

# NEWSBRIEF



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## Metro Cities News

### January 29, 2016

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#### Please Join Us! Metro Cities Housing Forum on February 25

Metro Cities will host a half-day housing forum on Thursday, February 25th from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm, at the New Brighton Community Center. City officials and staff are invited to participate. A range of topics, including state and regional programs for housing, Metropolitan Council requirements for cities, developing affordable and senior housing, and rental licensing programs, housing design, preservation and code enforcement, will be discussed. The forum will include presentations by state and regional officials, city staff, developers, architects and non-profits. The forum is intended to be informative on a range of topics of interest to cities. Food and beverages will be provided. Please **REGISTER** by contacting Laurie Jennings at [Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org](mailto:Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org) for a complete agenda, please visit our [website \(current & upcoming events\)](#).

#### Metro Cities Seeks Applicants for Transportation Advisory Board

Metro Cities is seeking interested

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applicants for an opening on the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). Metro Cities has statutory appointing authority for making municipal appointments to the TAB. The TAB serves as the certified MPO in compliance with federal law, and qualifies the region for federal transportation planning, operating and construction funds. The TAB and TAC are official participants in the region's 3C transportation planning process on issues that affect transportation planning and funding in the Twin Cities region.

Municipal appointees for the TAB must be elected officials. Metro Cities' guidelines place a high priority on making the TAB balanced with respect to city size and geography. The Board also gives preference to those who agree to serve on Metro Cities Transportation Policy Committee, and preference to persons from a city not represented on the Metro Cities Board. The Board seeks candidates who will be committed to strong attendance at meetings.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest and a resume/bio, and a completed [questionnaire](#) to Laurie Jennings, Metro Cities, 145 University Avenue, St Paul, MN 55103 or by email: [Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org](mailto:Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org) no later than **Thursday, February 11th, 2016**.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Huser at 651-215-4003 or [Steven@MetroCitiesMN.org](mailto:Steven@MetroCitiesMN.org)

### **Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government Discusses Governance**

The bicameral Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government met on Wednesday, with governance of the Metropolitan Council as its agenda topic. Metro Cities was asked to provide testimony on our positions on regional governance, which include support for the appointment of Metropolitan Council members by the governor, staggered terms for Council members, and modifications to the process for selecting Metropolitan Council members to maximize local official input into the selection process Metro

Cities' policies support having Metropolitan Council members who can work collaboratively with city officials. Metro Cities' policies oppose having local officials on the Council.

At the hearing, Metro Cities provided comment on our legislative positions and responded to several questions by commission members on various aspects of our policies.

The commission also heard from the Office of the Legislative Auditor on its 2011 Transit Governance Report, and officials from Dakota, Scott and Anoka counties, who support having the Met Council made up of local officials.

Discussion points by commission members on Wednesday included concerns on the transparency of the Council and accountability for Metropolitan Council appointees, how the Council works with local governments, legislative efforts to pass staggered terms, and other regional governance models. Members expressed interest in continuing discussion on the topic and potential recommendations that could be made to the Legislature this session. Metro Cities anticipates that governance proposals will be on the legislative docket for consideration, and that that proposals could emerge as a single bill, or be proposed for inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Please contact Patricia Nauman at 651-215-4002 or [Patricia@MetroCitiesMN.org](mailto:Patricia@MetroCitiesMN.org) with any questions.

### **Regional Solicitation Draft Released for Public Comment**

The Metropolitan Council and Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) have released a draft of the Federal Transportation Projects Regional Solicitation, which allocates federal funds for locally initiated projects. This solicitation will spend approximately \$150 million. The new draft contains relatively minor and non-controversial changes to criteria and scoring guidance since the last regional solicitation. In this round, \$10-15 million is

set aside for bridge construction/rehabilitation under the modal fund range.

Public comment on the draft solicitation has begun, and Metro Cities encourages city officials to review the draft and submit any feedback to the Metropolitan Council. A copy of the draft can be viewed [here](#). A formal release is planned for the middle of May. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10. Submit your comments via email at [publicinfo@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:publicinfo@metc.state.mn.us), or by phone at 651-602-1500. Comments can be mailed to 390 Robert St. North, St. Paul, MN 55101-1805.

Any questions can be directed to Steve Huser at 651-215-4003 or at [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org)

### **Governor Dayton Releases Bonding Recommendations**

Governor Dayton has released a set of recommendations for a 2016 bonding bill. His recommendations include \$1.4 billion in state and local projects, with \$1.3 billion in general obligation bonds and \$100 million in appropriation bonds and general fund cash. A Metro Cities initiative for inflow-infiltration mitigation assistance for eligible metro communities is included in the Governor's recommendations, for \$5 million. The Governor's recommendations include water infrastructure funding and rail safety, in addition to funding for the University of Minnesota, state colleges, public safety, the MN Security Hospital and early learning grants.

#### *Inflow and Infiltration*

The Governor has included \$5 million for inflow-infiltration mitigation assistance. Metro Cities' request was for \$14 million. Bonding monies for I/I mitigation can be used on local public infrastructure to make repairs to address inflow-infiltration issues on local systems. Metro Cities will work with the Governor's office and Legislature to advance funding for this issue this session.

#### *Water Infrastructure*

The Governor has proposed a water

infrastructure package that totals \$220 million over multiple years. Much of the funding is meant to address aging wastewater infrastructure. The proposal calls for \$25 Million for a revolving loan fund to leverage another \$85 Million in Federal money for clean water and drinking water.

#### *Transportation*

Rail safety is a highlight of the Governor's proposal. The proposal calls for \$10 million for the State Rail Quiet Zone Program and \$5 Million for highway/railroad grade crossing warning devices.

Notably, the Governor's recommendations do not include transit or road/bridge infrastructure, with the exception being \$10 million for the Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. Metro Cities expects that the omission of recommendations in this area is a signal that these areas of public infrastructure will occur in the context of an omnibus transportation finance bill. Negotiations on an omnibus transportation bill (HF 4) are expected to resume quickly, possibly before the start of the legislative session.

#### *Housing*

The Governor's bonding bill included \$70 million in housing infrastructure bonds to construct, or acquire and rehabilitate, permanent supportive housing and \$20 million to preserve federally subsidized rental housing and existing public housing. These funds will be for both single family and multifamily housing across the state and will be distributed on a competitive basis. (Staff from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will discuss the grant process and how to submit competitive applications at the Metro Cities Housing Forum on February 25.)

