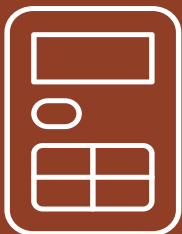
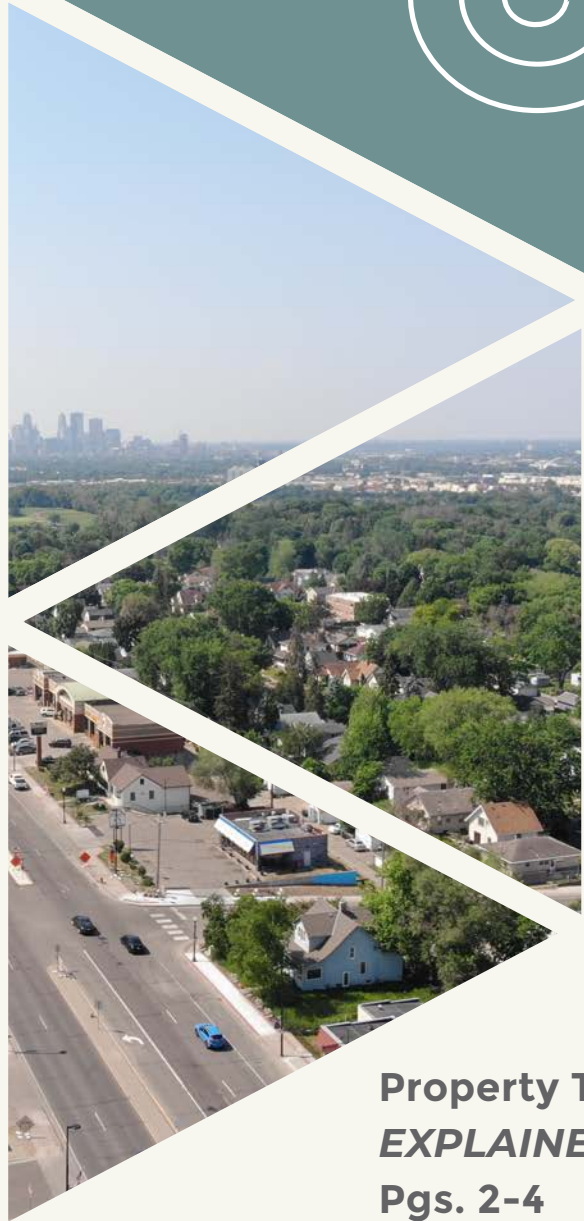
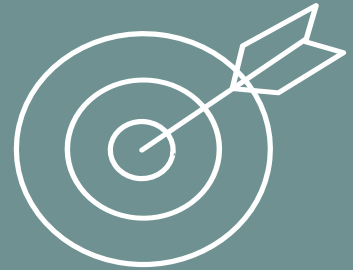


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Multi-Year Approach to Budgeting Now in Year Two

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners adopted a preliminary levy of 9.9 percent at the board's Sept. 23 meeting. The levy can be reduced prior to final approval, but it cannot increase.

The county's Truth in Taxation meeting is at 6 p.m. Dec. 1. Details about that meeting will be posted on the county's website, anokacountymn.gov. The board will approve the final levy and operating budget at their 9:30 a.m. Dec. 2 regular meeting.

The preliminary amount reflects a multi-year approach by the county to bring deficit spending under control, with the goal being to have the levy at about a 5 to 6 percent increase annually by 2029. It is important to note Anoka County only has authority over the county portion of the tax bill; cities and school districts have their own taxing authority.

"Anoka County's property tax levy this year is in line with most of the counties in the metro area," said Mike Gamache, chair, Anoka County board of commissioners. "This is a status-quo budget that aligns with the strategic priorities that the board put in place earlier this year, which are public safety, transportation, community services, workforce, communication, digital experience, and livability. Impacting our budget and levy this year — and the budgets and levies of all Minnesota counties and municipalities — are cost shifts and reductions from the federal and state government. This has been a challenging time for us, but county staff and commissioners have worked hard to craft a budget and levy that keeps our services where residents expect them to be."

