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## Solicitors now required to register with the city

The City Council recently approved changes to the city code which require solicitors to register with the city and pay a \$50 annual fee before going door-to-door in New Hope.

The solicitor registration form includes the applicant's name, physical description, permanent and local address, phone number(s) and driver's license number; the nature of the business and goods to be sold; contact information for the solicitor's employer or supplier; the supply source, location and method of delivery of the goods being sold; dates the applicant will conduct business in New Hope; criminal history (if any); the license number and description of any vehicle to be used; and other relevant information. In addition, transient merchants are required to provide proof that a county license has been obtained. Non-profit organizations and persons exercising their constitutional

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Duk Duk Daze has lots of fun activities for the entire family! The photos above give a taste of last year's men's softball tournament and kiddie parade.



## Duk Duk Daze is July 16-18

Duk Duk Daze, New Hope's annual community celebration, will be July 16-18. Most of the events will be in Northwood Park, 38th and Boone avenues. The festival will include a variety of fun activities for the entire family, many of which are free. Fair hours are Friday, July 16, 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; and Sunday, July 18, noon to 5 p.m. Everybody's favorite, the Duk Duk Daze Gigantic Fireworks Display, is scheduled for Saturday evening at dusk.

There will be so much going on at Duk Duk Daze this year that, for the first time, Boone Avenue will be closed and activities will flood over into the street. Boone Avenue will be detoured between 36th and 42nd avenues from Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. until after the festival closes on Sunday evening. Visit the city's website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us), for detour details.

Duk Duk Daze 2010 will feature the return of many popular favorites including a dunk tank, carnival games and rides, Lion's Bingo, the Minnesota Timberwolves Basketball Shoot-Out, a pizza eating contest, and a variety of fabulous

fair food. And, of course, adults can also enjoy a little libation at the beer tent. The annual Kiddie Parade, for kids 0 to 12, is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday. This year's theme is "The Great Outdoors." For more information about the Kiddie Parade, call 763-553-7775.

Sports lovers can participate in a men's softball tournament or a tennis tournament, or just watch. The championship games for each tournament are on Sunday afternoon. The tennis tournament has several categories for players 14 and older. Register at the New Hope recreation office or call 763-516-3062 for more information. The entry fee for the softball tournament is \$165. Call 763-533-7077 for more information.

As always, Duk Duk Daze will feature great entertainment. Friday's headline act will be the classic rock of Loose Rock, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday's highlight act will be the guitar-driven contemporary music of Swag, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Other entertainment includes One Man Band at 1:30 p.m., Showtime Chorus at 3 p.m., and a martial arts demonstration at noon on Saturday.

Other great activities on Saturday include I.D. A Kid from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a custom motorcycle display from 1 to 3 p.m., and two fire safety trailers and a MADD car display from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday will feature a classic car show from 1 to 4 p.m. and the return of the fire safety trailers and MADD car from noon to 3 p.m.

Free accessible shuttle buses will provide pickup and return service to Cooper High School and New Hope Elementary from 3:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Duk Duk Daze is sponsored by New Hope Lions Club in cooperation with the city of New Hope. Proceeds from the event are donated back into the community. For a complete schedule of 2010 Duk Duk Daze activities and additional details, visit [dukdukdaze.com](http://dukdukdaze.com)

## Candidates file for City Council

Four candidates have filed for two open seats on the New Hope City Council. They are:

- Wayne E Detzler
- John A. Elder
- William L. Smith
- Daniel W. Stauner

Because there are only four candidates for two New Hope City Council seats, there will be no city offices on the primary election ballot. The city council races will be on the general election ballot on Tuesday, November 2. For more information about the primary election, see the article on page 10.

## New Hope City Day is Saturday, July 31

City Day, on Saturday, July 31, will be a great opportunity to have some fun and get a little better idea of what's going on at New Hope City Hall.

The open house event, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon, will provide residents with a chance to have an informal chat with members of the New Hope City Council and city staff. Staff members from each city department will be available to answer questions and share information about many of the city's current projects.

But enough talk about talk and projects – City Day will also feature a variety of fun activities for the entire family. While details are still being worked out, planned activities include:

- heavy equipment from the Public Works Department
- Twelve TV production truck tours
- tours of the Police Department at 9, 9:30, 10, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
- police K-9 demonstration at 10:30 a.m.
- tumbling demonstrations by the New Hope Tumblers competitive gymnastics team at 9 and 9:30 a.m.
- highlights from Off-Broadway Musical Theatre's performance of The Music Man at 10:30 and 11 a.m.
- Pickleball demonstration and a chance to try this popular racquet game from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

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## City Council to finalize mid-year budget adjustments to offset state unallotment

In late July, the New Hope City Council will finalize a mid-year budget plan to deal with the significant budget shortfall which resulted when the Minnesota Legislature and the governor "unallotted" \$338,216 in state aid at the close of the legislative session that was originally promised to New Hope in late 2009. The plan had been in the works for several months and at the direction of the city manager, city departments have delayed or avoided as many non-essential purchases as possible throughout the first two quarters of 2010.

The City Council made 2010 budget decisions in December 2009 based, in part, on the state's original \$394,664 commitment in state aid to New Hope. This state aid allocation was to have included \$44,879 in certified Local Government Aid (LGA) and \$349,664 in anticipated Market Value Homestead Credit for 2010. Ultimately, after the state slashed state aid expenditures to address its budget shortfall, New Hope is currently scheduled to receive only \$70,957 of state aid in 2010.

The city of New Hope has seen a steady decline in state aid for several years, including similar unallotments in scheduled state aid of \$375,000 in 2008 and \$315,000 in 2009. While expenses continue to increase, New Hope's general fund budget has remained nearly flat for a number of years. To deal with declining state revenue coupled with state-imposed levy limits, the city has delayed expenditures and made every attempt to improve efficiencies. City officials have done the best they can to avoid cutting city services. At some point, however, this may no longer be possible.

