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## Charter Commission Vacancies

The City of Ham Lake currently has two vacancies on the Charter Commission. The Charter Commission is required to meet at least once a year, but may meet more often. Meetings are usually held the fourth Wednesday of any given month, at the Ham Lake City Hall.

The City Charter, approved by the voters and issued by the State of Minnesota in 1982, sets rules on how the City government operates, how it's organized and how it's financed. When a city has a charter, it can tailor its form of government to the desire of its citizens and establish greater powers or more stringent limitations than state statutes call for.

If you are interested in serving on the Charter Commission, please submit a written statement to the City of Ham Lake (Attention: Dawnette Shimek, 15544 Central Avenue NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304) or email Dawnette Shimek at [dshimek@ci.ham-lake.mn.us](mailto:dshimek@ci.ham-lake.mn.us) no later than Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm. *Please note: This is not a paid position.*

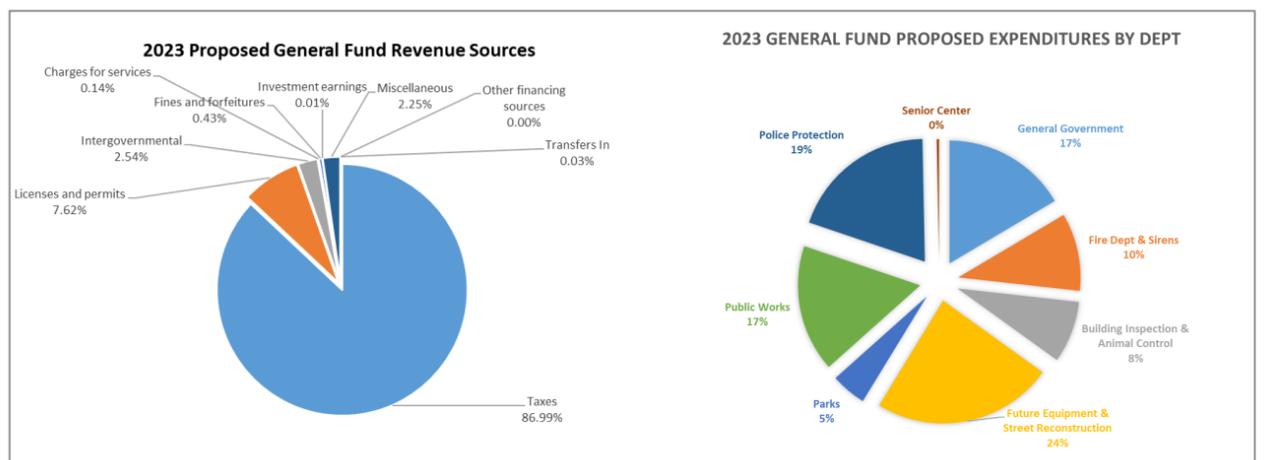
## Snowmobile Rules

Operators of snowmobiles in Ham Lake need to abide by state and local rules for everyone's safety. The law says that no person shall:

- Operate a snowmobile within 100 feet of any skating rink, sliding area or fish house unless you're carefully riding to your own fish house.
- Operate it on private property without prior permission from the property owner.
- Tow anything without a ridged tow bar.
- Intentionally drive, chase, run over, injure or kill any animal.
- Operate on any public property, including school grounds, parks, playgrounds and recreation areas, except when authorized by a resolution of the City Council.
- Operate between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am within 500 feet of a dwelling unit.
- Operate on any municipal street, except in the following manner:
  - Operation is restricted to the far right edge of the traveled portion of the roadway, in the normal direction as traffic.
  - No driving at a speed over 15 mph.
  - No travel in ditches, side slopes, back slopes and boulevard areas.
- No Snowmobile shall be operated by any person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other chemicals.
- No snowmobile shall be operated in a careless or reckless manner so as to likely endanger persons or property, or in a manner so as to create loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the quiet enjoyment of others.
- No snowmobile shall be equipped with metallic traction cleats or other metallic traction devices affixed to the track.

## Approval of the 2023 Budget

On December 5, 2022, the City Council approved the 2023 Budget. The General Fund budget primarily is funded by the property tax levy of \$6,011,033. When including other revenue sources, the total revenues for the General Fund are \$6,941,368, this is an increase of \$637,850 when compared to the 2022 budget. Total expenditures are \$6,941,368, an increase of \$637,850 from the 2022 budget.