The following pages include answers to frequently asked questions regarding property taxes and a breakdown of how federal and state legislation is affecting Anoka County's budget.



Property Tax Levy FAQs

Who determines my property taxes?

- The state legislature.
- Local units of government.
- The county assessor assigns each property a market value and property classification as provided by state statute.

What is a Truth in Taxation Notice?

This is also known as a "Notice of Proposed Taxes" and is mailed in mid-November each year. The notice estimates the property tax you will pay in the following year if the taxing jurisdictions approve the budget amounts they are considering. The county's TNT meeting is 6 p.m. Dec. 1.

What factors affect my property taxes?

- Changes to levy by city, county or school districts.
- Changes to the market value of your property and changes in the market values for the area or a particular type of property.
- New voter-approved taxes or legislative changes.

What happens at TNT meetings?

The usual format of the meeting is a budget presentation by the taxing jurisdiction followed by public comment and questions.

Does increasing property value always increase my taxes?

No. Governmental units must set a tax levy each year. Increasing the tax levy is the only way that a governmental unit will receive more tax dollars.

Are November school district referendums on a TNT notice?

No. The notices are only based on levies prior to the referendum election. School districts mail all properties within their districts a notice detailing the tax impact of the passage of the measure.

For more answers to property tax FAQs, visit tinyurl.com/ACproptaxFAQ or scan the QR code.



Federal and State

Legislative Impacts

Recent federal and state legislative changes have created resource challenges for Anoka County Human Services, adding additional administrative burden to the work Anoka County does and reducing the revenues the county receives to accomplish the work. Some of the changes are immediate, and some will phase in over the next 1-3 years.

Federal Impacts



Changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides food benefits to low-income individuals and families to help them afford nutritious food, will have the most immediate impact:

- Beginning in late 2026, SNAP reductions will force the county to take on an increased share of the cost to run the program (currently estimated to be about a \$1.5 million increase annually).
- Added work requirement verifications for individuals and shortened review timelines mean staff will spend more time on each case, adding to the cost to run the program, potentially creating delays in service.
- In 2027, the state will likely have to start paying a portion of SNAP benefits. If this is passed on to counties, this could be an additional cost to Anoka County taxpayers of several million dollars.
- Some people will lose coverage, and others will experience lapses and dropped coverage. The county's workload will also increase due to these federal changes. Changes are also slated for Medicaid (Medical Assistance in Minnesota), which provides health insurance for low-income individuals, pregnant women, seniors and people with disabilities. Most Medicaid changes will impact counties in 2027 and beyond.



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State Impacts



The Minnesota Legislature balanced the state budget in part by shifting costs to counties and reducing the reimbursements counties receive.

Anoka County has absorbed several state cost shifts in its 2026 budget. This includes:

- Direct cost shifts to the county in several mental health programs.
- Elimination of several administrative reimbursements, including funding for substance use disorder and day treatment services for residents with disabilities.

Legislative work groups have been convened to look for large scale savings (\$89 million) in state disability services programs, which help people with disabilities live in the community. If savings are not identified, additional costs will shift to counties in 2027 and beyond. This will have a large impact on Anoka County and its clients in the next two years. The number of residents who access these services continues to rise, which means the county will continue to do more work with fewer resources.

Anoka County's Response

"Between federal and state shifts and changes, counties in Minnesota, including Anoka County, are facing significant challenges and being asked to do more with less," said District 7 Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner. "Anoka County is mapping out ways to reduce the impacts of these changes. Counties are working together to advocate for supportive legislation regarding SNAP funding, and to reduce errors and increase efficiency through better digital solutions and modernization of systems used in these programs."

Capital Improvement Projects

Scheduled for Next Year and Beyond



Parks: 2026-30 project outlook

Bunker Beach Lazy River:

This project will replace a failing existing pedestrian bridge to the Lazy River Island and ensure ADA compliance. Design and engineering have begun, and the department anticipates construction in fall of 2026 after the facility closes for the season.

