forum

Minnesota Senate District 45

Candidates: Sen. Ann Rest, DFL; Roxana Bruins, IR

and

Hennepin County 4th Judicial District 37

Candidate: Judge Carolina A. Lamas

Hennepin County 4th Judicial District 45

Candidate: Judge Paul R. Scoggin

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7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley

Along with opening and closing statements from each legislative candidate, members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions and each candidate will be able to respond. There is time afterward to meet with candidates. The forum will be cablecast. Direct questions in advance by email to lwvgv@lwvmn.org

For additional information about local League of Women Voters, contact Lynn Gitelis, Golden Valley, lynngi2@gmail.com; Lois Wendt, Crystal, New Hope, E.Pymouth, lkwshak@hotmail.com, Deborah Price, Wayzata Plymouth, dl.price@comcast.net

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New portable studio training September 15

Have you been waiting for the portable studio, NWCT's last remaining SD equipment, to go HD? The wait is over! On Thursday, September 15, 7pm-9pm, NWCT will introduce the new Roland high definition portable studio. The portable studio includes a new Roland audio/video switcher with touch screen monitor and three new HD cameras (HDMI connections) and tripods. We are ecstatic to showcase this to volunteers as we believe this will be a clean, easy-to-use system. If you're interested in signing up for the new Roland portable studio class, contact staff at 763.278.4330 or info@nwct.org. **DC**



Community Media Day 10/20

The first Community Media Day will be celebrated this fall on Thursday, October 20, as a way for our organizations and our communities to recognize the value of local media, local expression and media that reflects local needs. The work you do.

Organizing for local celebrations and commemorations of community media across the country is just entering the planning stages. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Parades are back in town!

I (Javie) am looking for YOU! Parades are back and the season is about ready to wrap—next up is Osseo Lion's Roar Days Parade, Saturday, September 10, 12pm, and Plymouth on Parade, Saturday, September 24, 11:30am. If you help with the parade—march alongside Channel 12 staff, smile and wave at parade goers and hand out fans promoting NWCT—you get five Crew Coins.

I want to give the biggest shout out to **Sam Guerrido** and **Charlie Brose** for helping out on Brooklyn Center's Earle Brown Days, Robbinsdale's Whiz Bang Days, and Maple Grove's Pierre Bottineau Days parades. They handed out more than 1000 fans. You guys are awesome!

If you have questions or want to sign up for either the Osseo or Plymouth parade, please email or call me at jcedillo@nwct.org or 763.278.4326. **JC**



Charlie and Sam trying to beat the summer heat!



Volunteer Gala date set

It's never too early to start planning for VOLUNTEER GALA 2016! The annual event is Thursday, November 10—this year's venue is the Maple Grove Community Center. Enter the date in your calendars and watch for more information on the festivities! **BNC**

NWCT well represented at national conference

The Alliance for Community Media (ACM) recently held their national conference in Boston, and the conference was a huge success! The ACM was founded in 1976 and represents over 3000 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) organizations involved with community television.

I was honored when asked to speak at this year's conference by the President of ACM. The ACM is very aware that we have a highly successful community television operation and I was given the opportunity to share our story with representatives from all over the country.

Steve Brockhaus, who is in charge of our Channel 12 events truck, was asked to speak about the mobile app he developed for our organization. We were one of the first community television operations in

the country to develop a mobile app that viewers can use to engage in our local content offerings.

Also attending the conference was Studio Manager Javier Cedillo who was recently elected to the ACM Midwest Regional Board of Directors and Zipporah Mesesi who represents the community producers on the NWCT Board.

The Alliance for Community Media announced that they have selected Minneapolis for their annual conference in 2017. It will take place July 11-14. Our organization, as well as others in the Twin Cities area, will be very involved with assisting in putting this event together.

To find out more about the ACM, visit www.allcommunitymedia.org.