## How Does the Levy Impact Property Taxes?

The City did see an increase to its levy of 11.49%; however, the City also saw an increase of \$5,986,668 to its net tax capacity. This increase in net tax capacity helped to offset impact of the levy increase causing the tax capacity rate to decrease from 21.486% in 2022 to 19.497% in 2023. Below shows how the decrease would affect the City portion of your property taxes if the value of your home remained constant and the actual affects when taking into account increases in market values.

### NO CHANGE IN HOME VALUE

Value of Home	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Estimated	\$ Increase / (decrease)	% Increase / (decrease)
\$ 300,000	\$ 659	\$ 645	\$ 585	(60)	-9.26%
375,000	823	806	731	(75)	-9.26%
439,500 *	965	944	857	(87)	-9.26%
550,000	1,207	1,182	1,072	(109)	-9.26%
650,000	1,427	1,397	1,267	(129)	-9.26%

### WITH HOME VALUE INCREASES

2022 Value of Home	2023 Value of Home	2022 Actual	2023 Estimated	\$ Increase / (decrease)	% Increase / (decrease)
300000	369000	644.00	719.00	75.00	12%
375000	461250	805.00	899.00	94.00	12%
357317	439500 *	767.74	857.00	89.26	12%
550000	676500	1,180.00	1,319.00	139.00	12%
650000	799500	1,394.00	1,559.00	165.00	12%

\* Average Home Taxable Market Value

## Where Do My Taxes Go?

Property taxes are split amongst the local government units that are within your taxing district. These include Anoka County, your public-school district, Met Council, County HRA, Watershed Districts, and the City of Ham Lake. Below is graphic showing how each dollar of your property tax is split among the units.



Articles and photos that appear in *The Ham Laker*, along with other useful information about the City, can be found on the City's website: [www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us)

## Ham Lake City Council News

At its **December 19, 2022** meeting the City Council took the following actions:

Approved items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Resolution No. 22-46 replacing City-Wide Outdoor Warning Sirens using Cable Funds and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
- Not waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability coverage
- Resolution No. 22-47 for the State of Minnesota Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in Construction
- Plans and Specifications for the 2023 overlay projects and authorization to advertise for bids, as recommended by the Road Committee
- Approval to move forward with the process of withdrawing from the Sunrise River Watershed Management Organization.
- Discussion of dredging the channel between South Coon Lake and Coon Lake, and the pathway.

At its **January 3, 2022** meeting the City Council took the following actions:

Approved items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Designation of appointment of representative and alternate to the Solid Waste Abatement Advisory Team (Jennifer Bohr and alternate Nicole Wheeler)
- Designation of official newspaper
- Appointing Steve Schahn as District Chief 3 for Fire Station #1

- Designation of official depositories: 21st Century Bank, Falcon National Bank, RBC Capital Markets, PMA Financial Network/PMA Securities, Inc., Mortenson Capital Markets, LLC, and UBS Financial Services, Inc.
- Scheduling a Special City Council meeting for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to consider the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Article 9 of the Ham Lake City Code
- Approval of scheduling a Special City Council meeting for Friday, January 20, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending Article 9 of the Ham Lake City Code
- Approval to move forward with the bidding process for the construction of Fire Station #3.
- Approved appointments for 2023 including Acting Mayor, EDA President and Vice President, Personnel, Economic Development, Met Council & Metropolitan Council Reform Effort Committee, Law Enforcement, Fire Department Liaisons, North Metro Telecommunications Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Road Committee, *Ham Laker* Task Force, Audit, Building/Energy Committee, Park Committee, Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees, Code Review Committee, Building Department Committee, CERT Committee and Equipment Committee.

Visit the City's website to view Council and Planning meeting videos on-demand and agenda minutes of City Council and Planning Commission: [www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us](http://www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us).