Bunker Hills Regional Park:

This project began in 2025 and over the next five years there are multiple phases of planned reconstruction projects, totaling \$10,105,932 including the following projects:

** The majority of Capital Improvement Projects are not funded through property taxes; to view the funding, visit tinyurl.com/AnokaCCIP*

Highways: 2026 project outlook

1. **40th Ave. NE from Main St. to University Ave., Columbia Heights** - Reconstruct, narrowing road to two lanes, add parking lanes/bays, new drainage system, and add bicyclist and pedestrian facilities.
2. **Mississippi St. NE from East River Rd. to University Ave., Fridley** - Reconstruct, narrow road to two lanes, new drainage system, add pedestrian facilities.
3. **Round Lake Blvd. from 135th Ave. to 143rd Ave., Anoka and Andover** - Replace and modify traffic control signal systems. Add latest ADA and APS standards, surface mill and overlay pavement and repair drainage system.
4. **Northdale Blvd. at Raven St., Coon Rapids** - Reconstruct traffic control signal and bituminous mill and overlay.
5. **Crosstown Blvd. at 161st Ave./Constance Blvd. Roundabout, Andover** - New roundabout.
6. **85th Ave. NE at Lexington Ave. NE, Blaine and Shoreview** - Reconstruct traffic control signal, intersection improvements, and bituminous mill and overlay.
7. **Baugh St. Reconstruction from 181st Ave. NW to 201st Ave. NW, Nowthen** - Reconstruct and add paved shoulders, new drainage improvements, and adding turn lanes.
8. **Hanson Blvd. at 155th Ln. NE, Andover** - Add opposing left turn lanes at the intersection.
9. **Sims Road east of University Ave, East Bethel** - Excavate unsuitable materials and raise road profile.
10. **109th Ave at Tournament Players Parkway, Blaine** - Construct a traffic control signal with intersection improvements.
11. **109th Ave at Radisson Road, Blaine** - Reconstruct a new traffic control signal with intersection improvements.

First Phase

- Reconstruction of the south half of the entrance road, parking lots.
- Reconstruction of the southeast trail to the high school.
- Reconstruction of the boardwalk near Prairie Road.

Second Phase – 2029

- Reconstruction of the north half of the entrance road, picnic area parking lots.
- Reconstruction of several aging trail segments between Bunker Beach and Bunker Lake Blvd.

Third Phase – 2030

- Replacement of the Bunker Hills picnic area playground.
- Reconstruction/rehabilitation of the Parks Central Maintenance Shop



View the [Interactive Project Map Locator](#) for more project information!





Dozens of vendors offered health and addiction recovery resources to visitors.



ACOSI Senior Program Specialist Patti Constant speaks about the "Faces of Hope" documentary.



Panelist Joe Morris talks about his early struggles with addiction and how he has recovered.



Alex Blonigen speaks to other vendors in the gym of Spring Lake Park High School.

The Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative (ACOSI) hosted its second free Spotlight on Opioids and Overdose Event at Spring Lake Park High School Oct. 4.

"This event raised awareness about opioids and fentanyl and provided support for individuals and families affected by substance abuse," said District 4 Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte. "The day featured presentations on current drug trends; a naloxone education station; panelists who shared their stories of addiction, loss, recovery and hope; and there were more than 45 community healthcare, treatment, and recovery vendors. This now-annual event continues to grow and is well attended by the public."

