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Charter Commission Meets To Ham Lake Businesses, Wednesday, March 22

The next meeting of the Ham Lake Charter Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Ham Lake City Hall.

Any citizen who has items they would like placed on the agenda for consideration, or who would like to appear before the Commission to discuss a subject pertaining to the City Charter, must submit their request to the Ham Lake City Hall. Email them to info@ci.ham-lake.mn.us (please list "Charter Commission" in the subject line), or fax them to the attention of Charter Commission at (763) 434-9599 no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, March 13th.



Mark Your Calendars

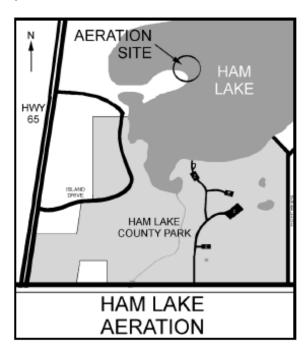
Ham Lake's Fireworks display will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at dusk in Lion's Park!

Mark your calendars to join us for the fireworks and the other Freedom Festival events happening that day. Look for more details in the months to come!

Public Notice

Be Careful of Risky Thin Ice at **Ham Lake's Aeration Site!**

The City of Ham Lake hereby gives public notice of its intent to aerate Ham Lake to prevent winterkill of game fish. The City intends to use mobile systems which may be used at any time. The aeration systems will cause areas of thin ice and open water that fluctuate greatly. If you have any questions concerning the aeration system, please contact Ham Lake City Hall at 763-434-9555.



Thank You!

The Ham Lake Fire Relief Association and Firefighters would like to thank all the local businesses that have supported our efforts in spreading the word on fire safety and educating our community.

Over the years the department has received donations to help fund fire prevention programs for all ages within Ham Lake and neighboring cities.

The donations have helped us provide educational materials and handouts, allowing the firefighters to visit and conduct fire prevention presentations at our local schools.

The donations have also helped us travel around the community with our fire safety messages on nights like Night 2 Unite.

We are excited to continue these educational visits and presentations with our neighbors, friends and students of Ham Lake.

Ham Lake businesses have truly made a difference for us and we are excited to continue our relationship with all of you.

Thank you,

Ham Lake Fire Department & Fire Relief Association

Charitable Gambling Tops \$1 Million in Giving

Give local and give generously is the goal of our Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce Charitable Gambling. We currently operate charitable gambling (Lic#02948) at Majestic Oaks Golf Club, The Moonshine Whiskey and Ham Lake Lanes.

Our charitable gambling is focused on giving back directly to our local community. These donations go toward a large mix of non-profit organizations that provide much needed support to our community like mental health, homelessness, food security, veterans. domestic abuse, disability services, and youth activities ranging from sports to arts to scholarships.

At the end of January 2023, we were proud to announce that we topped \$1 MILLION in donations given over the past 6 years!!! Thank YOU for helping us make a difference in our community, one bingo, pull tab and meat raffle at a time!

Kari Lund, Executive Director Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Ham Lake's Winter Parking Rules

Remember, from October 1st through April 30th, NO PARKING is allowed on Ham Lake streets between the hours of midnight and 6:00 am.

In addition, no parking is allowed in the daytime hours during or after a two-inch snowstorm or until the streets are plowed afterwards.

Volunteer Opportunities at Alexandra House

From the Anoka County Sheriff's Office

Each year, nearly 15,000 people turn to Alexandra House for help because of domestic, sexual, and relationship violence, elder abuse or exploitation.

And Alexandra House is there with committed, expert staff and volunteers offering a continuum of services and support. These includes safety planning, shelter, legal advocacy, support groups, basic necessities (food, clothing, personal care items), intervention and prevention services, and more.

This critical work would not be possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers who are deeply committed to ending violence in their communities. Alexandra House has a team of dedicated volunteers working in nearly every program.

We offer a variety of one-time and long-term volunteer opportunities for individuals looking to give of their time and talents.