## Sheriff's Report

### Thefts & Damage to Property

- 12.12 136xx Hwy 65 NE—catalytic converter cut off a vehicle parked overnight at the gas station
- 12.16 158xx Central Ave NE—an unsecured trailer stolen from a business; caught on surveillance
- 12.19 13xx Andover Blvd NE—a trailer was stolen from a business parking lot
- 01.02 138xx Johnson St NE—plow truck stolen from a business over the weekend; keys unknown

### Burglaries

- 12.30 25xx 154 Lane NE—theft of tools from a home under construction; overnight

### Arrests

- 12.09 34xx Interlachen Dr NE—2nd degree DWI; a driver was stopped for poor driving conduct. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested.
- 12.10 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE—Controlled Substance; occupants of a parked car were doing drugs. They were identified; the female had multiple warrants and was arrested. While searching her and the vehicle, meth and fentanyl were found.
- 12.10 Bunker Lake/Radisson Rd NE—Warrant Arrest; a deputy ran a plate and the registered owner came back with warrants and no driver's license. He was arrested.
- 12.10 162xx Lexington Ave NE—Warrant Arrest; a male was banging on a front door; he had a warrant and was arrested.
- 12.12 Constance/Hwy 65 NE—Warrant Arrest; a female passenger and the male driver of a vehicle both had warrants. The male began fighting with the deputies. Both went to jail.
- 12.21 Hwy 65/133 Ave NE—Warrant Arrest; driver stopped for not having her headlights on at 3:30 am. When the deputy made contact, the driver said she did not have a driver's license. She did have a warrant and she was arrested.
- 12.23 49xx Lexington Ave NE—DWI 4th degree; a driver appeared impaired. The deputy arrived and

- observed impairment. Field sobriety tests were conducted and failed. He was arrested.
- 12.24 134xx Hwy 65 NE—Obstructing Legal Process; a business called and wanted an intoxicated male removed. He refused and began to fight with the deputies. He was arrested.
- 12.24 152xx Quamba St NE—DWI, Child Endangerment; a resident picked up 2 small children running down the road with no coats in -22 degree weather. The resident located a truck with another smaller child and a male passed out over a steering wheel with an open bottle of alcohol. FST weren't conducted for safety reasons and the male was arrested.
- 12.26 154xx Hwy 65 NE—Warrant Arrest; deputies went to the location to look for a male with a warrant out of Washington County. He was located and arrested.
- 01.01 18xx 171 Ave NE—Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a husband and wife domestic. The husband went to the hospital; charges are pending.
- 01.05 148xx Aberdeen St NE—Warrant Arrest; a female called us because there was damage to her vehicle when it was towed by a local business. The deputy arrived and settled that dispute, but when he ran the female, she came back with a warrant out of Ramsey County. She was arrested.

## Safe Tax Tips

It's tax season! Here are some tips from the Sheriff's Office that will help you guard your personal information from would-be-thieves:

- Choose your tax preparer carefully.
- Double check that your incoming mail is secure.
- Follow up if you don't receive expected paperwork.
- Don't believe just anyone who says they're from the IRS.
- Dispose of your paperwork carefully by shredding.
- If filing online make sure your antivirus software is updated.
- If you are mailing your returns, mail it from a secure US Postal box.

## Winter: Best Time to Prune

Winter is the best time to prune your trees for the following reasons:

- The absence of leaves makes crossing branches and weak spots easily seen.
- The risk of spreading disease via pruning cuts is minimized. Insects that carry oak wilt from infected trees to fresh pruning cuts during the spring and summer are not present during the winter.
- Equipment can be moved closer to trees on frozen ground when lawn damage is not a great concern.
- Growth is increased since the energy stored in fewer roots and branches is channeled to fewer points the following spring.

## Soderville Baseball and Softball Registration Open

Soderville Blaine Summer 2023 registration is open until February 28. Programs are available for baseball players ages 4-19 and 8U softball. You can find more all the information and registration at: [www.sodervilleblaine.org](http://www.sodervilleblaine.org).

## Fire Department Calls

The Ham Lake Fire Department responded to 37 calls during the month of December: 23 during the day and 14 at night. The department spent a little over 19 hours on calls with total personnel time adding up to 416 hours. Year-to-date, the department has answered 434 calls, compared with 446 calls at the same time last year.

## December Building Permits

The City of Ham Lake issued 136 permits in December with a valuation of \$461,055.00. The issued permits are as follows: one commercial remodel, one residential new construction, two residential remodel, two residential basement finish, one residential deck, one residential miscellaneous, 48 roofing/siding. Other permits include 50 mechanical, 28 plumbing and 2 septic installations.

## March Issue Deadline: Wed., February 8 @ noon

Please send all Ham Laker correspondence, articles and ideas to:

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## Blaine/Ham Lake Well Interference Update

Recent articles in the Ham Laker newsletter reported on some private well problems that may have been caused by the City of Blaine pumping four new wells. Three of the new wells stopped pumping in mid-August and have not pumped water since. The City of Blaine has reimbursed some private well owners for costs associated with restoring their water supplies. They have referred other complaints to the DNR because the City of Blaine believes there may be additional factors causing the private well water supply issues.