To see a line item copy of the Governor's bonding recommendations, click [here](#).

#### **MAWSAC Adopts Bylaws and Solicits Applicants for New Technical Advisory Committee**

On Tuesday, January 26th, the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory

Committee (MAWSAC) adopted a set of by-laws. Establishing governing by-laws became necessary as a result of changes made during the 2015 legislative session that give MAWSAC new approval authority over the Master Water Supply Plan, created a new Technical Advisory Committee to the MAWSAC, and make the MAWSAC permanent. The bylaws can be found [here](#).

The MAWSAC is soliciting applicants for the new Technical Advisory Committee, which will provide technical expertise to the work of the MAWSAC. Metro Cities advocated for a TAC to the MAWSAC at the Met Council and a committee comprised of city professional staff was established last January. With the legislative changes, the TAC is now in statute, and will include membership by city staff as well as others with specific professional expertise.

Applicants for the TAC should possess expertise in water resources analysis and modeling, hydrology, or the engineering, planning, design and construction of water systems or water systems finance. Metro Cities will participate in the selection process for TAC members through a selection committee that will make recommendations to the MAWSAC.

More information on the TAC can be found [here](#). A copy of the application can be found [here](#). The application period is from Feb. 1 to Feb 26, 2016. Applicants have been asked to send their applications to Tomi Schuldt via email at [Tomi.Schuldt@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:Tomi.Schuldt@metc.state.mn.us).

Any questions can be directed to Steve Huser at 651-215-4003 or at [steven@metrocitiesmn.org](mailto:steven@metrocitiesmn.org)

### **Land Use Advisory Committee Discusses Water Plans**

The Metropolitan Council's Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) met last week and reviewed a number of items. A handful of communities requested hearings on Council-issued system statements in order to resolve issues including community designation and forecasts. Some of the

issues have been resolved while others are still in the process of being heard.

Members of the LUAC heard an update of the Water Resources Policy Plan, which is the Council's plan for wastewater, water supply and surface water management, and the Master Water Supply Plan, which is the implementation plan for regional water supply policies. Council staff said they were investigating water reuse and conservation efforts as part of their work plan. All local water plans must be updated by cities as part of the comprehensive plan update, due in 2018. To support that requirement, local planning training assistance will begin this year and will include efforts between the Council's water supply planning unit and local planning assistance staff to develop water supply materials as part of the Council's comp plan update outreach efforts. Services to be provided by the Council include technical studies and assistance (groundwater modeling, management strategies), water conservation (technical assistance, a new grant program with rebates for installing low-flow fixtures and appliances), and rainwater harvesting and storm water reuse.

### **Interested in the Metro Cities Board?**

Due to Board term limits, Metro Cities will have Board openings for terms beginning July, 2016. Members serve two, two year terms. The Metro Cities Board is comprised of 19 city officials, elected and appointed, from throughout the region. The Board is responsible for overseeing Metro Cities' budget, strategic plan and legislative priorities. The Board makes appointments to the Met Council Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS), and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Boards. The Board meets the third Thursday of each month.

Metro Cities' by-laws require that the slate of board members be balanced with regard to geography and city population. Interested candidates are asked to provide a cover letter, resume and to complete this

application form. Candidates may also provide letters of reference.

Please submit to Laurie Jennings at [Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org](mailto:Laurie@MetroCitiesMN.org) by 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 22nd. If you would like additional information, please call us at 651-215-4000.

A Nominating Committee will meet in early March to make recommendations to the Metro Cities membership for Board elections in April.

### **Minnesota Senate Building Opens**

The new state building for the Minnesota Senate is now open. The building is immediately north of the Capitol. Senators and Senate staff moved into the building earlier this month and a handful of legislative meetings have been held in the new hearing rooms. The full Senate will hold floor sessions in a dedicated hearing room this year while the Senate's Capitol Chamber remains closed as part of the full Capitol renovation.

As the minority party, GOP senators have offices in the State Office Building and have chosen to remain in that building. Their mailing addresses remain the same. DFL senators had to vacate the Capitol last year for temporary offices in downtown St. Paul. Their new mailing addresses and office numbers in the new Senate building can be found here.

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**Metro Cities 145 University Ave W., St. Paul, MN 55103-2044 Phone 651-215-4000 Fax 651-281-1299 Website [www.MetroCitiesMN.org](http://www.MetroCitiesMN.org)**

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### Thieves take to roofs for valuable metals

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Crystal police say there have been two cases recently where thieves made their way onto roofs and stole copper piping from air conditioning units atop businesses. One of the cases happened last week at Doyle's Bowling and Lounge.

"I went up and took pictures of all the units," said Rita Gardner, co-owner of Doyle's. "I found four of them removed, and one damaged where they tried to get it."

Gardner said she probably wouldn't have noticed the missing units if a man hadn't spotted the damage from the street.

"It's like \$3,000, \$4,000, minimum per unit. But with the damage they did, now we don't know, because they cut some of the evaporator coils," said Gardner.

The crooks also hit the Crystal Gallery Shopping Center. On Monday, workers were up on the roof checking things out.

"They had five air conditioners damaged and condensers taken," said Crystal Deputy Chief Doug Leslin.

Police say the thieves went to a lot of trouble to get what they wanted.

"They have to find a way to get up on the roofs of these buildings, whether it's a ladder or climbing a tree, or some other method, and you got to bring tools up with you," said Leslin.

Crystal police say the thefts amount to about \$30,000. Aldi in Brooklyn Park also had a similar theft with about 50,000 in damage. There's no word if the cases are related.