Our next Volunteer Advocate Training begins in April and presents a unique opportunity for community members to learn critical skills when working with victims/survivors of domestic.

Whether working in our shelter, as hospital advocates, or as childcare providers, volunteers are an indispensable component of Alexandra House's work.

If you are interested, please check out our website: alexandrahouse.org/get-involved/volunteerintern and complete a Volunteer Application. You can also review our Volunteer Q & A for more information. Or contact Mollie, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 651-895-6140 or mziebart@alexandrahouse.org.



Tree Trimming in the City's Right-of-Way

Boulevard trees are trees that are located in the City's Right-of-Way.

Tree trimming maintenance is generally done in the fall, winter or spring as weather permits. The primary objective is to remove low hanging or broken branches and sightline obstructions that either are or could be a problem in the future.

Tree removal is generally assigned through the Public Works Department.

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

Ham Lake City Council News

At its **January 17, 2023** meeting the City Council took the following actions:

Approved items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Off-Site Gambling Permit for The Way of the Shepherd to conduct a raffle on February 17 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club
- Hiring part-time Warming House attendants and snowplow drivers
- Resolution No. 23-01 accepting a \$11,500 donation from the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Resolution No. 23-02 naming a street in the plat of Crosstown Shopping Center to 176th Lane NE
- Resolution No. 23-03 scheduling a public hearing to vacate the roadway easement over the north half of 173rd Avenue NE, Outlot A in Crosstown Rolling Acres Third Addition; to vacate the roadway easement over the south half of 173rd Avenue NE, the northerly 33 feet of 430 Crosstown Boulevard NE, 444 173rd Avenue NE and 450 173rd Avenue NE; to vacate a portion of the drainage and utility easement on Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Crosstown Rolling Acres Second Addition; and vacate a portion of the right-of-way on Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Crosstown Rolling Acres Second Addition
- Approved the request of Jeffrey Stalberger, for Preliminary and Final Plat approval of Crosstown Rolling Acres Fourth Addition, 3 outlots located in Section 6, subject to requirements.
- Approve the Sketch Plan of Toby's Trails as presented by Richard and Diane Sylvester for a 3-lot single family residential plat located in Section 15, subject to requirements.

At its **February 6**, **2023** meeting the City Council took the following actions:

Approved items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Reappointment of Kyle Lejonvarn and Scott Heaton as Planning Commissioners with the term of March 15, 2023 to March 15, 2026
- Extending a conditional offer to a paid-on-call firefighter
- Resolution No. 23-05 accepting the low bid for the 2023 Overlay Project
- Contract with SafeAssure for 2023 safety training
- Resolution No. 23-04 approving the vacating of the roadway easement over the north half of 173rd Avenue NE, Outlot A in Crosstown Rolling Acres Third Addition, vacating the roadway easement over the south half of 173rd Avenue NE, the northerly 33 feet of 430 Crosstown Boulevard NE, 444 173rd Avenue NE and 450 173rd Avenue NE, vacating a portion of the drainage and utility easement on Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Crosstown Rolling Acres Second Addition, and vacating a portion of the right-of-way on Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Crosstown Rolling Acres Second Addition.
- Approved the commercial site plan/building permit request by Brett Slepica Construction, Inc., on behalf of Northland Mfg. Inc., at 17808 Central Avenue NE, to construct canopies/awnings.
- Adopted Resolution No. 23-06 opposing the continuance of the public safety levy through the Joint Law Enforcement Council (JLEC).
- Amended City's Snowplow Policy.

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.

