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Vote the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 13

Polls will be open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

For information about the following visit mnvotes.org or call Anoka County Elections Office at 763-324-1300:

- Where do you vote
- Register to vote
- Absentee ballot request and other ways to vote
- Track your absentee ballot
- Election Day voting
- What's on my ballot—Sample ballot
- Candidate filings

Absentee Voting Information

All eligible Minnesota voters may request an absentee ballot for the upcoming elections. You can apply for a ballot any time during the year, except the day of the election. The ballot request allows voters to receive their State Primary and General Election Ballots through the mail.

Ham Lake Precinct Locations

If you are unsure where you vote, visit mnvotes.org

- Precinct 1: Glen Cary Lutheran Church - 15531 Central Avenue NE
- Precinct 2: Ham Lake Senior Center - 15544 Central Avenue NE
- Precinct 3: Oak Haven Church - 1555 Constance Boulevard NE
- Precinct 4: Eagle Brook Church - 1503 157th Avenue NE
- Precinct 5: Radisson Road Baptist Church - 13627 Radisson Road NE
- Precinct 6: St. Paul's Catholic Church - 1740 Bunker Lake Boulevard NE

If you are a resident of Ham Lake you can vote early in person at Ham Lake City Hall

In-Person Absentee Voting: June 28-July 25

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

Direct Voting: July 26-August 12

- Monday-Thursday 7:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Friday 7:00 am to 11:00 am
- Saturday, August 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Monday, August 12 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

City Council Candidate Filing

In the General Election on November 5, Ham Lake voters will elect two Councilmembers at-large for four-year terms.

The filing period for those offices begins at 7:00 am on Tuesday, July 30th and ends at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 13. The filing fee is \$25.00.

Candidates are to file for office with the City Clerk at the Ham Lake City Hall, 15544 Central Avenue NE. If you choose to file electronically please contact City Hall at 763-434-9555 or email us at: elections@ci.ham-lake.mn.us.

Ham Lake Area Chamber's 44th Annual Golf Open

Registration is now open for both golfers and sponsors! Join in on a spectacular day of 18 holes of golf, games, goodies and entertainment with a Western Wednesday theme to support the Ham Lake Area Chamber of Commerce!




44TH ANNUAL HAM LAKE AREA GOLF OPEN August 14, 2024



HAM LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

THE REFUGE GOLF CLUB | OAK GROVE, MINNESOTA

Our Pro Sponsors, Loon Elite and Eagle Sponsors:



The tournament will be held at The Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove on Wednesday, August 14th. Check in opens at 11:00 am with a shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Suit up in a western-themed outfit from the wild west, ranch, rodeo or channel the spirit of John Wayne to make it memorable!

This is four-person scramble so no need to be an expert golfer. We're here to have a great time and play a little golf while we're at it. Entertaining games and activities to be played at every hole. Additional prizes will be awarded for our golfers as well including a chance to win \$10,000 with a hole in one.

After a fun-filled afternoon of 18 holes and friendly competition, relax with a delicious dinner and entertainment included in your golf registration. There will be a Silent Auction with many fun items to bid on all day in the clubhouse. For more information and to register online, please see our event webpage at www.ham-lakeareacc.org/events/golfopen. We hope to see you there!

Night to Unite

Night to Unite is always the first Tuesday in August, August 6 in 2024. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Through N2U we work to:

- Build strong, safe and united neighborhoods
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Strengthen police/community relationships

Planning an event for your neighborhood can be as simple as turning on your outside lights, locking your doors and inviting your neighbors over to your front yard. Register your party at: www.anokacounty.us/formcenter/sheriffs-office-13/night-to-unite-Registration-92

The Anoka County Sheriff's office is the law enforcement agency for Andover, Ham Lake, Columbus, Nowthen, Oak Grove, East Bethel, Linwood and Bethel.

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

Night to Unite at Cedar United Methodist Church

Please join Cedar United Methodist Church for their annual Night to Unite on Tuesday August 6th, from 5:00-8:00 pm (17541 Jefferson St NE in Ham Lake).

The church will have food, music, games and a car show. Come and join your neighbors!