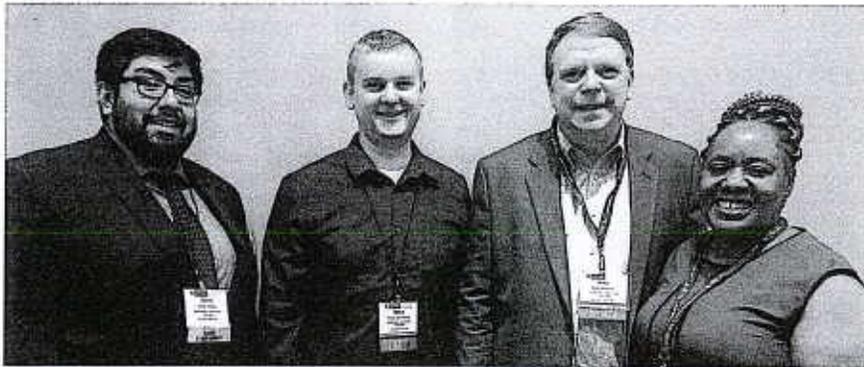


UPCOMING COMMISSION/BOARD MEETINGS

The last two Cable Commission/Board meetings of 2016 are Thursday, September 15 and November 17, at 7:30am, in the studio. **MJ**

Javie's take on Boston

I had the great pleasure of attending the Alliance for Community Media conference in Boston this year. The purpose of the conference is to let community media centers know they are not alone—we have a voice and your voice can be heard in the farthest of places. They had educational sessions, jam-packed with information I plan on sharing with everybody, all three days. I am very thankful for the experience and want to empower everybody and share ideas. **JC**



Left to right: Studio Manager Javie Cedillo, Channel 12 Mobile Production Director/Producer Steve Brockhaus, Executive Director Mike Johnson, and volunteer producer (and Board representative!) Zipporah Mesesi.

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Is a Board position in your future?

Are you interested in representing your fellow Northwest Community Television volunteers on the NWCT Board of Directors? NWCT is holding an election November 7-20 to fill one two-year term board seat. Volunteer **Scott Burdette**'s term ends this February—the newly elected Board member's term begins February 16, 2017. Board members meet quarterly to set policies, adopt a budget, and oversee the overall operation of NWCT. Two seats on our fifteen person board are reserved for volunteers. NWCT members **Sue Ellen Zagrabelny** and **Zipporah Mesesi** (appointed by the Cable Commission) also represent volunteers on the Board.

To become a candidate for the Board of Directors you must:

1. Reside in one of the nine communities served by NWCT.
2. Be a member of NWCT.
3. Be at least 18 years old by November 1, 2016.
4. Provide a candidate's profile to NWCT no later than Friday, October 28, 2016.

Call Barb at 763.278.4322 for more information. **BNC**

Next Javie's Late Show October 3



Javie's Late Show is the perfect show for the following reasons:

1. It features YOU! Current producers (or crew) share more about themselves and their show (or volunteer experience) with viewers (and Javie and the crew).
2. It's crewed by YOU!

Volunteers experience what it's like to be part of a crew and learn a variety of crew positions in a short amount of time. (It's the perfect place to conquer directing fears!)

The next recording is Monday, October 3, 6:45pm-10pm. If you want to be the featured guest or be part of the crew, contact Javie at jcedillo@nwct.org or 763.278.4326. **TT**

Important dates at a glance

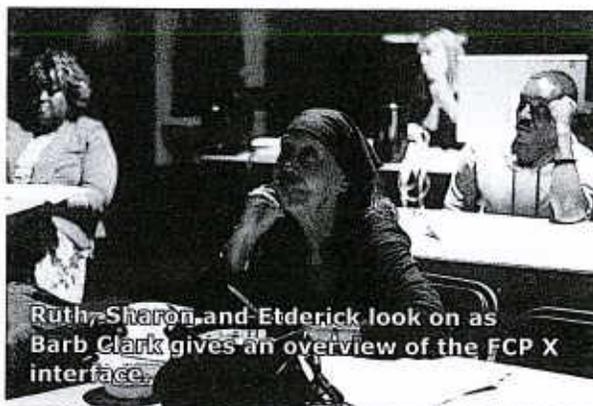
- 9/3-9/5 Closed for Labor Day
- 9/10 Osseo Lion's Roar Days Parade, 12pm
- 9/15 Cable Commission/NWCT Board meeting, 7:30am
- 9/15 Roland portable studio class, 7pm
- 9/24 Plymouth on Parade, 11:30am
- 9/27 FCP X class, 10am
- 10/3 Javie's Late Show, 6:45pm
- 10/20 Community Media Day
- 10/28 Board candidate filing deadline
- 10/30 Super Saturday, 8:15am



Final Cut Pro X rolled out

On July 30, NWCT staff and 15 volunteers participated in Final Cut Pro (FCP) X training! First, volunteers got an overview of the interface, controls and tools available within the editor. Next, they got into groups to get their hands in the program and cut together a video project created by studio manager Nikki Jackett. Following the steps listed, the volunteers created a two minute video featuring the historic Pavek Museum.