The mid-year budget adjustment plan includes expenditure reductions of

more than \$203,000, increased revenues of \$20,000, and utilization of nearly \$115,000 in budget reserves to meet the \$338,000 reduction in state aid. The \$203,000 in cuts represents about a 4 percent reduction in the general fund budget.

The expenditure reductions include all departments and West Metro Fire Rescue District. They involve a variety of areas including reductions in supplies, equipment, training, legal and engineering services, city newsletters, street maintenance materials, motor fuel, utilities, contractual expenses, seasonal wages, furniture and fixture replacement, etc. The plan does not include any staff position reductions or eliminations at this time.



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## City challenges local photographers to put their vision of New Hope In Focus

There are many things about New Hope that make it special, that make it home. It's time for those of us that live in New Hope, and that love it, to put some of those special things about our community in focus. The city of New Hope is sponsoring the first annual New Hope In Focus photo contest to give local photographers an opportunity to showcase their skills and share some of the things about New Hope that catch their eye (and their camera's eyepiece) and capture their imagination.

Photographs may be entered in one of two categories: Nature, or People and Places. The deadline for In Focus photo contest entries is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31. Entries should be sent to New Hope In Focus Photo Contest, 4401 Xylon Ave. N., New Hope, 55428.

A volunteer panel of judges will evaluate each entry and award a \$50 first-place winner in each category. And, there is a category for youth under 18 with a \$25 first place award. Entries will be judged on subject matter, composition, clarity, lighting, depth of field, drama/artistry, degree of difficulty, technical excellence, and overall impact.

Residents will have a chance to choose their favorite and select a "People's Choice" award winner who will also receive \$25. All of the entries will be posted on the city's website, at City Hall (beginning September 7), and at the New Hope Community Farmers Market on September 4 and 11.

The basic rules of the New Hope In Focus photo contest are really quite simple. The rest is up to your imagination:

- Anyone who lives or works in New Hope may submit up to three photos.
- Photographs must be the work of the person submitting it and must be taken in New Hope.

Each photograph must be submitted as a 5X7 print on photo-quality paper. Slides will not be accepted. Matted or framed photographs are not allowed. Prints will not be returned.



New Hope's sk8 pad (above), your local park, Duk Duk Daze, and your garden are all great places to take photographs for the New Hope In Focus photo contest.

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- Electronic photo files in addition to prints are appreciated, but not required.
- Photographs may be either color or black and white. Electronic photo manipulation is permitted.
- By entering a photograph in the contest, the photographer gives the city of New Hope the right to use the photograph in city publications and to promote the city with proper credit.
- If there is an identifiable person in a submitted photograph and the photo was not taken in a public place, the photographer is responsible for obtaining permission to take and use the photograph.

A complete list of rules is available on the photo contest entry form. To obtain an entry form or for more information follow the link on the homepage of the city's website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us), or call 763-531-5196.

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### Frequently Called City Numbers

General Telephone.....763-531-5100  
Inspections.....763-531-5127  
*building permits, complaints*  
Parks and Recreation .....763-531-5151  
Public Works .....763-592-6777  
*sewer backup, snowplowing, forestry*  
Utility Billing.....763-531-5132  
Police (non-emergency)....763-531-5170  
TTY (through MN Relay)...651-602-9005

### City Hall Address

4401 Xylon Avenue North  
New Hope, MN 55428

### City Website

[www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us)

### Tell us what you think...

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## Shop New Hope coupon books available soon!

New Hope has lots of great places to shop! And, the "Shop New Hope" coupon book makes it easier than ever to get lots of good deals at New Hope's great businesses.

The Shop New Hope books were such a big hit with local businesses and residents last year that it's coming back – bigger and better than ever – this July. The coupon books include coupons and business information from more than 40 New Hope businesses.

The Shop New Hope books will be mailed to New Hope residents this time around. And, customers will also be able to pick them up at many New Hope businesses, community

organizations, city buildings, and the farmers market. Coupon books should be arriving in local mailboxes in early July.

For a complete list of locations where the coupon books will be available for pickup or to download a copy with Adobe Acrobat Reader, visit the city of New Hope website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/shopnewhope](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/shopnewhope), after July 14.



## Trouble in River City as OBMT presents The Music Man

For the fourth time in 40 years (but the first time since 1996) Off-Broadway Musical Theatre will present Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man!" at the New Hope Outdoor Theatre on three consecutive weekends beginning July 22.

For the last 40 summers New Hope has offered musicals in the park. Off-Broadway Musical Theatre (OBMT) has been collaborating with the New Hope Parks and Recreation Department to present community musical productions in New Hope's Civic Center Park since 1982 – first at the city's old "Castle" stage and, beginning in 1986, at the New Hope Outdoor Theatre.



This year, OBMT will have its traditional performances under the twinkling stars as well as two new "family friendly" performances. The-

Music Man will be presented Thursdays through Saturdays, July 22 to August 4, at 9 p.m. Additional performances scheduled for Wednesdays, July 28 and August 7, begin at 8 p.m., so that younger kids can see the show

without staying up too far past their bedtime. The July 28 performance will be signed by an American Sign Language interpreter.

Because seating is often limited, guests are encouraged to arrive early.



Off Broadway Musical Theatre previously staged *The Music Man* in 1978, 1986 (cast pictured above), and 1996. Amazingly, in 40 years of performances, it is the only musical the company has performed more than twice.

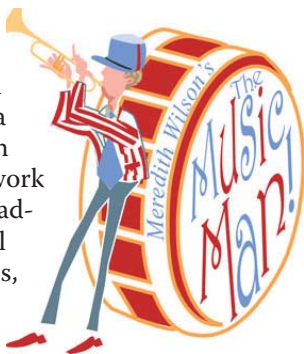
The *Music Man* is set in the quaint, staid town of River City, Iowa, in 1912. Traveling salesman and con man "Professor" Harold Hill attempts to convince the townsfolk that the new pool table in town could mean "trouble in River City," and that a boy's marching band may be the town's only salvation. Hill's scam goes awry, however, when he falls for Marion, the town librarian.

This flag-waving, feel-good musical comedy is full of all kinds of toe-tapping favorites including: Ya Got Trouble, Till There Was You, Wells Fargo Wagon, Goodnight My Someone, and the ever popular Seventy-Six Trombones.