Sonya Goins, reporting  
[sgoins@twelve.tv](mailto:sgoins@twelve.tv)

2/1/2016

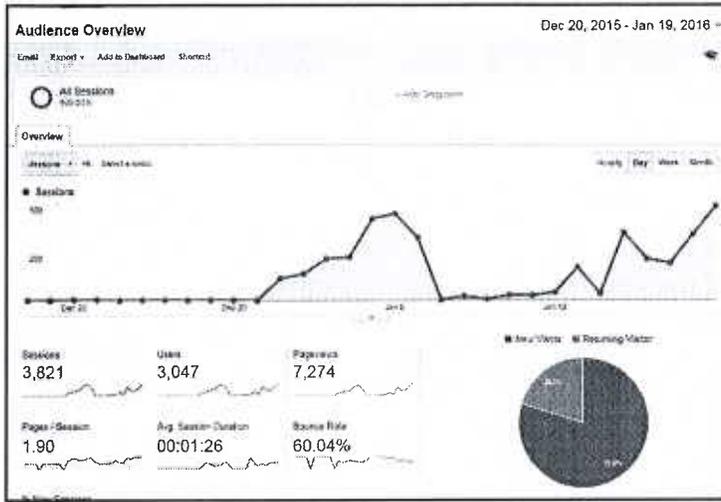
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Northwest Community Television - Channel 12  
6900 Winnetka Avenue North



# Communication Highlights:



Google Analytics is back up and running on the City's website. As you can see from the graph (left), all analytic tracking flatlined when the Google tracking code on City webpages became outdated.

Activity picked back up when I updated the code on all 234 City webpages. It disappeared again when the City's webmaster templates put the old code back up, automatically. The templates were then also updated through Revize, the City's webmaster and activity picked up yet again.

Google Analytics is the ultimate website data resource, showing us pageviews, sources and browsers types, real-time traffic, the most-used pages, device types, demographic data and much more. Expect some of that data in the March Communications Highlights update in the early March Newsbrief.

Home > City Departments > Community Development > Planning & Zoning > CLICK HERE

## QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT STATUS REPORT - 4TH QUARTER 2015

Crystal Development Map

MAP #	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
1	3824 Elmhurst Ave	The EDA is seeking new house proposals with a lot price of \$50,000

### Rental Request

Complete all form fields below. Allow 48 business days for a response.

First and Last Name  
[TEXT FIELD]

Email Address  
[TEXT FIELD]

Phone Number  
[TEXT FIELD]

Chooser Rental Room

- Game Room (10-70 people - no food)
- Activity Room (10-50 people)
- Crystal A/B Room (50-100 people)
- Gymnasiums (100-400 people)

Rental Date & Start Time  
This will be your preferred date and start time.

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Google is a free resource and the City takes advantage of it in other ways, too. Using Google Maps (left), the City can show community development data and locations on webpages; and using Google Forms, the City can create free registration forms for rental space at the Crystal Community Center. (left).

Welcome to  
**CRYSTAL**

Crystal City Hall  
4141 Douglas Drive N  
Crystal, MN 55422  
763-531-1000; fax: 763-531-1188  
(M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Laserfiche  
WebLink

**CITY NEWSLETTER**  
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Another highlight, by Council request, is a Laserfiche link on the City's homepage (right). This gives residents a more direct route to all that Laserfiche has to offer which includes agendas, minutes and packet information.

Next are some recently-made slides running on the website and cable channel (right). Part of Crystal's new Communications Strategy is to keep these bulletins fresh, so expect to see many more events and designs like these in 2016.

The top slide is about the curbside cleanup. When the new Crystal Connection newsletter comes out March 1, there will be many recycling opportunities and other events. I thought I might list a few of them here so you can let residents know:

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

West Metro Fire-Rescue District food drive is **March 19**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bowling for Rocco is **March 20** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Maple Grove Yard Waste Site opens **April 1**

Spring Material Drop-off Day at the HRG is **April 30**

Unwanted electronics "Tech Dump" is **May 21** at the Crystal Cove Aquatic Center from 9 a.m. - noon.

The 2015 Annual Crystal Police Department Report will be complete **March or April**

Crystal Airport Open House **June 19**.

**CRYSTAL CURB-SIDE CLEANUP FOR 2016**

**April 6 - 16: Pickup Day Depends on Zone**

Special curbside cleanup for single-family homes in all households that pay for curbside recycling service with a permit.

Acceptable items include old/unusable furniture, mattresses, carpet, general household junk (up to 100 lbs. per item) and appliances.

Visit Hennepin Recycling Group for a complete list of accepted items at [www.hrg-recycling.com](http://www.hrg-recycling.com). For more information, call 763-483-8006.

**Diaper Drive Collection Site**

Crystal Community Center  
4800 Douglas Dr. N.  
Crystal, MN 55429

For other drop-off locations, check HRG website: [www.hrg-recycling.com](http://www.hrg-recycling.com) (763) 504-4800

Accepting:

- Diapers (new and used)
- Wipes
- Washcloths
- Adult Diapers
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Diaper Liners
- Diaper Bags
- Diaper Wipes
- Diaper Wipes
- Diaper Wipes

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

**2016 Election Information**

Visit the City's website at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov) for the most current news and information (under "What To..." click on "Vote").

**Dates to Watch in 2016**

March 2..... Precinct Caucuses	<b>MARCH 1</b>	<b>MAY 17-31</b>
May 17 to 31... Candidate Filing Period		
Aug. 9..... Primary Election	<b>AUGUST 9</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 8</b>
Nov. 8..... General Election		

MN Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)

Hennepin County's website: [www.hennepin.us/hennepin/elections](http://www.hennepin.us/hennepin/elections)