More Naloxone Access Points Now Available in Anoka County

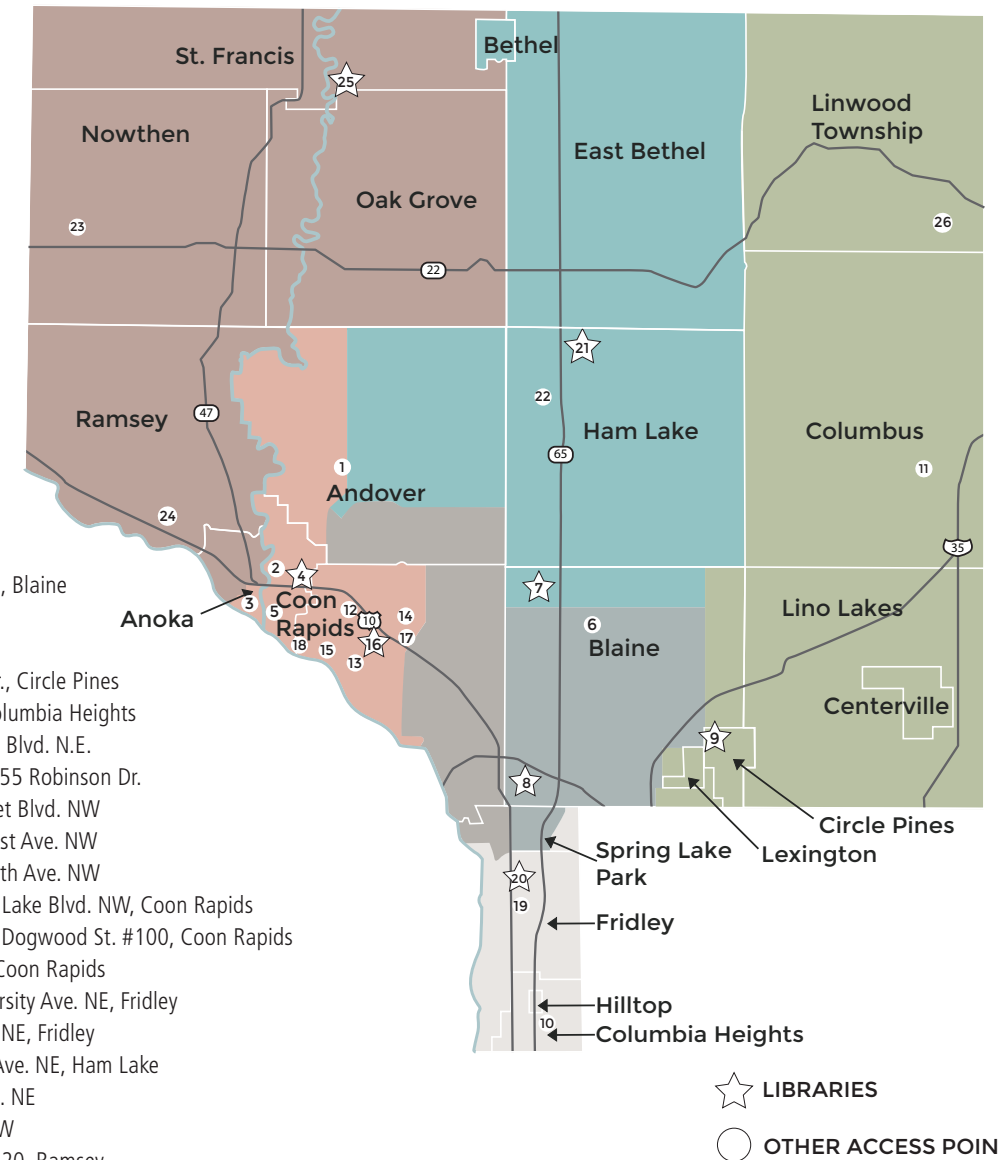
The Anoka County Opioid Solutions Initiative (ACOSI) has partnered with the Steve Rummer HOPE Network to increase the number of naloxone access points available in the county. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose, if administered promptly.

There are now 26 access points in Anoka County, and each of them contains kits that have nasal and intramuscular naloxone. Kits also include fentanyl testing strips. Note: Naloxone is not addictive, has no street value, and causes no harm if used on people not experiencing an opioid overdose.

Scan the QR code, view the map below or visit tinyurl.com/RummlerAP to find naloxone access points near you.

"Having naloxone easily accessible at multiple locations in Anoka County, simply put, saves lives," said District 6 Anoka County Commissioner Julie Jeppson. "This is a powerful medication that we all need to know where it's available. According to the CDC, about 76 percent of drug overdose deaths in 2023 involved an opioid, and of those individuals who died, 43 percent had someone with them. By providing this medication for free and in public, nonjudgemental locations, we are saving lives."