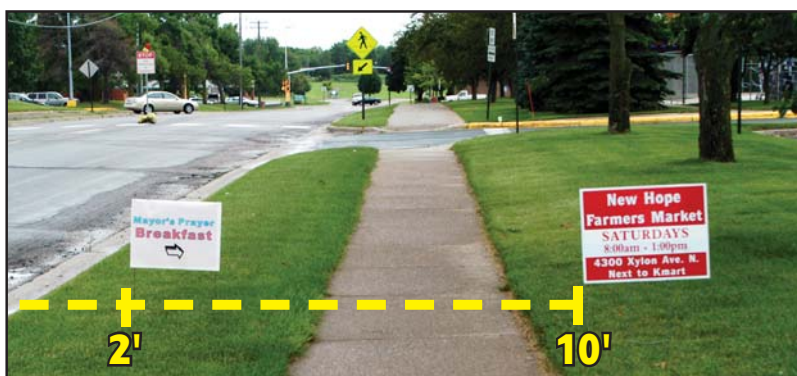
Items may not be placed on unattended seats to save them for an extended period.

As always, performances of *The Music Man* are free, but audience members are invited to donate to the local food shelf. The New Hope Outdoor Theatre is located just west of City Hall at 4401 Xylon Ave. N.

For more information or to make a contribution to the fine work the Off-Broadway Musical Theatre does, visit [www.obmt.org](http://www.obmt.org).



The red sign (on the right) is at the old temporary sign setback distance of 10 feet behind the curb. The white sign (on the left) is at the new two foot setback.



## Plan ahead for National Night Out

Sign up now for National Night Out, New Hope's Nite to Unite! This year's celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, from 6 to 9 p.m. New Hope is participating in both the National Night Out program sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and Nite to Unite, the new state program sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association. Whatever you call it, the point is to get out with your neighbors and renew and strengthen your commitment to working together with the police to prevent crime and improve public safety in New Hope!

While the traditional "lights on" and front porch vigils remain a part of National Night Out, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, visits from police, neighborhood walks, contests and much more. The goal of the event is to help develop police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie and to foster awareness of crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts.

Last year, about 4,500 people participated in 95 registered National Night Out block parties or events throughout New Hope. Participants also contributed nearly 1,200 pounds of food and four van loads full of school supplies for local families in need.

Neighborhood organizers can register now for this year's National Night Out



National Night Out, Nite to Unite is a great chance to get to know your neighbors and police personnel better and a fun night for kids!

celebration. While registration continues through August 1, neighborhood organizers are strongly encouraged to register as soon as possible. Popular neighborhood visitors – including McGruff, West Metro firefighters, a police K-9, or a city official – are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups planning to block off their street for a block party need to submit completed paperwork no later than July 20 to reserve barricades.

If you haven't quite decided what fun activities to include in your neighborhood's celebration, give crime prevention officer Nichole Korth a call at 763-531-5140. She has loads of fun, imaginative ideas for activities that other groups have enjoyed at their festivities over the years.

Registration packets have already been mailed to residents who organized National Night Out events last year. Others may obtain a registration form or more information about New Hope's National Night Out/Nite to Unite event by visiting the city's website at [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us), or contacting Officer Korth at 763-531-5140.

## New Hope reduces temporary sign setback requirement

In January, the New Hope City Council amended the city's sign ordinance to allow temporary signs two feet behind the curb and within the sight triangle at intersections in residential areas. The revised ordinance is comparable to temporary sign practices in New Hope's neighboring communities.

The previous ordinance, which inspectors rigorously enforced, had become quite contentious among some residents of New Hope. That ordinance required temporary signs to be at least 10 feet behind the curb or behind the sidewalk, and prohibited them within the sight triangle at the

corner of two intersecting streets (a triangular area with two equal 20-foot sides measured from the corner along each street and a third side formed by a straight line connecting the corners of each 20-foot side).

The setback provisions in the new ordinance apply to all temporary freestanding signs that do not require a permit -- including garage sale, open house, and auction signs.

Other requirements spelled out in the ordinance include:

- signs must be no more than two feet by three feet in size
- signs must stand no more than three feet in height
- signs placed at the two foot setback that impede or interfere with the use of a sidewalk must be placed behind the sidewalk

For more information about temporary sign requirements in New Hope, contact the New Hope Community Development Department at 763-531-5127.

### Celebrating 40 years!

To help celebrate its 40th anniversary, OBMT is gathering stories and memories from the many folks who have participated in productions over the years to add to a commemorative book. There is also a humungous cast party and private performance of *The Music Man* planned for August 1. To share your memories or get on the OBMT alumni mailing list, send an email to [40thanniversary@obmt.org](mailto:40thanniversary@obmt.org).

## Popular farmers market returns to New Hope on Saturdays

It's an idea that first bore fruit (and vegetables) last summer. A group of community members wanted to create a Saturday market where area residents could get healthy, straight off the vine fruits and vegetables from local farmers, where local artists and crafters could showcase their wares, where community groups could get the word out, and where neighbors could meet, listen to music, and get to know one another in a relaxed environment.

In mid-June 2009 the New Hope Community Farmers Market was born. With weekly attendance that averaged around 1,000, its success far exceeded anyone's expectations.

The market began its second season on June 19. Market day is every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., including Independence Day and Labor Day weekends, at the Kmart parking lot, 4300 Xylon Ave. N. (across the street from New Hope City Hall).

The market features about 50 vendors. Almost all of the farmers are back from last year, and a majority of the arts, crafts and other food vendors have also returned. A handful of new vendors should bring some exciting new variety to the market. Some of the new items include dog jackets, organic soap, apples, Jamaican marinade, fried bananas, pears, kitchen utensils, kettle



In addition to produce, there are vendors at the New Hope Community Farmers Market that sell a variety of prepared foods – including pickles.

corn, and an organic fruit and vegetable farmer.