# Crystal Arrest Report

Date Range: 01/27/2016 06:00:00 AM - 02/03/2016 06:00:00 AM

Case Nbr	Juv	Last Name	First	Middle	Sex	Age	Date Arrested
CYAR16-002104	N	WASHINGTON	Christopher	LEE HARRIS	M	21	01/27/2016 11:36 PM
Address: 2741 LOUISIANA CT S 6 ST LOUIS PARK 55426							
Statute: 171-24-1 TRAF-DRIVING AFTER SUSPENSION							
CYAR16-002104	N	WASHINGTON	Christopher	LEE HARRIS	M	21	01/27/2016 11:36 PM
Address: 2741 LOUISIANA CT S 6 ST LOUIS PARK 55426							
Statute: 169-685-5-B TRAF-CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM-CHILD UNDER 8 AND							
CYAR16-002144	N	JIBRELL	ALI	HASSAN	M	25	01/28/2016 11:37 AM
Address: 8703 BROOK AV N BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 152-092 CONT SUBST-POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA							
CYAR16-002144	N	JIBRELL	ALI	HASSAN	M	25	01/28/2016 11:37 AM
Address: 8703 BROOK AV N BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 152-027-4-B CONT SUBST-POSS OR SELL-SMALL AMT MARIJUANA							
CYAR16-002144	N	JIBRELL	ALI	HASSAN	M	25	01/28/2016 11:37 AM
Address: 8703 BROOK AV N BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 152-025-2(B) CONT SUBST-5TH DEG-POSS SCHEDULE 1,2,3,4 - NOT SMALL AMOUNT							
CYAR16-002144	N	JIBRELL	ALI	HASSAN	M	25	01/28/2016 11:37 AM
Address: 8703 BROOK AV N BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 609-495-3 GOVT-OBSTRUCTING INVESTIGATION							
CYAR16-002180	Y				F		01/28/2016 7:45 PM
Address:							
Statute: 609-52-2-1 THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)							
CYAR16-002180	N	ARMOUR	INDIA	LYNETTE	F	19	01/28/2016 7:45 PM
Address:							
Statute: 609-52-2-1 THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)							
CYAR16-002233	N	CHAMBERLAIN	DONTAE	LAVAR	M	33	01/29/2016 11:17 AM
Address:							
Statute: 629-75-2-D DISTURB-DOMESTIC ABUSE-NO CONTACT ORDER WITHIN 10 YRS OF 2							
CYAR16-002253	N	GONZALEZ	PATRICK	RHYS	M	25	01/29/2016 4:30 PM
Address: 4848 IDAHO AV N CRYSTAL MN 55428							
Statute: 609-52-2-1 THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)							
CYAR16-002253	N	GONZALEZ	PATRICK	RHYS	M	25	01/29/2016 4:30 PM
Address: 4848 IDAHO AV N CRYSTAL MN 55428							
Statute: MISWA MISC OFCR WARRANT ARREST							
CYAR16-002279	N	HAMILTON	QADRY	JAMES	M	22	01/29/2016 11:31 PM
Address: 3315 UPTON AV N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55412							
Statute: 169A-20-1-1 TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE							
CYAR16-002279	N	HAMILTON	QADRY	JAMES	M	22	01/29/2016 11:31 PM
Address: 3315 UPTON AV N MINNEAPOLIS MN 55412							
Statute: 152-027-3 CONT SUBST-POSS-MARIJUANA IN MV							
CYAR16-002284	N	HUMASON	COBY	WILLIAM	M	47	01/30/2016 1:22 AM
Address: 6284 LOUISIANA AV N E BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 169A-20-1-1 TRAF-DUI 3RD DEGREE							
CYAR16-002284	N	HUMASON	COBY	WILLIAM	M	47	01/30/2016 1:22 AM
Address: 6284 LOUISIANA AV N E BROOKLYN PARK MN 55428							
Statute: 169A-20-1-5 TRAF-DUI 3RD DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/ 2 HOURS							

## Arrest Report

Date Range: 01/27/2016 06:00:00 AM - 02/03/2016 06:00:00 AM

<u>Case Nbr</u>	<u>Juv</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date Arrested</u>
CYAR16-002305	N	STRICKLAND	JOHN	HENRY	M	31	01/30/2016 11:10 AM
		Address: 910 PORTLAND AV	325	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55404	
		Statute: 609-52-2-1	THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)				
CYAR16-002305	N	STRICKLAND	JOHN	HENRY	M	31	01/30/2016 11:10 AM
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CYAR16-002344	N	DOLL	DAWN	MARIE	F	37	01/30/2016 9:24 PM
		Address: 4908 QUAIL AV N		CRYSTAL	MN	55429	
		Statute: 169A-26-1-B	TRAF-DWI-3RD DEGREE-REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST				
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		Address: 4908 QUAIL AV N		CRYSTAL	MN	55429	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE				
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		Address: 3832 5 AV S		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55409	
		Statute: 609-52-2-1	THEFT-SHOPLIFTING-LESS THAN \$500(609-52-2-1)				
CYAR16-002531	N	BROWN	JOSEPH	MANDEL	M	45	02/02/2016 12:34 AM
		Address: 2909 HILLSBORO AV N	406	NEW HOPE	MN	55427	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE				
CYAR16-002531	N	BROWN	JOSEPH	MANDEL	M	45	02/02/2016 12:34 AM
		Address: 2909 HILLSBORO AV N	406	NEW HOPE	MN	55427	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-5	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/ 2 HOURS				

End of Report



**CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT**  
**CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to**

**February 3, 2016 - 12:00:00 AM**

CASE NO	LOCATION	OFFENSE	VALUE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE OCCURRED
CY16-002482	53- 36 AV N	ASSAULT- DOMESTIC ASSAULT			01/31/2016 22:05
CY16-002144	56 AV N&ADAIR AV N	CONT SUBST-5TH DEG-POSS SCHEDULE			01/28/2016 11:30
CY16-002144	56 AV N&ADAIR AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS OR SELL-SMALL AMT			01/28/2016 11:30
CY16-002144	56 AV N&ADAIR AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA			01/28/2016 11:30
CY16-002279	56 AV N&SHERBURNE AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS-MARIJUANA IN MV			01/29/2016 23:11
CY16-002353	68- 32 AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS-MARIJUANA IN MV			01/30/2016 23:49
CY16-002569	73- BASS LAKE RD	FOUND PROPERTY			01/30/2016 12:00
CY16-002144	56 AV N&ADAIR AV N	GOVT-OBSTRUCTING			01/28/2016 11:30
CY16-002225	57- 57 AV N	JUV			01/27/2016 00:00
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End of Report

Approved 2-3-16

## JOINT WATER COMMISSION MINUTES

Golden Valley - Crystal - New Hope

Meeting of January 6, 2016

The Golden Valley – Crystal – New Hope Joint Water Commission (JWC) meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm in the City of Golden Valley Council Conference Room.

### Commissioners Present

Anne Norris, City Manager, Crystal  
Kirk McDonald, City Manager, New Hope  
Tim Cruikshank, Golden Valley

### Staff Present

Sue Virnig, Finance Director, Golden Valley  
Bernie Weber, Operations Manager, New Hope  
Randy Kloepper, Water Superintendent, Crystal  
Bert Tracy, Public Works Maintenance Manager, Golden Valley  
Dave Lemke, Utilities Supervisor, New Hope  
Marc Nevinski, Physical Development Department, Golden Valley  
R.J. Kakach, Utility Engineer, Golden Valley  
Jeff Oliver, PE City Engineer, Golden Valley  
Bob Paschke, Director of Public Works, New Hope  
Mark Ray, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Crystal

### Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2015

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Joint Water Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

### Resolution #16-01 Designating Depositories for Joint Water Funds

Moved by McDonald second by Cruikshank to approve Resolution #16-01 Designating Depositories for the Joint Water Funds. Motion Carried.