1. **Andover City Hall:** 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW, Andover
2. **ACBC Food Shelf:** 2615 9th Ave. N, Anoka
3. **Recovery Cafe:** 1601 4th Ave. Door 2, Anoka
4. **Rum River Library:** 4201 6th Ave., Anoka
5. **Anoka County Jail:** 325 Jackson St., Anoka
6. **Nystrom:** 10729 Town Square Dr. NE Ste. 120, Blaine
7. **Johnsville Library:** 12461 Oak Park Blvd., Blaine
8. **Northtown Library:** 711 County Hwy. 10 Frontage Rd., Blaine
9. **Centennial Library:** 100 Civic Heights Cir., Circle Pines
10. **SACA Food Shelf:** 627 38th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights
11. **Columbus City Hall:** 16319 Kettle River Blvd. N.E.
12. **Coon Rapids Police Department:** 11155 Robinson Dr.
13. **Coon Rapids Fire Station 1:** 1460 Egret Blvd. NW
14. **Coon Rapids Fire Station 2:** 1199 121st Ave. NW
15. **Coon Rapids Fire Station 3:** 3150 111th Ave. NW
16. **Crooked Lake Library:** 11440 Crooked Lake Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids
17. **Neighborhood Health Source:** 10081 Dogwood St. #100, Coon Rapids
18. **Nystrom:** 11660 Round Lake Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids
19. **Mental Health Resources:** 7201 University Ave. NE, Fridley
20. **Mississippi Library:** 410 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley
21. **North Central Library:** 17565 Central Ave. NE, Ham Lake
22. **Ham Lake City Hall:** 15544 Central Ave. NE
23. **Nowthen City Hall:** 8188 199th Ave. NW
24. **Begin Anew:** 7533 Sunwood Dr. NW # 220, Ramsey
25. **St. Francis Library:** 3519 Bridge St. NW
26. **Northstar Behavioral Health:** 5810 Cranberry Dr., Wyoming



GATHER IN THE PARKS

Anoka County Parks offers event spaces for graduation parties, holiday gatherings, and family events.

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PLAY IN THE PARKS



WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING

SATURDAYS

Dec. 13 • Jan. 10 • Feb. 21
Wargo Nature Center, 10 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Ages 14+ Explore the winter landscape of Minnesota with one of Wargo's three certified wildlife trackers to learn how to distinguish the numerous tracks and signs of local wildlife.
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LUNCH WITH A NATURALIST

SELECT WEDNESDAYS

Wargo Nature Center, 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Ages 16+ Bring your lunch and learn. Listen to a naturalist presentation on a local natural or cultural history topic and possibly go on a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. **FREE**

SNOW DAY WITH CITY OF BLAINE

Saturday, Jan. 31, 1-4 P.M.

Wargo Nature Center

All Ages We are declaring a snow day! Participants will have the opportunity to try a variety of winter activities including snowshoeing, ice fishing, kick sledding, winter crafts, and more. **FREE**

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 28, Noon-2 P.M.

Wargo Nature Center

All Ages Celebrate Spring! Learn how to make Maple Syrup, Maple Crafts, and go on a scavenger hunt. **FREE**

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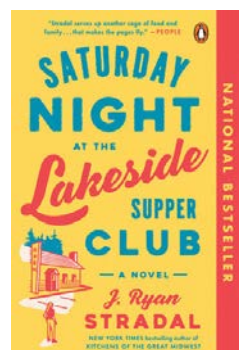
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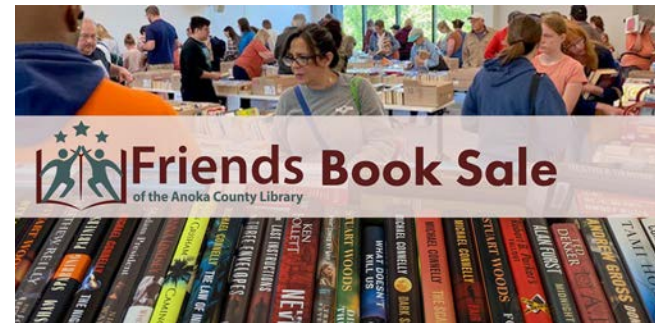
Save the Date - Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026 9th Annual Local Author Fair



Keynote address by best-selling author **J. Ryan Stradal**
New event location
Bunker Hills Activity Center
10:15 A.M.