### Well Interference Complaints Update - As of Jan. 4, 2023

- 146 reported well interference complaints have been received by the City of Blaine and the DNR.
- 24 owners of private wells in Blaine or Ham Lake have been reimbursed by the City of Blaine.
- 112 complaints have been referred to the DNR.
- 65 DNR Well Interference Complaint Forms have been received.

### Progress on the Well Interference Investigation

If you have received an email or phone call from Carmelita Nelson confirming receipt of your complaint form and invoices, there is nothing further that you need to do. Your complaint is being investigated. We anticipate that DNR's investigation will be completed this spring. It takes time to investigate so many well problems, so please be patient.

### Why does it take so long to investigate a well interference?

Well interference reviews take time because the DNR needs to ensure that well interference complaints are addressed consistently across the state, and that conclusions are supported by rigorous science and in accord with state well interference regulations. DNR staff have streamlined the process as much as possible, but this is a complex situation that will take time to resolve.

What happens when the investigation and technical report are complete?

1. The DNR anticipates having the investigation finalized this spring.
2. All parties will receive copies of the final Blaine-Ham Lake Well Interference Technical Report when it is complete.
3. The Report will be accompanied with an individualized letter stating that your claim was found Valid or Not Valid.
  - a. A Valid complaint means that the well was out of water because of neighboring high-capacity pumping and water use.
  - b. A Not Valid complaint means that the well was out of water for some other reason not related to neighboring high-capacity pumping and water use.
4. All water appropriation permit holders will receive the Report and a letter identifying which wells they impacted and the submitted invoice dollar amount to repair those wells.
5. From the date on the notification letter, the water appropriation permit holders have 30 days to choose one of three options: 1) Negotiate a reasonable agreement, 2) modify or restrict their permit or 3) request a public hearing. Typically, if the well interference investigation is found valid, a settlement is negotiated with the high-capacity water user(s) to reimburse well owners for some or all of their costs to restore their domestic water supply.
6. Because of the large number of complaints in this area, notifications may be handled in batches.
7. More information on the resolution process is available on the DNR well interference webpage

### Ham Lake Water Levels

There have been a few inquiries about Ham Lake Water Levels. The following information was provided by the Coon Creek Watershed District:

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## What's Happening at the Senior Center

**Open Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 3:30 pm**  
**15544 Central Ave NE in Ham Lake**  
**763-434-0455**

**THE SENIOR CENTER IS OPEN** for all activities and meals (Mondays and Wednesdays). Please spread the word to everyone as some people didn't renew their membership last year and may not be getting the newsletter.

**Senior Dining** on Mondays and Wednesdays each week at noon. **Reservations needed!** Meals are \$7 for those 55+ and \$10 for those younger than 55.

**Senior Center Activities** include fitness class, cribbage, wood carving, Bingo, 500 cards, Hand & Foot cards and Dominoes.

Watch for upcoming trips to the Casino (open to the public), Jam Sessions during the day and evening (open to the public), health insurance counseling, scheduled shopping trips for those who need transportation, free blood pressure checks and a birthday lunch.

**Call the Senior Center at 763-434-0455 for dates, times and details of events.**

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES** for 2023 are held by MHSRC (Minnesota Highway Safety Research Center) for those 55 and older. Registration is required. Call 1-888-234-1294 for information and to register. Or go online: [www.stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/mhsrc/55-plus](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/continuingstudies/mhsrc/55-plus)

**4-Hour Refresher Course:** You need to take this every three years. Time flies, so make sure you are current! The fee is \$24 for the 4-hour class:

Friday, June 9: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday, Sept. 15: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday, Nov 10: 12:00 - 4:00 pm

**8-Hour Refresher Course:** Required for first timers. The fee is \$26 for the 8-hour class.

*None are scheduled at this time.*

**Did you know?** If you're 55 years or older, state law requires your insurance company to give you a 10% discount after taking an 8-hour Defensive Driving Course and attending a 4-hour refresher course every three years.

**NOTE:** The Ham Lake Senior Center is *not* available for rent!

## Ham Lake Fire Department: Carbon Monoxide Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that is produced when burning any fuel, such as gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, wood and charcoal. CO is a silent killer, causing illness by decreasing the amount of oxygen present in a person's body.