Low-key performances at the market by local musicians and performers, which were hugely popular last year, have returned again this summer. The New Hope business community continues to play an active role supporting and participating in the market, and a few community groups will be on hand each week to talk about their programs and services.

Experience the New Hope Community Farmers Market, it's farm-fresh produce and so much more! For more information about the market visit its website at [www.newhopemarket.org](http://www.newhopemarket.org), become a fan on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/newhopefarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/newhopefarmersmarket), or get the electronic newsletter by emailing [info@newhopemarket.org](mailto:info@newhopemarket.org).

## New Hope restructures debt to save money

With significant cuts in state aid and reductions in revenue from other sources due to the poor economy, the New Hope City Council and city staff have had to implement many budget reductions and look at every opportunity to save money. One thing the city has been very successful in doing in 2010 is to save money by restructuring debt.

On the recommendation of its bond counsel, the city issued just under \$2.4 million in general obligation bonds in March. The 2010 bond revenue will be used to pay off bonds originally issued in 1999 at a much higher interest rate. The revenue will also be used to reimburse New Hope's water fund for water system improvements that were made as part of the city's street construction project in 2008. Paying for the improvements out the water fund, instead of initially issuing bonds, had left New Hope's water fund with very low cash reserves. The principal and interest for that portion of the 2010 bonds will be repaid with water revenues over the next several years.

The city will save nearly \$40,000 by refunding the 1999 bonds and reissuing the debt at a lower interest rate.

In May, the city refunded \$375,000 in revenue bonds issued in 2000 to build the clubhouse at New Hope Village Golf Course. New Hope paid off the bonds with an internal loan from Eco-

nomics Development Authority funds. The EDA will be repaid at an interest rate of 2 percent, much lower than the 6.25 interest rate that was being charged for the bonds issued in 2000. By paying off the 2000 bonds early, New Hope will reduce the debt interest the golf course pays each year by about \$8,600.

West Metro Fire Rescue District, which serves the cities of New Hope and Crystal, will replace four fire engines this year. The new fire engines will replace equipment that has reached the end of its useful life. The engines have been grouped into a single purchase to obtain a lower overall price.

By paying half of its share of the bill for the new engines at the time they are ordered, New Hope will save a little over \$20,000. New Hope will make its \$613,000 prepayment with money from an interfund loan from the city's building safety fund. New Hope will purchase an equipment certificate this fall for its entire \$1.26 million share of the engine purchase and reimburse the building safety fund at that time.

These prudent, strategic moves to reduce the city's interest costs by refinancing bonds with high interest rates and making loans from one city fund to another, when appropriate, will have a significant impact on the city's bottom line.

## Other New Hope financial news

### New Hope receives clean audit opinion for 2009 annual report

In June, the New Hope City Council accepted the audit report of the 2009 City of New Hope Comprehensive Annual Financial Report from the audit firm of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich, and Co. The audit results were very good – a “clean opinion with no exceptions,” which is the highest opinion that an auditor can give. The audit report also indicated “no findings” in a review of state compliance and internal control reports. The auditor noted that, with the guidance of its financial management consultant Abdo, Eick, and Meyers, LLP, the city made a number of improvements to its internal control systems and accounting procedures in 2009. The New Hope 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the audit report are available for review on the city's website at [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us).

### New Hope bond rating upgraded

New Hope received word in early April that the respected bond rating service Standard and Poors had upgraded the city's bond rating from A1 to AA. Moody's Investor Services quickly followed suit later in April.

Standard and Poors indicated that it increased New Hope's bond rating from A1 to AA for three key reasons:

- New Hope's diverse tax base
- The city's very strong financial position due to its fund balance reserves
- New Hope's overall moderate debt burden

Bruce Kimmel, financial advisor from Ehlers and Associates, characterized the city's AA rating as “an exceptionally strong rating, especially for a moderately small community like New Hope.” Kimmel noted that the upgraded rating indicated that New Hope is “in good company in terms of strong fiscal management.”

### City receives award for financial reporting

This spring, the city of New Hope received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

New Hope's 2008 report was judged by an impartial panel to demonstrate a constructive “spirit of full disclosure,” to clearly communicate the city's financial story, and to motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The GFOA award is the highest recognition the city can receive in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The GFOA is a professional association of nearly 17,400 state and local finance officers in the United States and Canada committed to providing leadership to the government finance profession through research, education, and recommended practices.

New Hope will be submitting its 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for an achievement for financial reporting certificate in the near future.

## District 287 to build new north education center on Hosterman site

The Robbinsdale Area School Board approved the sale of the former Hosterman Middle School site to Intermediate School District 287 at a meeting in early June. The sale price for the 10-acre parcel, located at 5530 Zealand Avenue North, is \$1.175 million. The sale is expected to close later this summer.

Intermediate School District 287 provides a consortium of 13 west metro school districts, including District 281, with vocational educational options such as special education, gifted education, world language and other academic specialties. District 287 has leased space at Hosterman for several years to house its north education center.

After the purchase is finalized and environmental remediation has been completed, District 287 plans to demolish the existing building and construct a new north education center, similar to its

south education center in Richfield, which will better meet the needs of its students.

Representatives of District 287 have suggested to city staff that the new north education center will be about 127,000 square feet in size, that a majority of the building will be two stories, and that the maximum height of the building will be about 44 feet (where the gymnasiums are located). Because the new building will have fewer square feet and will be two stories tall, the actual footprint of the building (the land it covers) will only be about one-quarter the size of the current Hosterman building.

Construction of the new building is expected to begin later this summer and take about two years to complete. During construction District 287's north education center programs will move to Sandburg Middle School in Golden Valley.



The new District 287 building in New Hope is expected to be very similar to its south education center in Richfield shown above.

## Reconstruction of Winnetka Avenue underway between Bass Lake Road and 62nd

It's hard to miss. Work began on reconstruction of Winnetka Avenue between Bass Lake Road and 62nd Avenue in mid-April. Although construction will continue throughout this summer and traffic will be slowed, the contractor has been directed to limit road closures of Winnetka Avenue as much as possible. This reconstruction project was made possible by a federal stimulus program grant and a low-interest loan from the state for the water main improvements.