His books include: *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*, *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, and *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*.
The fair follows the keynote event. Meet writers from our community and purchase signed copies of their books. This is Anoka County's literary event of the year!



Friends of Anoka County Library Book Sale Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Rum River Library

Gently used books, movies, & music priced from 25 cents to \$2. All proceeds are donated back to the library.

The Friends of Anoka County Library help make programs & services possible including Reading Bridge, Summer Reading, Park Packs, & Book Club Kit.



Give to the Max Day Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025

Support the library and donate to Friends of the Anoka County Library
givemn.org/organization/ACL



Calendar Events for All Ages

Visit the online event calendar to register for classes including creative arts, book clubs, and programs
tinyurl.com/ACLeventcalendar

- **Taylor Swift Escape Room** Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 A.M., Bunker Hills Activity Center
- **Book Launch - Featured Author Tasha Coryell** Monday, Nov. 17, 5:30 P.M., Northtown Library
- **Unlocking the Power of ChatGPT with the Centennial Area Chamber** Thursday, Nov. 20, 12:30 P.M., Centennial Library
- **Haiku Poetry Workshop - Featured Author Sandra Hisakuni** Monday, Nov., 24, 11:30 A.M., Rum River Library
- **Adaptive Teen Cooking-Mug Cakes** Monday, Dec. 1, 4:30 P.M., Mississippi Library
- **Comix Club** Monday, Dec. 8, 5 P.M., Saint Francis Library
- **Blank Verse: Prose & Poetry Showcase** Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 P.M., Northtown Library
- **Naloxone Training** Saturday, Dec. 20, 1 P.M., Rum River Library



Scroll Smarter

We've got your back with quick tips to help you outsmart clickbait, dodge deception, and scroll like a pro.

Snowed in by headlines? Misinformation spreads faster than a Minnesota blizzard. Before you share, check the source, the date, and whether it's satire in disguise.

3 Ways to Avoid Getting Snowed by Misinformation:

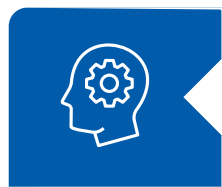
- **Check the source** – Is it a reputable news outlet or a random blog? Look for an "About" page and contact info.
- **Cross-check the facts** – Can you find the same info from multiple trusted sources? If not, it might be fluff.
- **Watch for emotional hooks** – If it makes you angry or scared fast, it might be designed to manipulate, not inform.

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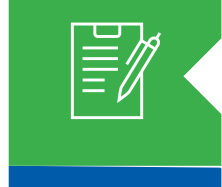
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CAREER FAIRS AND HIRING EVENTS

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JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

One-on-one job search assistance! Schedule a job search appointment to meet in person, over the phone or online to get help with your job search and learn about other available resources. Book an appointment at careerforce.mn.gov/events or call 763-324-2300.



Domestic Violence Awareness Production Jan. 23

The Violence Prevention Roundtable, in partnership with Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, are hosting a 7 p.m. Jan. 23 performance of *Flight* at the church. This is a domestic violence-related production produced and directed by the nonprofit The Art of Reconciliation. To promote this production, we are asking employers in the county to host an exhibit from Alexandra House called "Silent Witnesses" between now and Jan. 15, 2026. The exhibit features 29 red silhouettes, each representing an Anoka County resident who lost their life to domestic violence. Businesses or organizations can host anywhere between 5 and 29 silhouettes, for 3 to 5 days (recommended). Visit tinyurl.com/silentwitnessAC or scan the QR code for Silent Witness Exhibit request details.