Young children are especially vulnerable to the effects of CO and may show symptoms sooner than a healthy adult. Because of their smaller bodies, children process CO differently than adults and may be more severely affected by it.

### Physical signs of exposure

#### Mild exposure:

Slight headache, vomiting, nausea, fatigue, blurred vision, flu-like symptoms that disappear when the person breaths fresh air

#### Medium exposure:

Drowsiness, confusion, severe headache, rapid heart rate

#### Severe exposure:

Convulsions, unconsciousness, cardiac/respiratory arrest, even death

CO poisoning is often mistaken for other illnesses, such as the flu. Often, more than one person in the household will suffer symptoms at the same time.

### Protect Yourself

- Install a CO alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Place CO alarms at least 15 feet away from every fuel-burning appliance to reduce the number of nuisance alarms.
- Test alarms every month and replace them every five years.
- Have all gas, oil or coal burning appliances inspected by a technician every year to ensure they are working correctly and are properly ventilated.
- Never leave a vehicle or other combustion engine running inside a garage, even if the garage door is open.

### If your CO alarm goes off

- Investigate to make sure it is your CO detector and not your smoke detector. Check to see if any member of the household is experiencing symptoms of poisoning.
- If they are, get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible. Then call 911 from a cell phone or a neighbor's home.
- If no one is feeling symptoms, ventilate the home with fresh air; turn off potential sources of CO. Appliances and other devices which could produce CO should be checked to make sure they are operating correctly.

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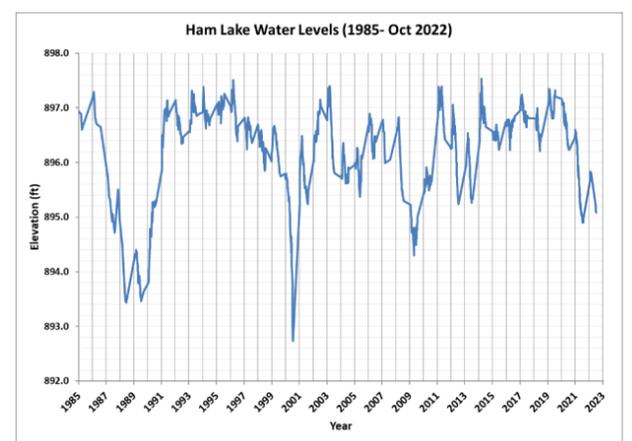
From the DNR Lake Finder page, all major lakes in our watershed (Crooked, Ham, Netta, Coon, Laddie, and Sunrise) have dropped 1.5 to 2.5 feet since 2020 (Sunrise the least, Laddie the most). Ham and Netta have acted almost identically, both dropping about 2 feet in that time period. Additionally, the Bunker reference wetland just west of our Ham Lake office dropped 2 feet in 2022 alone and Round Lake (just outside of our watershed) has dropped 3 feet since 2020. These levels show that Ham Lake is not alone in experiencing low water levels when compared to other local lakes.

To the right is a graph showing the historical Ham Lake water levels. Although water levels are the lowest they've been since the drought of 2009, they are still well within the recorded range for the lake.

### Information for Ham Lake well owners with well problems

If you know of other Blaine or Ham Lake well owners who had water supply problems in 2021 or 2022, they may be eligible for reimbursement of costs incurred to restore their water supply. They should

complete the Water Well Information and Complaint form found on the DNR well interference webpage. Or contact the state well interference coordinator at 651-259-5034



This graph shows Ham Lake water levels from 1985 through October 2022

## Snow Moving Guidelines

Did you know moving snow onto or across a city street is illegal, dangerous and costly to taxpayers?

MN State Statute 160.2715:

“(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

- (1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon; (b) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor.”

There are several issues that should be considered before pushing snow into or across the street. One being increased spring flooding. The city’s storm water system is designed to flow freely and with minimal restriction to holding areas and other water conveyances. If that system becomes blocked due to an illegal snow pile, it can begin to back up and flood streets, yards and even houses.

There is also the added wear and tear and sometimes damage to city vehicles. Some of these snow banks will freeze solid and if hit by a plow, can damage and even destroy the plow, costing taxpayer’s money and time to repair the plow (time that would be better spent clearing the roads of snow for residents).