### Approve Contract with MMRK Certified Public Accountants to Perform December 31, 2015 Audit

Moved by Cruikshank seconded by McDonald to approve the contract with MMRK Certified Public Accountants to perform the December 31, 2015 audit. Motion carried

### Approve Joint Water Commission Emergency Wells Project Change Order No. 1 with Burschville Construction, Inc.

Burschville Construction, Inc. has requested additional compensation for work near the Crystal reservoir. The use of a vactor truck was determined to be necessary as crews prepared to bore the new well water line beneath the existing JWC PCCP. The JWC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommended splitting this cost with the contractor to protect the asset during the vulnerable period earlier this summer. The cost to the JWC for the vactor truck services was \$3,000.

The Minnesota Department of Health called for plan modifications after the project had been let, which required a different manhole casting than the original plan showed. The total to purchase and install this new cover was \$921.34.

These additional costs were not included in the original estimate and therefore warrant a change order. The additional work adds \$3,921.34 to the original contract amount. The TAC has reviewed and agreed that these additional costs are valid and recommend approving this change order with Burschville Construction, Inc.

Moved by McDonald seconded by Norris to approve change order No. 1 with Burschville Construction, Inc. for the Emergency Wells Water Supply Line project to increase the total contract amount by \$3,921.34 for a new total contract amount of \$452,448.34. Motion carried.

**Approve Joint Water Commission Emergency Wells project Change Order No. 2 with Municipal Builders, Inc.**

Municipal Builders, Inc. has requested additional compensation for work at the New Hope pumphouse. Specifically, epoxy filling cracks in the floor inside the building and caulking along the perimeter of the building where the slab meets the wall.

These original costs were not included in the original estimate and therefore warrant a change order. The additional work adds \$870 to the original contract amount. The Tac has reviewed and agreed that these additional costs are valid and recommend approving this change order with Municipal Builders, Inc.

Motion by Cruikshank seconded by McDonald to approve change order No.2 with Municipal Builders, Inc. for the Emergency Wells PPEC contract to increase the total contract amount by \$870 for a new total contract amount of \$1,188,905.05. Motion Carried.

**Approve Joint Water Commission High Service Pump Project Change Order No. 2 with Keys Well Drilling**

Change Order 2 includes eliminating the existing Pump 1 and pipe modifications to allow the reservoir to be back fed with the distribution system. The additional parts and labor to complete the Pump 1 back feed system add \$3,100 to the current contract amount. TAC has reviewed and agreed that these additional costs are valid and recommend approving this change order with Keys Well Drilling

Motion by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve change order No. 2 with Keys Well Drilling, Inc. for the High Service Pump project to increase the total contract amount by \$3,100 for a new total contract amount of \$120,500.

**Approve Contract Amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for Emergency Wells Project**

The additional costs include pipe changes at the high service pump stations and coordination with the 36-inch PCCP Rehabilitation project which were not anticipated at the time of the original agreement.

The approved agreement amount in June 2015 with Bolton & Menk, Inc., (BMI) for professional services on the Emergency Wells Project and amended amount are as follows:

Original Approved Amount: \$252,525.00

Proposed Amendment: \$ 13,927.00

Proposed Agreement Total: \$266,462.00

The Joint Water Commission TAC has reviewed and approved this agreement amendment with BMI for the Emergency Supply Wells Project.

Motion by Norris seconded by Cruikshank to amend the agreement for professional services with Bolton and Menk, Inc. on the Joint Water Commission Emergency Wells Project not to exceed \$13,927 for a new total contract amount of \$266,457. Motion Carried.

**Approve Contract Amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for 36-Inch PCCP Project**

This project required additional professional services for work at the Golden Valley pump station that was not part of the original contract. The project also had specific time constraints and coordination/public engagement challenges, including those associated with the grout release into Lower Twin Lake in August 2015. This additional work as well as work that has yet to be completed warrants an amendment to the original agreement with Bolton & Menk, Inc.

The original agreement amount and amendments are show as follows:

Original Approved Amount	\$512,975.00
Robbinsdale Extra (approved May 2015)	\$ 32,000.00
GV Pump Station Extra	\$ 7,000.00
Public Engagement/Coordination Extra	\$ 95,455.00
Proposed Agreement Total:	\$647,430.00

The JWC TAC has reviewed and approved of these agreement amendments with BMI for the Emergency Wells and 36-Inch PCCP projects.

Motion by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to amend the agreement for professional services with Bolton and Menk, Inc. on the JWC 36-Inch PCCP Rehabilitation Project for a new total contract amount of \$647,430. Motion carried.

**Authorization to allow staff to continue project development and feasibility for the Golden Valley Reservoir – Solar Project Concept**

The City of Golden Valley staff has been working with Sundial Solar over the last several years to implement solar projects in the City. In 2015, two solar arrays were installed on municipal buildings. For 2016, the City has been awarded Minnesota Department of Commerce grants to install two additional solar arrays on City buildings. Like the 2015 project, the 2016 project will require a third party investor to purchase, own, and maintain the systems long-term.

In order to assemble a project that is large enough to attract a third-party investor, the City needs to identify another large solar project that can be “packaged” with the two rooftop systems that the City has received grant funding for. City staff has identified the Golden Valley reservoir site as an optimal site for a ground-mount solar array.

It is estimated that an array approximately 750 kW in size could be installed on the Golden Valley reservoir. Currently, the reservoir pumps use around 1,100,000 kWh of power annually. The proposed solar array would produce around 900,000 kWh of power annually. Through an agreement with the third party investor, the JWC could reduce its electricity operating costs by \$20,000 annually.

Project development of a ground-mount system on the Golden Valley reservoir would need to address a number of concerns, including but not limited to the following:

Reservoir integrity – the reservoir will need to undergo a structural and operational review.