HAM LAKE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

At its May 20, 2024 meeting the City Council took the following actions:

- Approved items on the Consent Agenda
- Appointing Finance/Human Resource Director Andrea Murff to the Safety Committee and Ham Lake Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees
 - 2025 Budget Calendar
 - Hiring summer seasonal employees in Public Works
 - Findings of Fact Resolution No. 24-20 for Touch-down Tile
 - Exempt Permit for Zachary NF Research Fund to hold a raffle on August 12, 2024 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club, 701 Bunker Lake Boulevard NE
 - Resolution No. 24-21 scheduling a public hearing for the Conduit Bonding for Vista Prairie at Eagle Pointe, LLC
 - Resolution No. 24-23 scheduling a public hearing to vacate a portion of the road right-of-way for Tippecanoe Street NE on Lot 1, Block 2, Constance Boulevard Terrace
 - Resolution No. 24-22 accepting a \$4,000 donation from the Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
 - Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Agreement for replacement of the County Ditch 58 cross culverts underneath 152nd Avenue NE and adoption of Resolution No. 24-24
 - Anoka Conservation District being the holder of the conservation easement for the compensatory rate plant mitigation plan within a portion of Soderville Park associated with the East Frontage Road construction project and the Crosstown Shopping Center reconstruction project

- On-Sale and Off-Sale Liquor Licenses

- Approved the Sketch Plan of Art Rosenberg of Lincoln Street Commercial LLC for a commercial development (four lots and one outlet) in Section 29, subject to requirements.
- Approved the Sketch Plan of Melinda McDermott of Elevate Hope House for a residential development (two lots, one outlet) in Section 16, subject to requirements.

At its June 3, 2024 meeting the City Council took the following actions:

Approved items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Ordinance No. 24-02 regarding Article 11-1400 Shade Tree Damage
- Resolution No. 24-26 accepting a donation from the Ham Lake Senior Center
- Fiscal year 2026 Local Partnership Program grant application for construction of the 162nd Lane NE and Buchanan Street NE backage road and adoption of Resolution No. 24-27
- Allowing the one-year warranty period to expire for the Lund's Lakeview Forest Street Reconstruction Project
- Adopted Resolution No. 24-25 approving the vacation of a portion of the Tippecanoe Street NE right-of-way located on Lot 1, Block 2, Constance Boulevard Terrace.

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.

Do I have Oak Wilt?

Ham Lake will no longer be doing drive-by inspections from public roads for oak wilt. If you suspect oak wilt, please contact the City's Tree Inspector at 763-235-1662 and he will come out to your property and inspect your tree(s).

Oak wilt is a common fungus in Ham Lake that kills hundreds of mature oak trees annually. New infection sites occur when oaks are damaged, cut or pruned during April, May, June and July.

Look for leaves with brown edges and green centers. It can be spread by insects and through roots.

It is important to remember not to cut or prune any oak trees between April 1st and July 15th.

(Article 11.1400.4 of the City Code)

Trees that are infected with oak wilt should be removed the following winter and chipped, burned or sealed with plastic to limit the number of fungal spores available during the spring months. Infected wood should not be moved offsite as it could potentially create new infection centers.

If you need to cut an oak tree(s) during the no-cut period, you must get a permit from the City prior to cutting. Please contact the City Tree Inspector with any questions at (763) 235-1662.

May Building Permits

The City of Ham Lake issued 131 permits in May with a valuation of \$4,245,856.

The issued permits are as follows: one commercial new construction, one commercial fence, one commercial siding, three commercial sign, two residential new construction, four residential remodel, two residential basement finish, one residential addition, six residential deck, one residential porch & deck, two residential accessory building, one residential solar panels, one residential in-ground pool, and 40 roofing/siding.

Other permits include 38 mechanical, 21 plumbing and six septic installations.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 05.17 3411 149 Ave NE—theft of a bike parked outside
- 05.18 21xx 139 Lane NE—a home was TP'd and vehicles were chalked
- 05.19 139xx Frazier St NE—windows broken on a home
- 05.20 148xx Durant St NE—theft from unsecured vehicle; wallet, backpack stolen
- 05.21 150xx W Vermillion Circle NE—theft from an unsecured vehicle; charger, medication stolen
- 05.22 146xx Stutz St NE—illegal dumping at a construction site
- 05.23 168xx Hwy 65 NE—theft of a trailer from the business; suspect identified
- 05.29 8xx Crosstown Blvd NE—unsecured vehicle parts stolen from a property
- 05.30 46xx Lexington Ave NE—theft from a business; suspect located and identified
- 06.01 16xx 147 Ave NE—theft of a 4x8' trailer from the property
- 06.04 7xx 174 Ave NE—theft from a construction site; multiple jacks stolen
- 06.05 9xx 173 Ave NE—theft of lumber from a construction site

Burglaries

- 05.10 148xx Aberdeen St NE—business; cut lock on gate, vehicle & misc. items from the office stolen

Arrests

- 05.06 137xx Johnson St NE—DWI; vehicle in the ditch; the driver was located nearby and appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and he was arrested.
- 05.13 70xx Birchview Lane NE—Assault; deputies responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend domestic. After

investigating, the boyfriend was arrested.

05.13 177 Ave/Hwy 65 NE—DWI 3rd degree; driver stopped for poor driving conduct. She appeared impaired and failed field sobriety tests. She was arrested.