Sheriff's Report

Thefts & Damage to Property

01.13 18xx Deerwood Dr NE—mud flaps and ball receiver on truck stolen

01.16 13xx Andover Blvd NE—business; enclosed trailer stolen from a parking lot

01.16 178xx Hwy 65 NE—business; lock cut and enclosed trailer stolen

01.22 161xx Davenport St NE—gas siphoned from multiple vehicles on the property

01.23 172xx Hwy 65 NE—theft of a fuel tank and pump from a pickup bed at business

01.25 134xx Dunkirk St NE—theft of copper wire from a new construction overnight

01.27 175xx Hwy 65 NE—license plates stolen off a vehicle parked in the driveway

01.30 14xx Constance Blvd NE—lock pried on storage room and multiple cartons of cigarettes stolen

Burglaries

01.13 160xx Central Ave NE—business; toolbox stolen from storage unit, still under investigation

01.18 25xx 154 Lane NE—theft from a construction site; propane tank, caulking stolen

01.30 133xx Aberdeen St NE—forced entry on new construction; multiple rolls of cable stolen

Arrests

01.09 17xxx Fillmore St NE—Assault; boyfriend/girlfriend domestic involving a knife. The GF was taken to the hospital and the BF was arrested.

01.11 26xx 134 Lane NE—Recovered Stolen Vehicle; deputies recovered a stolen vehicle in the driveway of the location. One male was arrested.

o1.12 14xx Constance Blvd NE—False Information, KOPS Alert Burglary; a deputy ran a plate for a UHaul and it came back with a KOPS Alert out of Carlton County for Burglary. The driver lied about his identity; drugs, ammunition and paraphernalia were in plain sight. A handgun was also found. The driver was arrested.

o1.12 33xx Constance Blvd NE—Warrant Arrest; registered owner came back with warrants for drugs out of St. Louis County. The driver was identified as the registered owner and was arrested.

01.17 Lexington Ave NE/136 Ave NE—Warrant Arrest; a driver stopped for disconnected taillight. The passenger had a warrant out of Freeborn County. He was arrested.

01.19 165 Ave NE/Lexington Ave NE—No Driver's License, Insurance, Wrong Plate; license plate didn't match the vehicle. Driver had no driver's license, no insurance, and he put his girlfriend's license plates on his vehicle. He was arrested.

01.23 134xx Hwy 65 NE—No Contact Order Violation; a male and female on site at the hotel, female has a no contact order against the male. The male was located and arrested.

Dispose of Unwanted Prescription Drugs Properly

Did you know the Sheriff's office is a Prescription Drug Take Back center? Please drop off your unwanted and outdated prescription drugs there (or at any police station in Anoka County) during office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

"Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet," says the Anoka County Sheriff website.

No Oak Tree Cutting Between April 1- July 15

The City would like to remind residents of the approaching "no-cut" period for oak trees which starts April 1st and is effective through July 15th (Article 11.1400.4 of the City Code).

If you need to cut an oak tree or trees during the nocut period, you must get a permit from the City prior to cutting. Please contact a City tree inspector with any questions at (763) 235-1662.



Fire Department Calls

The Ham Lake Fire Department responded to 29 calls during the month of January: 22 during the day and 7 at night.

The department spent a little over 11 hours on calls with total personnel time adding up to 306 hours.

Year-to-date, the department has answered 29 calls, compared with 22 calls at the same time last year.

January Building Permits

The City of Ham Lake issued 65 permits in January with a valuation of \$958,610.00.

The issued permits are as follows: one commercial new construction, one commercial remodel, one residential addition, five residential remodel, one residential accessory building, three deck, one pool, five solar panel, one window.

Other permits include 30 mechanical, 15 plumbing and one septic installation.

April Issue Deadline: Wed., March 8 @ noon

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

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 ${\it Email: HamLaker@ci.ham-lake.mn.us}$

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To report emergencies after office hours call 911. City Hall Hours: Monday-Thursday: 7:00-4:30 Friday: 7:00-11:00

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763-458-4608 jwilken@ci.ham-lake.mn.us

Keep It Clean, Ham Lake!

We need your "eyes"! With spring snow melt we need your help in reporting two things to protect property and our waters, Creek Obstructions and Illegal Dumping in Streets.

Creek Obstructions

Look for blockages of water flow in creeks or culverts. They may be from trash, sticks & leaves and even winter ice.

Illegal Dumping in Streets

Did you know that anything in water running off property into the street is illegal? Perhaps you spill fertilizer or paint and wash it into the street, or you blow grass clippings or leaves to the curb.