Land rights – array would rest on reservoir easement over MPRB property.

Aesthetics – there are 7 homes adjacent to the site and aesthetics and glare would need to be reviewed.

Staff has been directed by the Joint Water Commission to continue project development and determine the feasibility of the project.

**TAC Update**

The Joint Water Commission Technical Advisory Committee last met on December 22, 2015. Items reviewed, discussed and approved were the Emergency Wells closeout change orders with Bolton and Menk, Inc., Burschville, and Keys Well Drilling. Also, discussed was updating the 36" PCCP project stating there is one change order remaining which will be brought to the JWC at the next meeting. The Water Supply Plan has been tabled for discussion in 2016.

**Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Golden Valley Council Chamber. The room change is due to construction at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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Chair Anne Norris

ATTEST:

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Sue Schwalbe, Recording Secretary



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February 4, 2016

Dear property owner or resident adjacent to the proposed Blue Line Extension:

Due to a snowstorm the February 2 City Council meeting was cancelled. That meeting was to include a public hearing on the preliminary design for the Crystal segment of the proposed Blue Line Extension (Bottineau light rail transit).

**This item has been rescheduled to Tuesday, February 16.** Please see the updated notice below, which will also be published in the Sun Post next week.

Thank you.

**CITY OF CRYSTAL**

**METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION  
(BOTTINEAU LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT)  
MUNICIPAL CONSENT PLANS**

**OPEN HOUSE  
5:30 - 7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
7 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

**CRYSTAL CITY HALL  
4141 DOUGLAS DR N**

Metropolitan Council is proposing an extension of the existing METRO Blue Line from Target Field Station in Minneapolis, to the west, then north through the cities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park.

In Crystal, the line would be built within the BNSF freight rail corridor with a station and park and ride lot near the southwest corner of Bass Lake Road and Bottineau Boulevard. The line would provide direct service from Crystal to downtown Minneapolis, MSP International Airport and the Mall of America. It would also provide connecting service to the Green Line LRT which serves the University of Minnesota and St. Paul with an extension from Minneapolis to the southwest suburbs currently in development. Construction on the METRO Blue Line Extension is expected to start in 2018, with the line opening in 2021.

At this time, the Metropolitan Council has prepared preliminary design plans and is seeking Municipal Consent from each of the cities along the line.

### **What is “Municipal Consent”?**

When a state agency like the Metropolitan Council proposes a regional project through a city, state law typically requires the agency to seek the city’s approval of the preliminary design plans for the project. For this project, the law is Minnesota Statutes 473.3994. **Before the Crystal City Council considers a resolution to approve or disapprove the preliminary design plans for the Crystal segment, it must hold a public hearing on the plans.**

### **To learn more about the plans for the Crystal segment:**

- View general information about the project on the city’s website at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov); (click on the METRO Blue Line link under “What’s Happening”)
- View the guide to the Municipal Consent process at <http://tinyurl.com/o7qnhoc>;
- View the preliminary design plans in pdf format at <http://tinyurl.com/nngheeq>;
- View the preliminary design plans in person during normal business hours at:
  - Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Avenue North
  - Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive North
  - Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North
- View the state law requiring municipal consent for light rail transit projects at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=473.3994>.

**To see the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff:**  
**Please attend an open house on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Dr N.** This is an opportunity to look at the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff in an informal setting.

### **To speak directly to the Crystal City Council:**

**Please attend the public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Dr N.**

### **To submit written comments for the Feb. 16 public hearing:**

Please send written comments prior to the hearing to John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

### **To contact city staff:**

Please contact Community Development Director John Sutter at 763.531.1130 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.3994, the Crystal City Council will hold a public hearing on the preliminary design plans for the proposed Metro Blue Line Extension on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North in said City. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.

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February 1, 2016 — The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State today released the February 2016 notice of vacancies for various state boards, councils and committees that are accepting applications, due February 23, 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:**

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Application forms are available online and must be submitted by February 23, 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 February 23.

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#### CURRENT VACANCIES

Below is a list of agencies with vacancies.  
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**HEALTH CARE HOMES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

One Certified Health Care Home Representative

**HOME CARE PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

One Home Care Licensee Member

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**MN GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (DD COUNCIL)**

One Parent Member of a Child (for a term ending January 2, 2017)

**REHABILITATION REVIEW PANEL**

Two seats - One Insurer Representative and One Labor Alternate Representative

**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, by email to [Open.Appointments@state.mn.us](mailto: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.  
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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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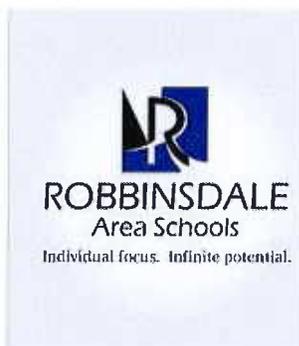
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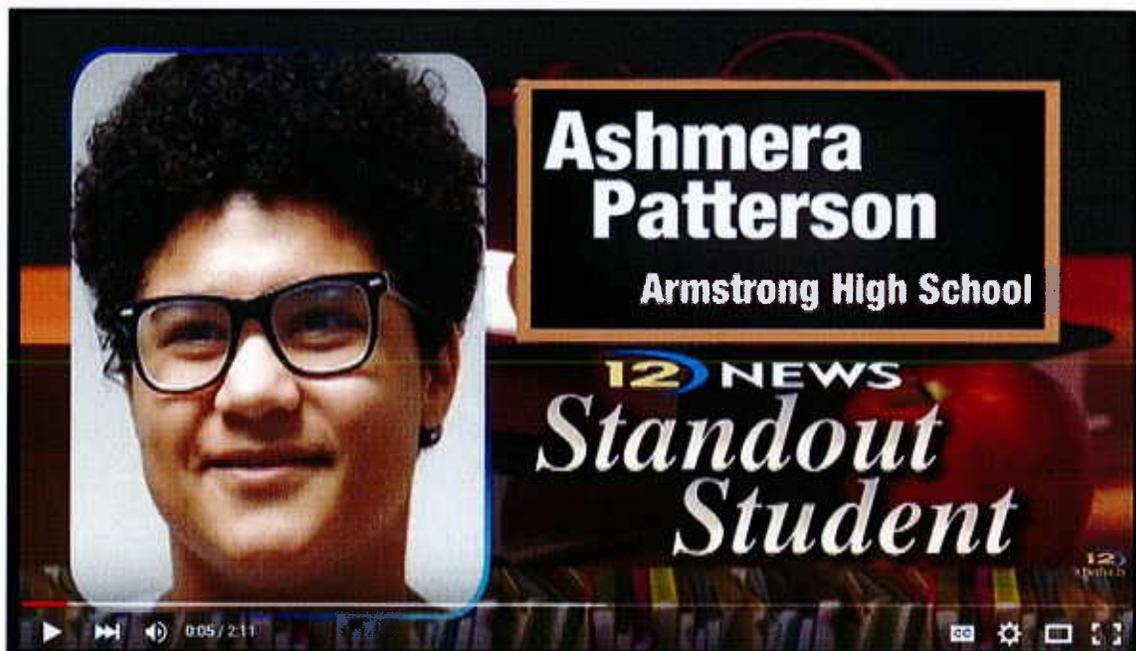
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## ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016