FCP X has been a great success since its initial launch with 26 more volunteers trained. The next class date for the general public is Tuesday, September 27, 10am-12pm. Contact the studio at 763.278.4330 or info@nwct.org if you're interested in that or another date. (Here's a friendly reminder: FCP 7 will be removed from the edit rooms in November!) **DC**



Studio notes

CLOSED SEPTEMBER 3-5

NWCT will be closed Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 3, through Monday, September 5.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Summer was a little slower what with the break for our FCP X rollout, but we still had some area residents come through classes. Welcome to **LaTaya Dansby, Liban Gelgelo, Eticha Gudeta Fufa, Dennis Harmon, Vicki Kacalek, Davar McGee, Pam McNeilly** and **Melike Seid**.

SUPER SATURDAY OCTOBER 30

Super Saturday is one of our most popular days of the year, and there's a lot to love: three production classes, one day (8:15am-5pm), hands-on experience, new knowledge, and connections with fellow classmates! It's coming up October 30—if you know anyone who is interested, have them contact us at 763.278.4330 or info@nwct.org.

HAVE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL?

NWCT has created a link on our website for volunteer producers' YouTube channels. If you'd like us to link to your show's YouTube channel, forward the link to ttouray@nwct.org or call Tamisha at 763.278.4323. You can check out your fellow producers' channels by going to our WATCH page at www.nwct.org/youtube_links.aspx.

CREW FOR COINS

Crew for Coins continues! Remember, all crew members get one Crew Coin for every half hour show volunteered on; hour shows, two Crew Coins. Producers with crew are also eligible. Trade in your Coins at any time at the studio for various items including media.

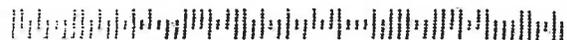
CHECK OUT FACEBOOK

Remember, we're on Facebook at **nwctv**. It's a good place to see what's going on at the studio when you're not here!



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**OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
Steve Simon
Notice of Vacancies in State Boards, Councils and Committees**

September 6, 2016 — The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State today released the September 2016 notice of vacancies for various state boards, councils and committees that are accepting applications, due September 27, 2016. Minnesotans are encouraged to apply and serve in demonstration of public service. The full list of vacancies is listed below and [online](#).

Additionally, Minnesotans will now be able to find information and updates on new vacancies on Secretary of State Steve Simon's official Facebook and Twitter pages. You can find those here:

- [Facebook.com/MNSteveSimon](https://www.facebook.com/MNSteveSimon)
- [Twitter.com/MNSteveSimon](https://twitter.com/MNSteveSimon)

Application forms are available online and must be submitted by September 27, 2016, to be assured of full consideration by the appointing authority. Appointing authorities may choose to review applications received by the Secretary of State after September 27.

See **HOW TO APPLY** at the end of the message.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Below is a list of agencies with vacancies.
Please visit our website for complete descriptions.

Advisory Council On Wells & Borings

Vacancies: Monitoring Well Contractor (1)

Board of Barber Examiners

Vacancies: Barber (1)

Breeders' Fund Appropriations Advisory Committee

Vacancies: Member (11)

Explore Minnesota Tourism Council

Vacancies: Member (1)

Governor's Committee On Pollinator Protection

Vacancies: Member (15)

Governor's Council On Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program

Vacancies: Member (9)

Human Services Performance Council

Vacancies: Member (2)

Medical Services Review Board

Vacancies: Physician Member (1)

Standardbred Breeders' Fund Appropriation Advisory Committee

Vacancies: Member (7)

Statewide Independent Living Council Center Director (1)

Member (5)

Organization and Advocacy Rep (1)

Public Member (2)

Task Force On Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Research

Vacancies: Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider (1)

HOW TO APPLY

Submit an Application

Complete the [application form](#).

Applicants should include the following documents:

- Open Appointments Application Form (completed, signed and dated)
- Letter of Interest
- Resume or Biography

Applications may be submitted [online](#), or, [download](#) and submit by email to Open.Appointments@state.mn.us, or by mail or in person to:

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
180 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155-1299

The monthly [Notice of Vacancies](#) is posted on the first Monday of every month and is provided by email to those who subscribe for the notice.

In accordance with the Minnesota Open Appointments Law, the Secretary of State acts as an administrator in publishing vacancies, receiving applications and recording appointments. Applications will be reviewed and appointments made by the appointing authorities; questions about specific vacancies and appointments should be directed to the appointing authority. Applications are kept on file for a one-year period.