SPOT TRAINING

Anoka County Commissioners Jeff Reinert (left) and John Heinrich (right) stand with Anoka County Highway Department Equipment Operator Heath Hoglund.

Snowplow Operator Training (SPOT) educated attendees on how government agencies train new snowplow operators at a city/county SPOT VIP media day event Sept. 19 at the State Fairgrounds History and Heritage Center. Elected local officials and other attendees were given the hands-on experience of driving a snowplow truck, with an experienced trainer, through a closed course. This opportunity allowed for the attendees to learn the challenges of operating these large vehicles and how important it is to keep the roads clear of snow and ice for motorists.



ELECTIONS AWARD

Anoka County Elections Manager Tom Hunt was recognized at the Oct. 28 County Board meeting for receiving the "Friend of the League Award" from the League of Women Voters ABC. Hunt was given the award for his outstanding service in preserving our democracy by providing voters safe, secure, and accurate elections. From left: Commissioners Jeff Reinert, John Heinrich, Scott Schulte, Julie Braastad; Tom Hunt; Commissioners Mike Gamache, Mandy Meisner, Julie Jeppson.



Smart Salting Practices to Protect Our Water

Lakes, creeks, and rivers throughout Anoka County are getting saltier. The rise in chloride pollution, primarily from deicing chemicals (salts), is bad news for our aquatic plants, animals, and drinking water.

It takes only one teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute five gallons of fresh water. Once chloride is in a waterbody, there is no practical way to remove it. Alternatives to chloride have other tradeoffs in cost, environmental impacts, and service. Therefore, the leading strategy for managing chloride pollution is to be smart

about its use; applying it only when, where, and in the amount needed. This also means that every effort, big or small, helps reduce chloride pollution.

This winter, try the following tips to reduce your salt use and protect our local water resources.

- 1. Check the Temp:** Traditional rock/road salt is not effective at temperatures below 15 degrees (F). When temperatures plummet, consider sand or grit for traction.
- 2. Shovel Often:** Shoveling early and often will reduce ice formation.
- 3. Reuse Product:** Sweep up and re-use excess salt, grit, and sand.
- 4. Scatter Sparingly:** More salt does not equal more melting. Try to space salt granules 2 to 3 inches apart. A coffee cup of salt, roughly 8 oz., is enough salt to treat 150 square feet.

Want more tips? Scan the QR code to view our latest video on illicit discharge!





Ramsey Gateway Project is Complete

Project partners, area officials, and other guests gathered at the La Fontaine Event Center for a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 29 to celebrate the completion of the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 project. Group photo, from left: State Rep. Harry Niska; Metropolitan Council Member Diego Morales; Anoka County Commissioner Scott Schulte; Coon Rapids Mayor Jerry Koch; Anoka County Commissioners John Heinrich, Mike Gamache and Jeff Reinert; State Sen. Jim Ablor; Ramsey City Council Member Kirsten Buscher; Ramsey City Council Members Michael Olson and Chris Riley. Second photo: Mike Gamache, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners, speaks prior to the ribbon cutting.

New Technology

Will Allow for Faster Public Safety Alerts

The Anoka County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) – 911 is now using a new software called Everbridge as a mass notification platform, which will allow for quicker wireless warnings in typical emergency situations like notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories, or evacuation notices.

This new software allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email, and social media of time-sensitive emergency situations. Only authorized officials have access to the Everbridge system.

The platform will allow delivery of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Integrated Public Alert Notifications (IPAWS) Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA). IPAWS WEA alerts are considered public safety related alerts and meant to inform and protect the public during emergency situations. There is strict criteria to follow through FEMA prior to sending a WEA.

A second function in Everbridge is called “Community Alerting.” The Anoka County ECC is currently developing this platform and will work with individual cities to best meet their needs with this feature.

“Community Alerts will be an opt-in resource available,” said District 2 Anoka County Commissioner Julie Braastad. “We’re working closely with public safety partners to develop criteria for the community alerting platform. The overall goal with this technology is for the ECC to reach the right people in a timely manner with accurate messages that enhance public safety in our area.”