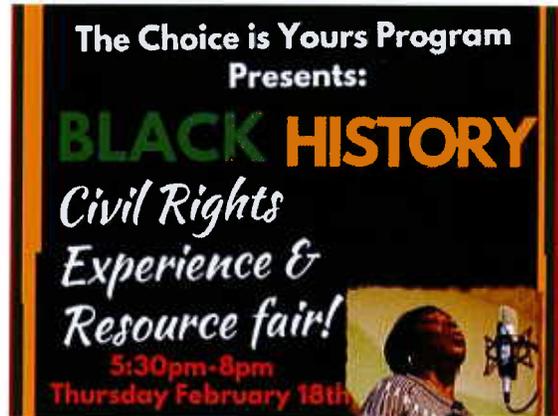
### Armstrong junior is Channel 12 Standout Student



Armstrong High School junior Ashmera Patterson was Channel 12's "Standout Student" last week Click the photo above to watch the story!

## Civil Rights Experience & Resource Fair is Feb. 18

Robbinsdale Area Schools' Choice Is Yours Program will host a Civil Rights Experience & Resource Fair at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Robbinsdale Middle School. The event will feature a musical performance by Betty Mae Fikes, a civil rights historian. The free program also includes community vendors showcasing employment and educational opportunities. There will also be a laptop raffle from PCs for People. Click [here](#) to learn more!



## Hands-On Learning Grant applications due Feb. 17

Applications are available for 2016-2017 Hands-on Learning Grants from the Seven Dreams Education Foundation! This year's grant process features a new online application format. All applications need to be submitted electronically through Google Forms by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Click [here](#) to learn more!

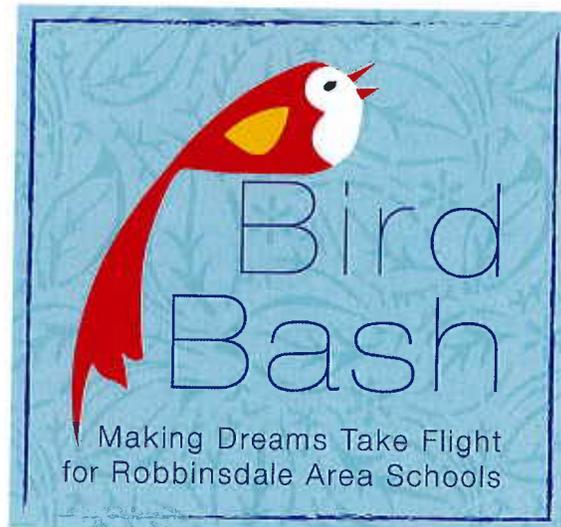


**Tickets to this year's Bird Bash have sold out**

Bird Bash, the Seven Dreams Education Foundation's annual benefit, will be Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest.

As of Monday, Feb. 1, tickets for the event have sold out.

This third-annual event benefits the Seven Dreams Education Foundation and Robbinsdale Area Schools' learners. The first two Bird Bash events raised more than \$78,000 for STEM initiatives in the middle and elementary schools. Money raised this year will be used to create flexible learning spaces in the media centers at both Armstrong and Cooper high schools.

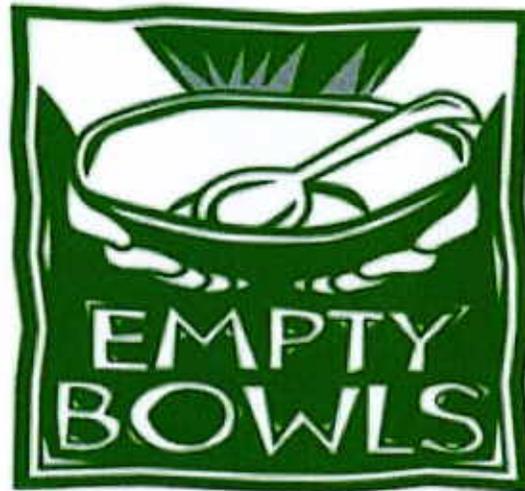


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## Empty Bowls Community Bowl Making

Adults and children age 5 and older are invited to make clay bowls during free Community Bowl Making events at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Saturday, Feb. 26, at Robbinsdale Middle School, and at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Plymouth Middle School. The bowls will be used at the Sixth Annual Empty Bowls Event Tuesday, March 8. Empty Bowls hopes to raise \$20,000 to alleviate hunger in the community.

These events are sponsored by the Seven Dreams Education Foundation. Click [here](#) to reserve your space today! Groups are welcome and reservations are encouraged, but not required. Call 763-504-6990 or click [here](#) for more information.



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## Meet our Remarkable students and staff

More than 12,000 students and 2,000 staff members attend class or work at the Robbinsdale Area Schools. They come from different walks of life and different backgrounds, and each has a unique story. We will be sharing their stories through a new campaign. Learn more [here](#). At Robbinsdale Area Schools, we invite all students to make their mark. We are Robbinsdale Remarkable. Know someone Remarkable? Click [here](#) for a nomination form!



## Meet Aidan

For Robbinsdale Middle School eighth-grader Aidan Bimberg, one of Robbinsdale Area Schools' remarkable students, math adds up. Aidan won the gold medal for the highest cumulative score for the season in Minnesota Jr. High Math League among the roughly 120 students who participated. This is the third year Aidan has won a medal, having finished with a bronze (third place) as a sixth-grader and a silver (second place) last year as a seventh-grader. He currently takes Algebra 2 at Cooper High School.

