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Eblast for the Week of 4.12.2024

IMPORTANT CITY NEWS

Highlights from the 4.11.2024 City Council Meeting

Highlights from the Thursday, April 11, 2024 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. include:

- Council heard from 2 residents regarding current animal licensing ordinance, and Red Forest Way utility proposed connection. Council approved City April financials, arborist and mechanical license applications, 2023 audited financials, and accepted donation for the Aging in Place Open House.
- Deputy Lassegard presented his monthly report. (see below)
- Approved Resolutions 1510 and 1511 for CUP for building height in excess of 35 feet for properties located at 1 and 2 Sherwood Trail
- Approved Resolution 1512 for CUP for garage size



in excess of 1,500 square feet and building addition at 70 West Pleasant Lake Road

- Approved Resolution 1513 and 1514 for septic variance at 4 Dove Lane and 6 Badger Lane
- Discussed and approved Ordinance 146* and Summary Resolution 1515 amending City Code Title XV, Chapter 151, regarding solar energy systems
- Discussed and approved Ordinance 147* and summary Resolution 1516 amending City Code, Title XV, Chapter 151, regarding building height and setbacks in the RSL - Residential Single-Family Low Density District
- **Ordinances 146 and 147 can be found by scrolling down to the [most recent ordinances on the City website](#), with a summary published in the 4.23.2024 edition of the Shoreview Press.
- Discussed and approved Resolution 1517 supporting retention of City zoning authority. This will be sent to the State legislature to support North Oaks desire to maintain control of local zoning at City level.
- Discussed and approved Resolution 1518 withdrawing Comp Plan amendment request to Metropolitan Council for public sewer at Red Forest Way.
- Councilor Azman noted discussion of bonding at Fire Board meeting. Brief conversation regarding preferred method for bonding of the proposed Lake Johanna Fire Station.
- Councilor Shah noted Fire Board is looking at different governance model, encourages families to participate in Earth Day activities and take part in the free tree seedling program once they arrive at City Hall.
- Councilor Watson will schedule sub-committee meeting with the Ramsey County Sheriff office to discuss contract. He also noted the importance of communication with residents regarding water conservation as enter new agreements with White Bear township.
- Mayor Wolter reminded residents of Brush pick-up day taking place late May. She also thanked the City Attorney for keeping Council up to date on legislative matters and encouraged residents to call their representatives if do not agree with the content of the bills taking away local authority for zoning matters.

View the full meeting recording [HERE](#).

County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road – including the interchange with I-35E – is scheduled for reconstruction in 2025. This construction may affect North Oaks residents in the northern portion of the City, including Preserve Trail, Sherwood Road, Rapp Farm, and Waverly Gardens. Ramsey County is leading the project in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Anoka County, White Bear Township, North Oaks and Lino Lakes.



The existing I-35E and County Road J interchange –and the surrounding area – has several safety, congestion and access issues that impact pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Additional development is expected near the interchange in the next five years, which will increase traffic and worsen safety issues.

Three areas are targeted for improvement:

- The I-35E and County Road J interchange.
- County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road.
- Centerville Road from County Road J to North Ash Street.

To receive updates on the County Road J and 1-35E Interchange project, visit:

[County Road J & I-35E Interchange | Ramsey County](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Hill Farm
Historical Society
invites you to

Save the Date!

17
May
2024

Spring
Dinner

at the
North Oaks
Golf Club

Cocktail hour (cash bar) 5:30 p.m. · Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP at
hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com

Featuring Guest Speaker
Jim Stolpestad, historian and author of
Great Northern Iron: James J. Hill's 109-Year Mining Trust
*This is a fascinating story about the Great Northern Iron Ore
Properties Trust, the brainchild of James J. Hill and his son in
response to the Federal Government's Trust-busting efforts
personally directed by President Teddy Roosevelt.*

Look for an invitation in your mailbox soon!
· Reservations due by Friday, May 10 ·

Learn more at
hillfarmhistoricalsociety.com

Save the Date to the Hill Farm Historical Society Spring Dinner

The Hill Farm Historical Society invites you to its annual Spring Dinner on Friday, May 17, at the North Oaks Golf Club.

Celebrate Hill Farm with your friends and neighbors while supporting HFHS, whose mission is to preserve and tell the story of The James J. Hill Farm located in the heart of North Oaks.

Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The featured guest speaker is Jim Stolpestad, historian and author of “Great Northern Iron: James J. Hill’s 109-Year Mining Trust.”

Look for an invitation in your mailbox

Attention All Graduates!

The Stroll North Oaks publication wants to showcase graduating students of all ages! Any student of any age is welcome to participate - high school graduates, college graduates, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, third grade - the more the merrier!