05.24 Hwy 65/157 Ave NE—Warrant Arrest; driver stopped for having a headlight out. The driver was identified and he had a felony warrant out of Hennepin County. He was arrested.

05.28 14xx Crosstown Blvd NE—Domestic Assault; deputy learned the female was assaulted by the male (boyfriend/girlfriend). The boyfriend was located by other deputies and arrested.

05.30 15xx Constance Blvd NE—Drugs, Assault; deputies were called to a physical altercation. The suspect knew the victim. While speaking with the suspect, he was trying to hide something in wood chips. Deputies found a bag of meth. The male was arrested.

05.30 137xx Johnson St NE—Drugs, DWI 4th degree; the woman who appeared impaired. Field sobriety test were failed and she was arrested. A warrant for blood was obtained. While searching her vehicle prior to towing, drugs and paraphernalia were found.

05.31 Hwy 65/Andover Blvd NE—DWI 4th degree; driver almost hit one of our Community Service Officers who was at the scene of a vehicle crash directing traffic. She appeared impaired. Field sobriety tests were failed and she was arrested.

Fire Department Calls

The Ham Lake Fire Department responded to 30 calls during the month of May: 17 during the day and 13 at night. The department spent 244.5 personal hours responding to calls for the month. Year-to-date, the department has answered 139 calls, compared with 162 calls at the same time last year.

August 2024 Issue Deadline: Wednesday, July 10 @ noon

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

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Email: HamLaker@ci.ham-lake.mn.us

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Community Dinner

Glen Cary Lutheran Church’s monthly dinner is Friday July 19th at 6:00 pm at 15531 Central Ave NE in Ham Lake (763-434-5695).

On the menu this month is hot dogs, chips, potato salad, lemonade and assorted deserts. This is free for everyone! Come meet others in the community.

Recycling Event • July 27

Residents may drop off recyclable items at Recycle Technologies (10040 Davenport Street NE in Blaine) on Saturday, July 27 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Two items can be recycled at no charge by presenting the coupon below.

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

NOTE: Furniture and carpet/carpet pad will NOT be accepted at this event.

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, July 27, 2024 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.

Report a Concern to Public Works

Is there a tree down in the street or a pothole that needs to be fixed? Use the *Ham Lake Report a Concern* icon on our website to report your concern.



Report a Public Works Concern

You can even upload photos.

www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us

Choose the category that best fits the problem and fill out the form. Once you have submitted your form, you will receive an email communication from the City acknowledging your request.

This reporting system is for city maintenance/public works issues. If you have a need that requires immediate attention or police response, please call 911.

Our staff responds to these requests during regular business hours. If this report comes in on a holiday, weekend or after-hours, it will be read on the next business day.

HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

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

(Located in the lower west parking lot of City Hall)

City Hall collection box for flexible plastics. Everything must be clean. Grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, re-closable food storage bags, cereal bags, water bottle case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags and produce bags are all accepted.

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:

- Hand-Foot-Toe Cards—1:00 pm on Mondays
- Bingo—2nd and last Wednesdays at 12:45 pm (following lunch)
- Jam Sessions—2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm following lunch (open to the public)
- Wii Bowling—9:30 am Wednesdays
- Wood Carvers—10:00 am Wednesdays
- Dominoes—10:00 am Thursdays
- 500 Cards—12:30 pm Thursdays

NOTE: The Ham Lake Senior Center is NOT available for rent

Watch for upcoming trips to the Casino (not open to the public), health insurance counseling, scheduled shopping trips for those who need transportation, and a birthday lunch on the last Wednesday of the month.

Call the Senior Center to find out about the dates, times and details of these and other special events.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSES for 2024 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. The fee is \$24 for the 4-hour class:

- Friday, August 9 • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Friday, October 25 • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

8-Hour Course for “First Timers”

None scheduled at this time.

Did you know? If you are 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.

Summer Brings Algae Blooms

If a pond is green and smelly, it is probably doing its job of capturing excess phosphorus. This is especially true with summer temps.

Sometimes the green is not algae but tiny plants, duckweed or watermeal that lie on the water surface. These ponds don’t usually smell. These tiny plants are important food for ducks and ducklings!

How to reduce algal blooms? Reduce phosphorus.

If you fertilize, you may be throwing money down the drain:

- Use the UMN Soil Lab \$20 test: call 612-625-3101 or go online at soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/testing-services/lawn-garden
- Use “natural fertilizer.” Leave grass clippings on your lawn as you mow. One inch in length can easily decompose. Keep clippings out of the street.

Information provided by Coon Creek Watershed District: www.cooncreekwd.org or 763-755-0975.



(Photo courtesy of MPCA)

Help Prevent Poo-llution!

We’ve all been there—you’re out on a walk when you suddenly have to swerve to avoid stepping in dog poo. Please help prevent this. Not only is it polite to pick up and throw away your dog’s poop—it also keeps our waters clean!