"I got good at math in third and fourth grades," Aidan says. "It's really straightforward - you follow the steps, and it's done."

Click [here](#) to learn more!



## Upcoming arts events

**FAIR 7th Grade Interdisciplinary Performance**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, FAIR School Crystal

**Sonnesyn Grade 5 Music Program**, 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, Sonnesyn Elementary School

**Lakeview Grade 1 Music Program**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, Lakeview Elementary School

### Concert Videos:

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## Your attention, please:

Interested in learning more about lacrosse? Click [here](#) for a flyer about upcoming events sponsored by the **Armstrong Cooper Youth Lacrosse Association**.

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Registration is now open for the fourth-annual **New Hope Women of Today 5K**. The April 16 event is at French Regional Three Rivers Park, and this year's beneficiary is The 30 Days Foundation. The organization, run by Mick Sterling, assists individuals and families in financial crises. Register [here](#).

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## School Board news

The School Board will meet **Tuesday, Feb. 16**, for a 6 p.m. work session followed by a 7 p.m. meeting. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to get important votes and other news live during the regular and business meetings. For more School Board news, click on Minutes, Podcast and Webcast below.

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# 'Beyond' a bowling tournament

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# Crystal light rail hearing moved back as snow accumulates

Published February 2, 2016 at 2:49 pm

By Joe Bowen



An early-February snowstorm has affected more than just school programs and commutes.

Crystal city staff said that a municipal consent hearing in their city regarding the Blue Line Extension light rail project has been cancelled due to the inclement weather.

The hearing was scheduled 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, but an expected 6-13 inches of snowfall in the region prompted staff to cancel the event.

City Manager Anne Norris said the hearing will be rescheduled to Feb. 16, and an expected city council vote on that day has been pushed back to a future date that has yet to be determined.

The municipal consent hearing is one of the last opportunities for the public to comment on the first chunk of plans for the light rail project, which would lay tracks from downtown Minneapolis, through the North Side, and along an existing Burlington

Northern Santa Fe rail corridor in Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, and Crystal before ending in northern Brooklyn Park.

When councils from those cities vote on municipal consent, they will be approving – or not approving – roughly the first 15 percent of the project’s overall design in their city: the alignment of the track, station locations, and other high-level aspects.

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# New LRT pedestrian bridge designs presented to Crystal City Council

Published February 3, 2016 at 11:42 am

By Joe Bowen



*Pictured is a redesigned pedestrian bridge concept presented to the Crystal City Council at a Jan. 25 work session. The bridge would span County Road 81 at its intersection with Bass Lake Road, where a Blue Line Extension light rail station is planned. Crystal City Council members objected to a previous design for the bridge, which would have used two large, winding concrete ramps on either end, rather than the stairs and elevators pictured here. (Submitted graphic)*

Blue Line Extension project staff presented the Crystal City Council with new designs for a hoped-for pedestrian bridge near a planned light rail station at the intersection of Bass Lake Road and County Road 81. 

The revised bridge designs were presented on Jan. 25, just a few weeks before the city council is scheduled to vote on “municipal consent.” Several council members surveyed by the Sun Post indicated that they hope for safer pedestrian crossings over the busy county road, and that the bridge’s presence – or lack thereof – in official project plans will influence their vote.

“The pedestrian bridge is important to the citizens of Crystal as well as myself,” said Mayor Jim Adams, echoing sentiments expressed by several other surveyed council members, whose municipal consent vote is scheduled Feb. 16. Project staff will present

their recommendation for the intersection at a Feb. 11 meeting of the project's corridor management committee.

"Providing safe passage for pedestrians across Hwy. 81 is an essential sticking point for me," said Councilmember Elizabeth Dahl. "I would cast a 'no' vote if I felt that adequate and viable solutions were not presented."

Despite the name, when cities conduct their municipal consent votes, they will only be voting to approve about 15 percent of the project: alignment of the tracks, the location of each station, and other broad strokes. The pedestrian bridge is not included in the plans on which the council will vote on Feb. 16.

"I believe people think that we are voting yes or no on the entire line itself, when in fact we are simply voting on preferences for the station itself," Adams said.

### New designs



*Pedestrian safety improvements that could be made to the intersection of Bass Lake Road and County Road 81, adjacent to the area where a Blue Line Extension light rail station is planned.  
(Submitted graphic)*



Crystal council members saw a series of new intersection and bridge designs at a Jan. 25 work session at the Crystal Community Center, and presented three of those designs to a large crowd at a concurrent "station area planning" meeting held in the community center gym.

One of the designs used elevators and staircases inside a large, enclosed glass structure. Several surveyed council members expressed a preference for it, and project staff said that design is similar to others that span the Northstar commuter line or an existing station on the Green Line's West Bank station.

Another design used a looping ramp on the east side of the county road and an elevator-stair combination on the other side, where the light rail station is planned. That design would require taking a small chunk of parking spaces in a nearby cul-de-sac. Other designs included no bridge at all, and instead would consist of a series of changes to existing street-level crossings, such as narrower turn lanes and additional signs.

Councilmember Julie Deshler worried the elevator design would have chronic maintenance problems, worrying first and foremost that they could be routinely vandalized and generally unsafe.

The new designs were presented after council members objected to a preliminary design presented in mid-January, a utilitarian concrete structure that used two winding ramps on either side to allow pedestrians to get up and over the county road. That design, council members worried, could be impractical, an eyesore or both.

Ownership and maintenance of the bridge itself, assuming one is built at all, is still up for discussion, according to Crystal staff. Its construction would also not necessarily preclude additional street-level pedestrian safety improvements at the Bass Lake Road-County Road 81 intersection, which would be undertaken by Hennepin County.

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## Sen. Ann Rest to host listening sessions

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Sen. Ann Rest, representing all or parts of New Hope, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Golden Valley and Minneapolis, is hosting a series of listening sessions 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, March 5 and March 19, at Frankie's Pizza, 3556 Winnetka Ave. N., New Hope.

Sen. Rest will also host a pre-session town meeting with Reps. Lyndon Carlson and Mike Freiberg 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive N.

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