Sheets to Serve as President of Coroners, Medical Examiners Association



Shane Sheets, the director of the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office (MMEO), has been elected to serve as president of the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IACME) for a two-year term that will run 2025-2027.

Sheets has been director of the MMEO since 2021, and before that he was supervisor of investigations at the MMEO. Sheets has also served as a death investigator for the office and worked for the Carver County Sheriff’s Office. In his capacity at the MMEO, Sheets handles various administrative components and manages a team of forensic pathologists, medicolegal death investigators, forensic technicians, medical transcriptionists, and support staff.

The IACME was established in 1927 and is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in medicolegal death investigation through collaboration, education and accreditation. IACME has more than 2,600 members representing all 50 states and 32 countries.

“The MMEO has benefitted from Shane’s leadership over the past four years, and the IACME is fortunate to have Shane lend his expertise to them, as well,” said District 6 Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. “Shane is at the top of his field, with an impressive track record in law enforcement operations, crisis management, and strategic oversight of morgue and investigative operations.”

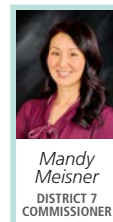
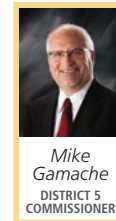
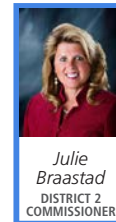
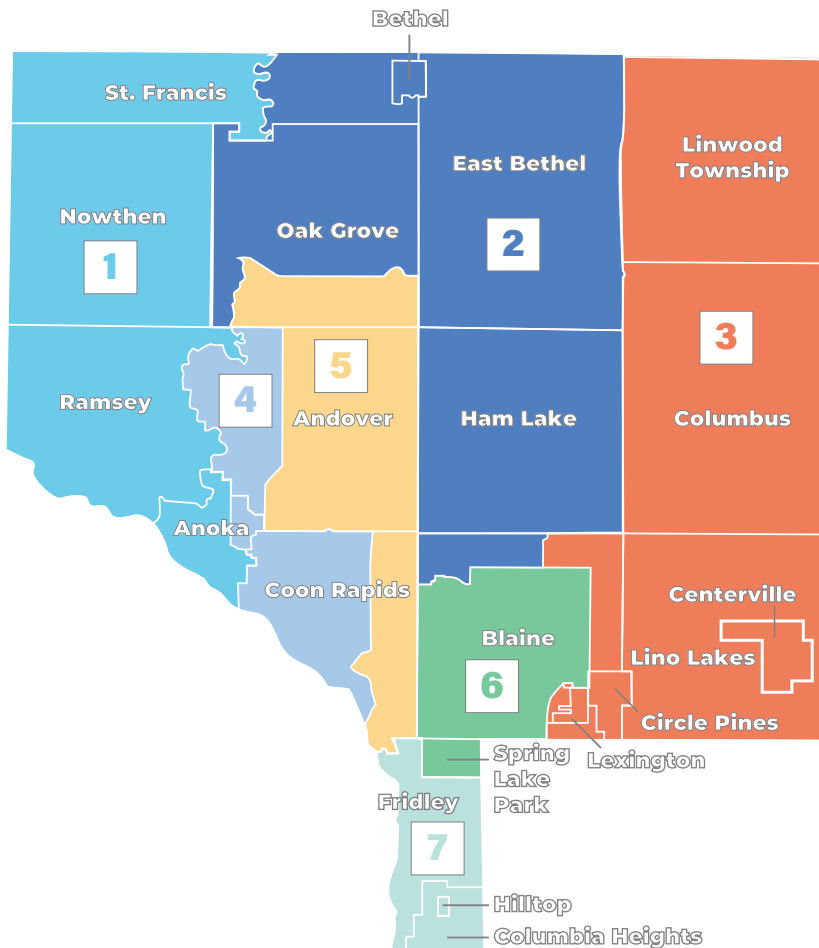
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