Construction workers lower a section of new ductile iron water main into place along the west side of Winnetka Avenue. The new water main is replacing deteriorated cast iron water main.

The New Hope Pavement Management Plan originally called for reconstruction of this portion of Winnetka Avenue in 2006, but the project was delayed because sufficient funds to pay for the project were not available at that time. When federal stimulus funds became available last summer through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for "shovel-ready" road construction work, this project was an obvious candidate. In late June, New Hope received word that it would receive \$779,000 in federal stimulus program grant funds for the Winnetka reconstruction project. To date, 216 road construction projects in Minnesota have received federal stimulus funding totaling nearly \$500 million.

Although the city initially believed that road construction could begin in September, by the time a contractor was hired and the city received final authorization to proceed with the project it was more appropriate to delay the start

of the project until this spring. The federal stimulus funds will help pay for replacement of the asphalt street surface, curb and sidewalk improvements. The city will provide matching funds.

The construction work will also include replacement of the 12-inch cast iron water main under this portion of Winnetka Avenue. This portion of water main has experienced a number of breaks over the years and was therefore a top priority for replacement. The city of New Hope will receive a loan of up to \$419,000 from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund at 1.7 percent interest to pay for the water main replacement. The loan will be repaid with revenue from the New Hope water fund over the next 20 years.

Work on the Winnetka Avenue street reconstruction project should be substantially complete by this fall. For more information about the project, call the New Hope Public Works Department at 763-592-6777.

## Water main and transit improvements to be constructed along Bass Lake Road

The city of New Hope received bids in mid-June for a project to install a larger water main and transit improvements along Bass Lake Road west of Winnetka Avenue. The City Council voted on final approval of the project at its June 28 meeting.

If approved, the city will be installing a large, 16-inch water main on the north side of Bass Lake Road between Winnetka and Yukon avenues. An eight-inch water main is currently located on the south side of Bass Lake Road. The larger water main will improve fire safety and accommodate future redevelopment in the area.

The project will also include construction of a bus shelter on the south side of Bass Lake Road and Yukon Avenue, the installation of decorative pedestrian street lights, construction of new sidewalk, and relocation of the entrance to the New Hope Village Golf Course to improve safety. The city will be installing LED decorative street lights. Although LED lights require a somewhat higher initial investment, they are much more energy efficient and last longer

than conventional mercury vapor street lights. As an alternate bid item, the contractor will also reconstruct the golf course parking lot while they are on site for the Bass Lake Road project.

Funding for the \$978,000 Bass Lake Road water main and transit project will come from municipal state aid, the New Hope water fund, a \$350,000 Transit Oriented Development grant from Hennepin County, street light fund and tax increment financing. The golf course parking lot reconstruction will be paid for by the city's park infrastructure fund. Alternate parking will be available for golf course patrons during construction.

Pending approval, work on the project is expected to begin in July and should be substantially complete by this fall. At times during the project, Bass Lake Road will be detoured to one lane in each direction. And, for a short period, Bass Lake Road traffic will be detoured down to 54th Avenue.

For more information about the Bass Lake Road project or the construction detour, call the New Hope Public Works Department at 763-592-6777.

## County to convert a portion of Medicine Lake Road to three lanes

Hennepin County Engineer Jim Grube made a presentation to the New Hope City Council in March to discuss the county's plan to restripe Medicine Lake Road between Hillsboro and Louisiana avenues from its current four-lane configuration to a three-lane configuration this summer.

Over the last several years, Hennepin County has been converting many roads under its jurisdiction that have moderate traffic counts, similar to the 10-12,000 trips per day along this portion of Medicine Lake Road, from a four lane design to a three lane design. The results of these conversions have been very positive.

In the summer of 2006, the county changed Medicine Lake Road's four lane design to a three-lane design from Louisiana Avenue to Douglas Drive through Crystal and Golden Valley. Over the last four years, the cities of Crystal and Golden Valley and the county have been very pleased with the outcome of the three-lane design east of Louisiana. The county engineer noted that although initial resistance to the conversion from four to three lanes has been common in many cities, after the conversion is made those cities now strongly support the change.

The transformation of Medicine Lake Road to three lanes will provide seven-foot shoulders on both sides of the street, one, 11-foot traffic lane in each direction, and a

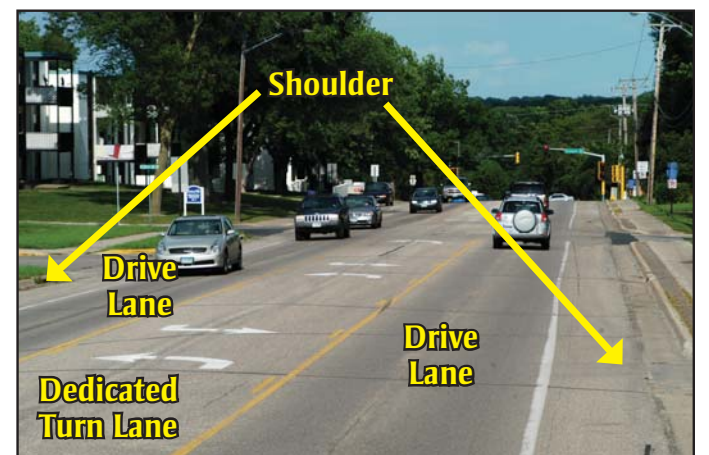
dedicated 12-foot left turn lane.

Changing from two to one traffic lane in each direction typically causes traffic to slow down slightly (perhaps 1 to 2 miles per hour), and tends to result in fewer accidents (particularly sideswipe accidents).

The wide shoulders improve the safety of bicyclists and make pedestrians feel more secure by moving traffic further away from the sidewalk. The shoulders also make it easier for service vehicles, including mail carriers, garbage trucks, and police squad cars, to pull off without obstructing traffic. Parking will still not be permitted along this section of Medicine Lake Road.

The New Hope city engineer, director of public works, director of police, and the City Council all support the county's plans.