So, you might be asking yourself, "This is awesome, but how do I get my kids into this special issue?" or "What type of information are you looking for?" Well, it's as simple as this: Email any photos and accompanying text to northoaksliving@n2pub.com by May 15th! Here are some ideas for good information to include:

- High resolution photo(s) (500 KB or larger in size)
- Caption(s) for the photo(s)
- Baby photo (before and after)
- Graduate bio
- Special notes from mom and dad
- Anything else appropriate



If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact northoaksliving@n2pub.com.

Please email your grad submission by **May 15, 2024**.

Stroll magazine looks forward to honoring your graduates!

SAFETY

Deputy Lassegard's Monthly Report

158 Calls for Service

Notable:

- Attempt to lure child into a car in Rapp Farm. No suspect identified.
- Reminds parents to speak to children about stranger safety, role play scenarios with them, buddy up if possible, and be sure they know their own address and phone number. Don't be afraid to tell an adult if approached.
- Animal complaints - it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep pets in own yard and allow walkers and other residents safe passage on roads.
- Reminder there is no fishing on Pleasant Lake per DNR Regulations and North Oaks ordinance. Violators are subject to ticketing.
- Quieter monthly overall.



Safety and Security

- Contractor vehicles will pick up in summertime. Be sure you know who you are hiring - [check the MN public criminal history](#) database to ensure reputable individuals and check for references. Take pictures of drivers license and vet them before allowing in home and community.
- Contractor signs are not allowed in yards, and they are prohibited from going door to door soliciting new business.
- Be a hard target: Keep garage doors closed (even when home or out on walks) and cars locked that are in driveways.
- April is distracted driving month - Slowdown, do not text while driving and watch for walkers and bikers.
- He recommended bring back out speed monitor cart.
- Report any suspicious vehicles to 911.
- Next block captain meeting is April 16th.

Reminder: **DO NOT CALL DEPUTY MATT FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUES.** Call 911 for emergencies.

Deputy Matt Lassegard: 651-448-1890; matt.lassegard@co.ramsey.mn.us

Severe Weather Awareness Week

April 8-12 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. This is a great time to refresh your knowledge about seasonal threats from severe weather and how to stay safe.

Learn more about how to be prepared for the various severe weather events that can affect residents of Minnesota, and how to get severe weather emergency alerts at:

[Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week | Ramsey County](#)



NATURAL RESOURCES

Sign up Now: Brush Pickup Day Coming - May 30th

The City and NOHOA are co-hosting and coordinating a brush pickup for interested residents. Brush Pickup Day is Thursday, May 25th, 2022. If all the brush is not picked up that day, work will continue the next day. The estimated cost for a dumpster size load of brush (14ft X 7.5ft X 3.5 ft and equals 10 cubic yards) is \$140, but rates vary depending on the amount of brush.

Budget Tree Service will be doing the work, with assistance of the City forester to answer resident questions. If you are interested in signing up for this service, [please review the letter for pricing detail and instructions](#), and return the waiver to the City office via email northoaks@northoaksmn.gov, or stopping by the City office by May 23rd. Call at 651-792-7750 with any questions.



Brush Pick up Day Information / Waiver

Tick Season - Coming Early

With the early onset of warmer weather, this also brings tick season! While out on the trails and in nature, please remember to [follow tick prevention guidelines](#) while out and about and do frequent tick checks. Ticks at this time of year can be very tiny, check your pets and children after coming in from outdoor play.

Participate in the ongoing tick survey from the North Oaks Tick Task force when you encounter a deer tick or receive a diagnosis of tick-borne illness. The survey is quick and easy to complete: [Tick Task Force Survey - on-going survey | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)

For more information on the Tick Task Force and view tick safety resources, visit: [Tick Task Force Committee | City of North Oaks, MN \(northoaksmn.gov\)](#)



REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

North Oaks Residents - Sign up for Emergency Alerts

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Upcoming City Meetings/Events

Highlights From Last Week's

News:

The public is encouraged to attend City meetings.

- **Planning Commission Meeting** - Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- **City Council** - Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Click on the calendar for each meeting 72 hours prior to access agendas, links to view via Nine North, or to participate via zoom.

A complete list of options for participation and submitting comments can be found [here](#).

[City Calendar](#)

Did you miss last week's news? No problem! The topics were:

- Coming Soon - Tree Seedlings and Spring Brush Pick-Up
- Earth Day 2024
- Save the Date - Hill Farm Historical Society
- North Oaks Rummage Sale Spring Drop-Off Date - 5.18.2024
- Ramsey County Roads - Potholes Issues
- Total Solar Eclipse
- Resilient Shores Workshop
- MN DNR Spring Burning Restrictions

[View Last Week's E-Blast](#)

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