These are called Illicit Discharges: "any discharge to a storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, with some exceptions, such as firefighting or permitted discharges."



Common Illicit Discharges

Illegal toxic materials include motor oil, grease, pesticides, herbicides and paint.

Illegal "organic" materials in the street include grass clippings, leaves, sand, snow and salt.

(Ham Lake Ordinance 11-1900)

What To Do

If water is overflowing the banks of the creek or ditch, call or email the City, or Coon Creek Watershed District at 763-755-0975 or email us at info@cooncreekwd.org. Emailing a photo will help us assess how critical the situation is.

If you see anyone spilling, dumping or disposing materials into a storm drain or the street, please report it immediately to the Public Works department between 7:00 am and 3:30 pm by calling 763-235-1662.

If you think it's an emergency, call 911. The fire department handles emergency responses for contamination and spills.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District.

Test Your Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms show you care about your family's safety. But you have to test them to make sure they work. It takes just a minute, and you will sleep better after you do. Here's how:

- 1. Push the test button on the alarm. On most alarms it's the only button.
- 2. Do you hear a loud noise? Yes: It works. No: Change the battery or get a new smoke alarm.



It's pretty simple.

Test your alarms every month. It's an easy way to show your love!

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.

NEW!! The Senior Center is offering coffee and cookies for Vets on Monday mornings at 9:00 am.

There will be tax preparers at the Senior Center on Tuesday, June 8th and Thursday, June 27th from 9:00 am to noon to help seniors prepare their M1PR (property tax refund). First come, first served. No appointments.

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 birth-day lunch.

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

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, September 15: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Friday, November 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!

HIRING: The Senior Center is hiring a bus driver to start by the end of March. For more information, contact the Senior Center!

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

Recycle Smart: Keep Batteries and Electronics Out of Your Curbside Carts

Batteries and Battery-Enclosed Electronics (household and rechargeable) are recyclable at drop-off sites but should not be included in your curbside trash or recycling carts. Cell phones are the most common recyclable item incorrectly placed into recycling carts. Cell phones should be recycled with your cellular service provider or another recycling location that accepts electronic items.



No Batteries or Electronics **Why:** Batteries and electronics with non-removable batteries can explode and start fires if crushed or punctured. As batteries get stronger, this is occurring more and more. Every month garbage trucks and recycling facilities experience fires when batteries are improperly thrown away.

Batteries and Battery-Enclosed Electronics Drop-off Locations

Batteries and some battery-enclosed electronics can be taken to the Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste facility or select recycling centers and drop-off events. Go to *AnokaCountyMN.gov/HHW* for the hazardous waste facility location, hours and a list of accepted items. Go to: *AnokaCountyMN.gov/RecyclingDirectory* for more information on recycling centers and local businesses that also accept them.

Recycling Event: Saturday, March 25th

Residents may drop off recyclable items at Recycle Technologies, 10040 Davenport Street NE in Blaine on March 25^{th} from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. You can recycle two items at no charge by presenting the coupon to the right of this article.

For a list of accepted items go to: recycletechnologies.com/minnesota-recycling.

Furniture and carpet/carpet pad will NOT be accepted at this event!

NOTE: To improve traffic flow during the event, please use the entrance on 99th Lane NE (from Hwy 65 turn east onto 99th Ave N).

Contact Recycle Technologies at 763-559-5130 or the City of Ham Lake Recycling Coordinator at 763-434-9555 if you have any questions prior to the event.

Funded by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners and State SCORE funds (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment).

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FREE

This coupon entitles the bearer to recycle two (2) items free on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at:

Recycle Technologies, LLC 10040 Davenport Street NE Blaine, MN 55449-4423 Phone: 763-559-5130

Drop off hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This coupon must be presented at the time the items are recycled and bearer must provide a driver's license or some form of identification showing he/she is a resident of Ham Lake.

Our Saviour's Preschool Registration for 2023-24

Our Saviour's Preschool registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. They offer morning and extended day classes for children ages 3-5.