No physical changes will need to be made to the Medicine Lake Road street infrastructure. The lane reconfiguration is achieved with restriping of the street only. The county will pay for the restriping. The project is expected to occur sometime this summer.



Medicine Lake Road will be restriped from Hillsboro to Louisiana like it currently is further east between Louisiana and Douglas Drive (above).

### Recycle yard waste for free in Maple Grove

The Maple Grove yard waste site opened for the season on April 1.

The site accepts:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Garden materials
- Brush
- Branches/logs up to 10 inches in diameter
- Small quantities of sod, gravel, or soil

All of the materials are recycled at the site. If bags are used to haul yard waste, they must be emptied by the user and removed. The site also has a limited supply of free compost and wood mulch available.

The facility is free for residents of New Hope and seven nearby communities. The operating cost of the facility is paid through the "Recycling Charges" service fee on residents' utility bills. Yard waste site hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to

7 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 7 p.m., until November 30.

The site is closed on Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. Those using the site must show proof of residency.

The Maple Grove facility is located at 14796 101st Avenue North. To reach the site from New Hope, drive northwest on County Road 81 past Osseo to Fernbrook Lane (County Road 121), turn left on Fernbrook Lane to 101st Avenue North, and left again on 101st to the site entrance. For more information, call 763-420-4886 for a recorded message or visit [www.mgyardwaste.com](http://www.mgyardwaste.com).

## New Hope implements plan to address the emerald ash borer infestation

An emerald ash borer infestation was discovered near the intersection of Interstate 94 and Highway 280 in May 2009. This year it was found in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis and in Houston County in southeastern Minnesota.



*Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (actual size)*

There is no known way to stop the spread of the bright green ash borer beetle. Infestations in Ohio and Michigan have proven to be unstoppable, leaving an estimated 60 million dead ash trees in its wake. Most forestry experts consider its spread throughout the Twin Cities and the state of Minnesota to be inevitable. New Hope is being proactive about emerald ash borer, and has begun to implement a plan to address the problem even before the infestation reaches the city.

When Dutch elm disease killed countless boulevard elm trees in the 1970s, New Hope, like many other communities planted primarily ash trees to replace them. In fact, about 62 percent of New Hope's boulevard trees (trees planted within the 12 to 15 feet of public right-of-way adjacent to city streets) are ash trees.

Because New Hope has thousands of public ash trees, the city could not deal with the budget impact of having to address an infestation of ash trees within a period of only a few years. New Hope can not wait for the problem to come to us. Instead, the City Council has decided to spread out the cost by systematically removing and replacing ash trees along the boulevard and in city parks over the next 10 to 15 years.

New Hope has budgeted \$100,000 in 2010 to begin implementing its emerald ash borer plan and has received an additional \$87,300 from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to help implement its plan.

## Compostable yard waste bags now required

Beginning January 1, 2010, Minnesota law now requires residents in the Twin Cities area who bag their yard and organic waste to put their waste out for pickup in compostable bags – either paper (kraft) bags or compostable plastic bags. This requirement does not affect residents who currently collect yard waste in a cart or who take yard waste to the Maple Grove yard waste site and empty and remove the bags.

Using paper and compostable plastic bags rather than traditional black plastic bags will greatly reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities. Compost facilities will no longer need to debug compost and there will be less plastic to screen out of the compost material, reducing processing costs and improving the quality of the finished compost.

Compostable plastic bags look different from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a translucent shade of green, white, or pink. To ensure that bags comply with the new state law, they should clearly state that

### Boulevard Tree Removal

In April, the City Council changed the city's boulevard tree replacement policy for 2010. Typically, New Hope pays half the cost of removing a boulevard tree. This year, New Hope will remove a limited number of boulevard ash trees at no cost to property owners who volunteer for the program. Removal requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funds are available. Earlier this spring, the city also had very limited funding available to replace boulevard ash trees. That funding has been depleted.



*New Hope expects its contractor to remove about 300 boulevard and park ash trees and plant about 100 trees this summer.*

In all, the New Hope city forester expects the city's tree contractor to remove about 300 boulevard ash trees and plant about 100 replacement trees in 2010. Expanding the tree replacement program, as funding permits, will make it possible for New Hope to start removing ash trees before they become infested and will enable the city to begin to diversify the tree species planted in New Hope's boulevards and parks.

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they meet the ASTM D6400 standard, or display the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) certified compostable logo (below). Most home improvement, grocery, hardware stores and some online suppliers now carry them.

Paper yard waste bags or yard waste carts are other options. Contact your yard waste hauler to ask if there are yard carts available in your area.

Please be aware that if you do not use a compostable bag, kraft bag, or a cart from your hauler for yard waste or other compostable waste, your hauler will not collect the waste. If yard waste is left at the curb for pick up in a black plastic bag, they will not collect it.

For more information about compostable bags and other waste and recycling information, visit [rethinkrecycling.com](http://rethinkrecycling.com).



## New Hope revises composting regulations

At the suggestion of a resident, the New Hope City Council amended the city code earlier this year to expand the types of items that can be composted in the city. The revised ordinance allows residents to compost fruit and vegetable waste, egg shells and coffee grounds, in addition to yard waste in their back yards.

The expanded list is consistent with composting recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). New Hope joins the cities of Plymouth, Minnetonka, Edina, Minneapolis and St. Paul in allowing residents to compost this broader range of items that includes certain types of food residue.

Other types of food waste, especially dairy, fats and meat products, as well as animal waste still may not be composted.

Many of the composting guidelines in the city code remain unchanged:

- Compost sites must be at least five feet from any rear or side property line, and may not be located in a front yard or a side yard that is adjacent to a public right-of-way
- Sites may not be in a drainage easement, and may not be closer than 25 feet from any residence
- They must be 25 square feet or less in size, and a maximum of four feet in height
- Compost sites must be totally contained within a permanent structure, or bin, constructed of non-degrading material and must allow the circulation of air
- And, compost bins should visually compliment the property's primary structure

For more information about composting, visit [rethinkrecycling.com](http://rethinkrecycling.com) and search for "backyard composting."