The 2015 [Open Appointments Annual Report](#) is available online and includes a complete listing of state boards and councils that follow the Open Appointments process, descriptions of these agencies and membership, and statistical information about appointments and vacancies during the 2014 fiscal year. A print version of the report is available at the Minnesota Bookstore, (651) 297-3000 or 1-800-657-3757.

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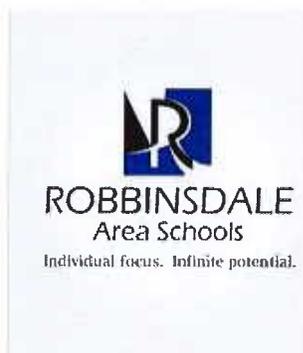
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ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016

Students return to the classroom for 2016-17 year



Students returned to classrooms at Robbinsdale Area Schools on Tuesday, Sept. 6, marking the start of the 2016-17 academic year. [Click here](#) for more photos from

the first day of class!

Crystal Learning Center celebrates grand opening

The public got a chance to celebrate the opening of our new Crystal Learning Center during a ribbon cutting and open house event Thursday, Sept. 1. The new Crystal Learning Center, at 305 Willow Bend, Crystal, houses our Adult Academic Program, Robbinsdale Transition Center and the Welcome Center. The new location will be even more convenient for area residents to access these services.

"We are excited and thrilled to be opening this new facility to our students and area residents," said Kristine Wehrkamp, the district's executive director of community education.



Short Items

District families are invited to our **Advanced Academics Night**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Plymouth Middle School. Topics covered will include the International Baccalaureate Programme, Advanced Placement Program, SpringBoard curriculum and Postsecondary Enrollment Options.

Interschool Council meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Education Service Center ([more info](#))

School Board news

The School Board will meet **Monday, Sept. 12**, for a 5:30 p.m. business meeting followed by a 6:15 p.m. work session. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to get important votes and other news live during the regular and business meetings.

School Board Resources:

- [Agenda](#)
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Government

Campaign finance at city level is an unmonitored system

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By Joe Bowen



City council candidates often spend and receive thousands of dollars in their efforts to get elected, but there is no agency at any level that audits or otherwise reviews their campaign finance reports. Crystal City Councilmember Jeff Kolb described city-level campaign finance reporting as a “black hole.” (Sun Post staff photo by Joe Bowen)

By Joe Bowen and Simeon Lancaster



Sun Post Newspapers

City candidates spend thousands with little oversight

When Senate District 44 candidate Deb Calvert missed a deadline to file a campaign finance report in July, she faced daily fines and the Plymouth Sun Sailor almost instantly received a letter to the editor casting aspersions on her campaign’s transparency.

Calvert said her campaign treasurer was unexpectedly hospitalized and the candidate requested and received an extension from the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. She also recruited an interim treasurer who filed the report before the extended deadline.

“I am as committed as ever to transparency in politics and governance,” Calvert wrote in a letter to the Sun Sailor.

Minnesota requires candidates at all levels to regularly file reports detailing how much money they spent, how much money they received and, if the amount is large enough, from whom they received the funds. But the scrutiny Calvert and other Minnesota politicians face when filing those reports doesn't extend to city-level elections.

West Metro city council candidates – whose decisions affect the daily lives of hundreds of thousands of suburbanites – often spend and receive thousands of dollars in their efforts to get elected, and that cash flow is overseen by little more than the honor system.

A Sun Post review of campaign spending reports in four west suburban cities indicates that candidates' war chests are bolstered by a variety of people and organizations and, usually, hundreds or thousands of dollars from the candidate themselves or their spouse. City employees do little more with those reports than acknowledge their receipt and, after a few years have passed, destroy them in accordance with a prescribed schedule.

The reports, which occasionally contain basic math or accounting errors and sometimes are missing entirely, are not audited for truthfulness or accuracy by any state or county agency, leaving the onus to review those documents on members of the public. Two years ago, the state legislature approved a measure requiring cities to post candidates' campaign finance reports on city websites, but state law only dictates that the reports remain available on those sites for four years. 

“The oversight really is by the other candidates in the race seeing things that might be wrong and going through the whole process of filing a complaint,” said Gary Goldsmith, executive director of the campaign finance and public disclosure board. If a complaint is filed, it goes to the state's office of administrative hearings, but Goldsmith said the office doesn't investigate claims and does not offer advisory opinions. Instead, it's up to the complainant to prove their allegations.