And lastly, there is the added cost to taxpayers for city crews, vehicles, and equipment to go out and remove the illegal snow to a safe location.

## 12-Step Recovery

Overcomers Outreach is an international community of 12-Step support groups that are Christ-centered and minister to men and women suffering the consequences of any addiction or compulsive behavior. We recover together as we meet to study, grow and share God’s word. Overcomers Outreach welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, gender, lifestyle, background or belief. Believing that Jesus Christ is our “higher power,” we serve as a bridge between traditional 12-Step recovery groups and churches of all denominations.

Overcomers Outreach meets weekly on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm at Ham Lake Alano, 13536 Central Avenue [Hwy 65] in Ham Lake. Participation is 100% free, although free-will donations are always appreciated. If you have questions or want more information call 763-447-8012.

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## Ham Lake Business Spotlight: Scooter’s Coffee

Ham Lake has its own coffee shop! You may have seen it driving past the intersection of Highway 65 and Constance Boulevard.

Scooter’s Coffee opened on December 30th with a full staff. They look forward to serving the Ham Lake community, as well as commuters who frequent Highway 65.

Scooter’s is a Nebraska-based franchise of drive-through-only coffee shops. The new Ham Lake store is the third one in the Twin Cities metro area.

It carries a full menu of hot coffees, iced drinks, blenders, smoothies and teas. Their signature drink is the Caramelicious. Their Red Bull infusion drinks are also very popular.

Scooter’s offers breakfast food items as well, like their Everything Bagel sandwich, the Maple Waffle sandwich, breakfast burritos and cinnamon rolls. Food is served all day!

Owners Kris and Louise Daniels had wanted to get into business for themselves for several years. “We wanted to be able to have a team we could employ, but also find people who share our core values. We want an environment that feels very positive for people to work in. And we knew we wanted to do coffee,” said Kris.

When looking into franchises they found Scooter’s core values aligned with their own: integrity, love, humility and courage. Trust, approaching each other with kindness, helping prop others up and giving courage to people to try and learn (especially when it may be someone’s first job) are values important to the Daniels and their staff.

When should you go to get through the line quickly? Kris says, “Anytime! Our lane time is important. Scooter’s Coffee motto is: Amazing people serving amazing drinks amazingly fast! I feel we have a special team of baristas. After only six days I feel like I

could walk away from the store because they’re taking ownership and doing a great job.”

They have two lanes open during their busiest hours and a large staff to serve their customers.

Kris said, “We’ve had a lot of positive feedback—people telling us they’re happy to have a coffee place in Ham Lake. Our goal is to keep making people happy!

“At the end of the day, my wife and I and Kristie (our store manager) look at this as a people business. It’s super important that our people inside are happy, and that energy flows right out the window to our customers. Smiles on the inside and smiles on the outside—that’s our goal.”

Scooter’s Coffee is located at 1365 Constance Blvd NE. Their direct phone number is 763-205-3051. You can visit [www.scooterscoffee.com](http://www.scooterscoffee.com) to see their full menu.



*Scooter’s Coffee owners, Louise and Kris Daniels on opening day (taken by a happy customer)*

## Ham Lake is Open to Business



Anoka County’s (or Ham Lake’s) Open to Business program offers free, one-on-one, confidential consulting to help entrepreneurs grow or launch their business.

Offered in partnership with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, the program offers business owners help with accounting, business plans, networking, marketing, cash flow, planning, loan packaging and more.

Learn more by contacting Carrie Mikkonen at 763-438-7315 or [cmikkonen@mccdmn.org](mailto:cmikkonen@mccdmn.org) or by visiting [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org).

## Spring Flooding Outlook

Our early, local spring flooding forecast shows little chance for flooding because the soil, ponds, creeks and wetlands have good capacity for holding or soaking in the snowmelt. This is because we are still in drought! All this snow hasn’t had much water in it. With two months of winter weather yet, capacity for holding floodwaters can change quickly.

Watch for several night temperatures above freezing, indicating a fast thaw and potentially large amount of runoff.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District, [www.cooncreekwd.org](http://www.cooncreekwd.org), 763-755-0975.

## Community Calendar

- Feb 6: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Feb 8: *The Ham Laker* ads and articles deadline for the March 2023 issue @ noon
- Feb 13: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Feb 20: City Offices closed in observance of Presidents’ Day
- Feb 21: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Feb 27: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm (note date change)

### FEBRUARY 2023

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