## Legacy grant will help fund storm water pond improvements

Shingle Creek Watershed Management Organization received a \$160,000 Minnesota Clean Water Fund grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in late January. The grant will help pay for improvements to a storm water pond near 45th and Winnetka avenues in New Hope.

The project involves retrofitting the dry storm water basin, constructing a new pretreatment cell to remove sediment from runoff, creating a new wetland area, and reconfiguring existing inlets and outlets for better treatment.

Construction of the 45th Avenue project is tentatively planned for later this year.

The Clean Water Fund grant will pay a little more than a quarter of the estimated project costs, Shingle Creek WMO will pay about a quarter of the costs, and the city of New Hope will pay for the remainder of the project through its storm water fund.

Minnesota Clean Water Fund grants go to projects that will protect and restore Minnesota's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater. Funding for the competitive grants comes from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment approved by voters in 2008.

## Transfer station accepts a variety of waste items

The Hennepin County recycling center and transfer station in Brooklyn Park accepts a wide variety of recyclable and waste items year round.

The transfer station accepts the following materials free of charge:

**Recyclables** – cardboard, glass jars and bottles, metal cans, mixed paper (magazines, newspaper, phone books), boxboard, plastic bottles, plastic shopping bags, and scrap metal

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** – adhesives, aerosols, cleaners, solvents, sealers, gasoline, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, insecticides, lead acid batteries, paint, poisons, wood finishes, etc.

**Problem Materials** – mercury items, electronic goods, household batteries, rechargeable or cordless appliances

**Consumer Electronics** – Televisions, VCRs, camcorders, telephones, computers and peripherals, stereos, rechargeable tools and electronics, etc. (*limit five of the same type per 12 months*).

The transfer station also accepts a number of other waste items for a fee (payable by cash or check only):

**Tires** – \$3 each with or without a rim (maximum diameter of four feet)

**Appliances** – air conditioners and refrigerators, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, trash compactors, ranges, stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators/freezers, furnaces, microwaves, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, heat pumps and appliance compressors (most are \$15)

**Garbage/Trash** – excess household garbage and trash items including a mattress and box spring (maximum of one set), carpeting (call for dimension limits), wood furniture, small amounts of home remodeling debris (one pickup load or less), etc. (\$16 minimum, based on volume)

The Brooklyn Park transfer station is located at 8100 Jefferson Highway. The transfer station is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facility is closed on Sunday, Monday, and holidays. Tuesdays and Saturdays are the busiest days for drop offs.

For more information about the types of materials accepted, call the Brooklyn Park transfer station at 612-348-3777 or go to the county's website at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) and search for "Brooklyn Park Drop Off Facility."

## Sunshine Factory and Lifetime Fitness are outstanding New Hope businesses

Sunshine Factory and the New Hope Lifetime Fitness are the two most recent local businesses to be honored with a New Hope Outstanding Business Award. The award recognizes local businesses for their contributions to the New Hope community.

### Sunshine Factory

The New Hope City Council presented Sunshine Factory with the Winter 2010 Outstanding Business Award at its meeting on March 8. Sunshine Factory is a quality, sit-down restaurant located at 7600 42nd Ave. N. The restaurant's excellent food has made it popular with customers from across the northwest suburbs since it opened in 1976.

The 19,000 square foot restaurant features both an elegant dining room and a casual, family-friendly bistro that was added in 1986. Other features include a deck for outdoor dining, added in 1993, and a lower level banquet room which accommodates from 50 to 100 guests.

The Sunshine Factory, and owner Randy Rosengren, are also big supporters of the community, including a number of youth organizations and school groups. In April 2009, for example, Sunshine Factory raised \$8,800 during a fundraiser to benefit the Suburban Law Enforcement Association's annual School Patrol Appreciation Day.

Sunshine Factory was nominated for the award by Jeff Houle. For more information about Sunshine Factory Restaurant and Bistro, call 763-535-7000 or visit its website at [www.esunshinefactory.com](http://www.esunshinefactory.com).

### Lifetime Fitness – New Hope

The New Hope City Council presented Lifetime Fitness with the Spring 2010



Randy Rosengren owner of Sunshine Factory (center in gray sport-coat) accepted the Winter 2010 New Hope Outstanding Business Award from the New Hope City Council.

Outstanding Business Award on May 24. Lifetime Fitness has been serving health and fitness enthusiasts from its location in New Hope Mall, 4239 Winnetka Ave. N., since 2003.

The Lifetime Fitness in New Hope offers members a wide variety of state of the art cardio equipment as well as free weights, resistance training and a walking/running track. Other amenities include an indoor lap pool, saunas and whirlpool. The club offers an extensive schedule of group fitness classes, or for those who need one-on-one attention, personal trainers are also available. The New Hope Lifetime has 20 full-time and 55 part-time employees.

In accepting the award, general manager Sam Remus noted, "The members (at the New Hope Lifetime) are truly a small community. It's turned into more of a place for social health and wellness rather than just physical exercise."

Lifetime was nominated for the award by John Del Toro, manager of New Hope Mall. For more information about Lifetime Fitness in New Hope, call 763-971-0404 or visit its website at [clubs.lifetimefitness.com](http://clubs.lifetimefitness.com) and choose the New Hope location.

Congratulations to Sunshine Factory and Lifetime Fitness, two of New Hope's outstanding businesses!

## Ordinance changes made to comply with federal NPDES permit requirements

The New Hope City Council made two ordinance changes in 2009 relating to water quality in the city's storm water ponds that may affect local property owners. Many of the code revisions were necessary to comply with federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) storm water permit requirements.

Last July, the City Council adopted a new section to Chapter 5 of the city code (Water, Sewer and Drains) to regulate illicit non-storm water discharges into the city's storm sewer system that would have an adverse impact on water quality and environmentally sensitive land.

As a city that operates its own storm sewer system, New Hope is required to obtain a federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to operate the system. Among other requirements to obtain the permit, New Hope must develop a program to detect and eliminate the introduction of pollutants into the storm sewer system and regulate runoff that can impact ground water quality and storm water ponds. The new ordinance addition identifies the standards for illicit discharges, spells out the enforcement process, and details the penalties for non-compliance.