State Statute 211A details the requirements for candidates' financial reports and states that a county attorney can prosecute any violations of state campaign finance law, but

dictates that any violation – a contribution higher than the limit, for instance – should result in a misdemeanor.

Goldsmith characterized 211A as an “orphaned” statute because it has no specific agency – like his campaign finance board – to publish materials, enforce the measures outlined within the statute, or answer questions about it.

“With local elections ... there really is no enforcement other than a complaint from a challenger,” Goldsmith said. “There’s no agency that does anything.”

A spokesperson for the Minnesota Secretary of State confirmed that his office has “absolutely nothing to do” with campaign finance. The Secretary of State’s website outlines what a candidate is required to do under state law, but has no enforcement mechanism. City governments, likewise, are not responsible for reviewing campaign finance documents – the city clerk simply marks each report as received.

Goldsmith said his campaign finance and public disclosure board’s state-level oversight, by comparison, is “exhaustive.”

The campaign finance board meets regularly and has full-time staff who monitor filing deadlines and follow up with a legislative candidate – like Calvert – if one is missed. Once reports are filed, the reports are fed through a computer program that tells campaign finance board staff if a candidate has violated a spending or contribution limit or another obvious problem. The reports are also reviewed to determine if reported donors and recipients match filed receipts. The finance board can also launch investigations on its own, or if it receives a specific complaint against a candidate.

‘A solution looking for a problem’?

An informal Sun Post survey of several West Metro elected officials produced mixed responses.

“I don’t know if there’s really deception, but I think that there’s more of a chance for error,” said Andy Snope, who serves on the Golden Valley City Council. 

More than one Robbinsdale city council member said they felt the town was too small, and the money spent too little, to invite fraud or other financial dishonesty in campaign financial reporting there.

“It feels like a solution looking for a problem, maybe,” said City Councilmember George Selman, when asked if he felt that more oversight was needed.

New Hope City Councilmember Larry Fonest said Minnesota is highly regarded for its “clean politics.”

Crystal City Councilmember Jeff Kolb said he noticed the lack of oversight shortly before his 2014 run for city council, when he requested reports from the previous election cycle.

“At the municipal level, it’s a black hole,” Kolb said. “It’s easier to see where the money’s going for a race for Congress than it is for city council.”

New Hope City Councilmember Jonathan London said he’d like to see a system that triggers an audit if a candidate spends more than a certain amount of money.

“Things can go unreported,” London said. “You see this in all politics.”

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Constitution week in Crystal

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By Joe Bowen

West Metro residents are invited to celebrate Constitution Week at a family-oriented event about Alexander Hamilton's contribution to one of the core documents in American government.

The event is scheduled 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Dr. N., Crystal. Constitution Week is Sept. 17-23.

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Education

School officials open Crystal Learning Center

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By Joe Bowen



Robbinsdale Superintendent Carlton Jenkins cuts the ribbon on the new Crystal Learning Center, with assistance from Patsy Green, school board member, Crystal Mayor Jim Adams, and Michael Herring, school board member. A collection of school and community leaders attended the ceremony. The learning center will serve as a new home for several Robbinsdale Area Schools programs. (Sun Post staff photo by Joe Bowen)

A crowd of city, school district and legislative leaders gathered Thursday, Sept. 1 to formally open a new hub for Robbinsdale Area Schools' adult and community education programs. 

The Crystal Learning Center will be home to the school district's Adult Academic Program, Welcome Center, Robbinsdale Transition Center, and some complementary early childhood programming.

Executive Director of Community Education Kristine Wehrkamp said the new facility – which takes up several storefronts in the Crystal Shopping Mall near Bass Lake Road and West Broadway – is in a prime location for program students, who may be sharpening their English skills, working toward a GED, or exploring careers or post-secondary education options. A beaming Superintendent Carlton Jenkins said that three people had already enrolled in programming at the center.

“This is bigger than just an education system. This is what education is really about,” Jenkins said, adding that nearby businesses will benefit from the center’s presence.

The new learning center houses several existing programs that needed a new location after the district’s months-long facilities and programming evaluation due to rising elementary and middle school enrollment. The school board voted to re-open Sandburg Learning Center as an attendance area middle school and sent most of the programming located in the building to the Crystal Shopping Center. The school board approved a 15-year lease for the 43,000 square foot space in November and documents supplied at a board meeting indicate the district will pay about \$1.22 million over the life of the lease.

The Crystal Shopping Center is owned and run by St. Paul-based Paster Properties.

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