The Preschool is sponsored by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. According to their website, "The Preschool has been fully licensed by the State of Minnesota since 1975. This Parent Aware 4-star rated program offers children a quality Christian education. It seeks to further each child's growth and development through stimulating and creative interaction with teachers and other children at play."

Please contact Lissa by phone (763-434-6117 x123) or email (*lleebens@oursaviourslc.org*) for more information or to schedule a tour.

Attention Silver Sneakers and Silver & Fit

Anytime Fitness Ham Lake offers Silver Sipper Sessions for Seniors 65+ on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:45 am, and Tuesdays at 11:00 am.

Come for coffee and stay for a workout!

Build strength, stability and community FREE with your Silver Sneaker or Silver & Fit membership.

Anytime Fitness is located at 1460 133^{rd} Lane NE (in the same building as Jam Hops). For more information call 763-413-9348.

Paper Shredding Service for Residents

Ham Lake residents can deposit documents they would like shredded into a secure, locked cabinet in the vestibule of City Hall. Documents deposited in the cabinet (paper only please) will be shredded offsite.

You can drop documents off during City Hall business hours:

- 7:00 am 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday
- 7:00 11:00 am Friday

Questions about the service? Contact the City's Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Bohr at 763-434-9555.



2330 Crosstown Blvd NE Ham Lake, MN 55304 (1 mile East of HWY 65) Same day appointments available!

763-434-5714 Crosstownclinic.com





Ham Lake Business Spotlight: E Organized LLC

E Organized is an in-person organizing business with a unique focus. Owner Elise Doble has learned that mental health is very much intertwined with the ability to get and stay organized.

Elise keys in on the lifestyle of each client and what kind of system she can help them set up that will work for them in the long run.

"How am I going to organize your home to make it sustainable for your lifestyle? If you have anxiety, if you have ADHD, if you have a family—how can we work on this together in the best way?" is what Elise asks with each client.

A key to her method is de-cluttering, not just buying bins to store what her clients' possessions. "I help them get rid of stuff. I try to save peoples' money and their family relationships," said Elise. "I also try to be as 'green' as possible by not buying more."

She's learned that ADHD, depression, anxiety and other mental health challenges can block people from getting and staying organized. It can be very helpful to have another set of eyes and hands to help recognize what's valuable and what's clutter, to help design a system of order that can be kept up over the long term. Her goal is to not have to be called back!

"Some people with ADHD assume they can't be organized because they're all over the place. That's not the case—they just need a different system," she said.

Elise treats clients with hectic, high-speed lifestyles differently from those who've experienced trauma. Sometimes trauma works itself out in various ways, including mild hoarding. She helps people move past an emotional attachment to an item or event.

She helps identify problem areas and works with her clients to balance their life and stuff by making good decisions according to her motto: acknowledge, accept and move forward.

She said, "I like to work right next to my clients while organizing so they can be accountable and actually work through the process. I'm there to help guide and be that second hand to help make the process go faster."

Ideal clients for E Organized are those who struggle with mental health challenges, and those who are struggling with a transition in their life. It could be new empty nesters, those who are downsizing or going into assisted living, those who have experienced the passing of a family member, or are new parents just starting their family.

Elise has also gotten into motivational speaking, something she's always wanted to do. She's available one-on-one or for small group settings like scouting groups, youth groups and mental health organizations.



Elise Doble of E Organized LLC

Learn more about Elise and E Organized:

Facebook: E Organized LLC Website: www.ebeautifullyorganized.com Email: elised.motivation@gmail.com

Phone: 763-318-9585

Scooter's Coffee Grand Opening



Scooter's Coffee owners and Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce members gathered to celebrate the coffee shop's Grand Opening on January 20th

Community Calendar

March 6: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm March 8: *The Ham Laker* ads and articles deadline for the April 2023 issue @ noon March 13: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm

March 20: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm March 27: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm

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or by Appointment

763-434-5929

1207 Constance Blvd. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

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