Even small amounts of dog waste contain lots of E. coli bacteria and phosphorus, common water pollutants. Improperly or un-disposed waste can flow into local waterbodies from rain and snowmelt flowing into storm drains.



(Photo courtesy of Clean Water MN)

This is why it’s important to always pick up the poop no matter where it is and throw it into trash containers. Pet waste can leach bacteria even in winter, so pick waste up year-round. Thanks for helping protect our water and your fellow walkers’ shoes!

For more information, contact the Coon Creek Watershed District at info@cooncreekwd.org or 763-755-0975.

Ham Lake Business Spotlight: Day 4 Electric

Day 4 Electric is an independent, veteran-owned electrical contractor company owned and operated by Tim Johnson.

Tim specializes in and enjoys home renovation and service upgrade work the most. He also loves new construction projects that start from scratch. He handles kitchens, bathrooms, living areas, outbuildings, garages, exteriors—no electrical job is out of reach, including commercial projects.

He said, “Let’s say you have 100-amp service in your house but you want to build a 60-amp spa or install a 50 or 60-amp electric vehicle charger. You’re likely going to need 200-amp service now instead of 100. That’s where I come in to switch out your meter on the back of your house, update the grounding and bring the home into this quarter of the century.”

His project experience list is long. It includes rough-in and final wiring for new construction or additions, security and audio systems, under-cabinet lighting, dishwashers, island outlets, water heaters, well pumps, in-floor heating, lighting of all kinds (both indoor and outdoor), electrical needs for vacant properties and more.

Tim began his electrician as an apprentice working for a variety of companies around the Twin Cities. He was Master Electrician at Nilles Electric (West Saint Paul) for two years and then fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning his own business. He started Day 4 Electric in September 2022.

While he valued his time with Nillis and said they’re a great company to work for, he loves having the autonomy of being a business owner. He also appreciates being able to choose customers closer to his Ham Lake home. “I give a 5% discount just for keeping me north of the 694 loop!” he said. “There’s for my fellow Ham Lakers.”

The first question Tim gets from customers is “What does Day 4 mean?” He answers, “I will never start or run a business if it doesn’t honor God. Christ did his thing in the first three days, and then on the fourth day, he left it to us to carry on the work. That’s what Day 4 means.”



Day 4 Electric owner Tim Johnson

The only thing that might hamper him, he jokes, is cats. “I’m allergic to cats. I know within five minutes of entering a home whether there’s a cat. I’ll apologize, go back out and take my allergy pill, then go back in and it’s fine. If there’s a house with eight cats, I might have to turn the job down!”

Tim and his wife Saree have five children between the ages of 8 and 16. They’ve been Ham Lake residents for 13 years

You can get in touch with Tim Johnson at Day 4 Electric on his website (day-4.com) by email (tim@day-4.com) or by phone (763-284-3294).

Willow Tree Winery Hosts Charity Event

Willow Tree Winery, Ham Lake’s small boutique-style winery, will host the Summer Sounds Charity Music Festival again this summer.

Summer Sounds: Music with a Mission Concert combines the efforts of two local charities to help raise awareness and critical funding for patients at M Health Fairview Masonic Children’s Hospital. Brown Boys Benefit and TB1 Fund are excited to once again partner with Willow Tree for this exciting fundraising event.

The Brown Boy’s Benefit’s focus is on NICU family support and TB1 Fund’s focus is on day brightening programs and experiences for patients and families.

The concert with be two days this summer:

- Friday, July 19th will feature Chase Wright and headliner Adam Doleac.
- Saturday, July 20th will have headliner Michael Ray, featuring Noah Hicks and special guest Abbie Nylín.

Tickets, sponsorships, volunteer opportunities, and more info found at summersoundsmn.com.



The Ham Lake Emergency Response Team

Informational Meeting July 17

The Ham Lake Emergency Response Team (HLERT) is having a community introduction and information meeting on Wednesday July 17th at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center (15544 Central Ave NE, behind City Hall). Anyone interested in more information or in joining is welcome to attend.

What is HLERT? The Ham Lake Emergency Response Team is a team of volunteers trained to help

the City of Ham Lake in case of an emergency when all other responders are either tied up or unable to respond. The team is comprised of five major sub teams:

- Communications Team (ham radio operators),
- Shelter Management Team (operates the emergency shelters in town)
- EOC (Emergency Operations Center)
- Support Team
- Search and Rescue Team and Fire/Sheriff, that assist the Sheriff and Fire departments during emergencies.

Email InfoHLERT@Proton.me for more information or attend the July 17th meeting.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 1: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- July 4-5: City Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- July 8: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- July 10: *The Ham Laker* ads and articles deadline for the August issue @ noon
- July 15: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- July 22: Planning Commission mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm

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