In October, the City Council adopted extensive revisions to Sections 4.3 and

4.26 of the City Code to protect New Hope storm water. The code amendments include more detailed rules and regulations to control grading, land fill, soil storage, and erosion and sedimentation relating to land disturbance, construction and development activities.

The language relating to floodplain districts was also revised. New Hope must maintain an NPDES MS4 permit in order to discharge water from its storm water system into area ponds, streams and wetlands. Some of the language changes were also made to ensure that the city's code and Local Water Management Plan are consistent with state statute, the Metropolitan Council's Water Resource Management Plan, and the policies of the Bassett Creek and Shingle Creek watershed commissions.

If you live on one of the lakes in New Hope, please contact the city before initiating any shoreline improvements to ensure that local requirements are being met and to obtain the proper approvals.

For more information about New Hope code changes related to non-storm water discharge and erosion control, read the revised ordinances in the "Ordinance" section of the Document Center on the city of New Hope's website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/document-center](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/document-center), or by calling the Public Works Department at 763-592-6777.

## Ambassador Good Samaritan care facility breaks ground on new wing

Ambassador Good Samaritan broke ground on a 15,180 square foot expansion of its nursing care facility at 8100 Medicine Lake Road on May 4. The new wing, which will be attached to the north end of the existing building, will house 21 private rooms for short-term adult patients who require rehabilitation after leaving the hospital. As part of the \$4.6 million project, 21 two-bed rooms in the existing 34,100 square foot, 85-bed care facility will be converted to private rooms. Other improvements will include extensive landscaping including a rain garden, and installation of a 1000 kilowatt diesel



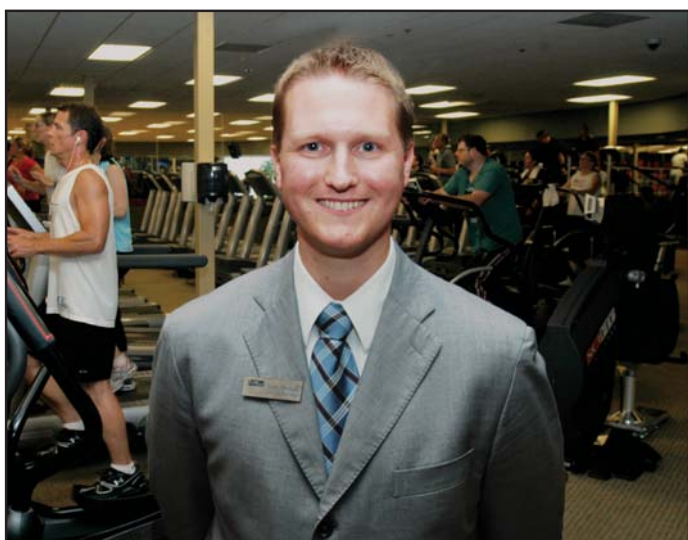
An artist's rendering of the Ambassador Good Samaritan addition.

backup generator. To provide space for the project, Good Samaritan Society acquired a small apartment building at 2724 Virginia Avenue. Good Samaritan has agreed to make an annual payment in lieu of taxes to the city for the Virginia Avenue property, which is now tax exempt.

## Participate in the New Hope Business Forum

The New Hope Business Forum began in spring 2009 to help make the city of New Hope more responsive to the needs of local businesses and to provide an opportunity for New Hope business people to network. The forum meets from 8 to 9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. In even-numbered months, the forum has informal Coffee Break gatherings at businesses throughout the community. In odd-numbered months, more formal meetings, often with a speaker, are held at City Hall, 4401 Xylon Avenue N. Coffee and donuts are served.

The city is also encouraging businesses to respond to the New Hope Business Survey. The survey is a great way to share your thoughts and concerns with the city. A link to an electronic version of the survey is available on the homepage of the city's website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us). For more information about the forum or survey, contact Eric Weiss at 763-531-5196 or [eweiss@ci.new-hope.mn.us](mailto:eweiss@ci.new-hope.mn.us).



Sam Remus, general manager of Lifetime Fitness in New Hope. Lifetime won the Outstanding Business Award for Spring 2010.

## Understanding Water Quality

The Joint Water Commission (JWC) cities of Crystal, Golden Valley and New Hope provide drinking water to their residents through a contract with the city of Minneapolis for treated surface water from the Mississippi River. To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provides the same protection for public health by regulating the contaminants permitted in bottled water.

This Water Quality Report includes the results of monitoring done by the JWC on its drinking water from January 1 through December 31, 2009. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

Although the water the JWC provides its residents meets drinking water standards, the Minnesota Department of Health has determined that the Mississippi River is potentially susceptible to contamination. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment for your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view

the assessment online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

If you have questions about your drinking water or would like information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of the water, contact Bernie Weber, New Hope utilities maintenance supervisor, at 763-592-6777, or [bweber@ci.new-hope.mn.us](mailto:bweber@ci.new-hope.mn.us). Information about New Hope's drinking water is also available at the Joint Water Commission website, [jwcontap.org](http://jwcontap.org), or the city of New Hope website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us). For more information about the federal regulation of drinking water visit [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

## Special Health Needs

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons, including those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have had an organ transplant, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders,

some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their healthcare providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provide guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

## 2009 Tap Water Test Results

In 2009, no contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table below shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2009. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled, they are included in the table along with the date that that detection occurred.)

**Regulated Substances** – Several substances have Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) set by the EPA. This is the highest level allowed in drinking water. Some regulated contaminants also have MCL Goals (or MCLGs). This is the level of a substance where there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs are set as close to MCLGs as possible using the best available treatment technology. All water systems must monitor about 80 regulated substances.

Regulated Substance Detected (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found in Joint Water Commission Water		Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range (2009)	Average Result*	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.98-1.1	1.02	State of Minnesota requires all municipal water systems to add fluoride to the drinking water to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	0	60	13-34	35.9	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	0	80	15.8-42	35.03	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all the detected values. If it is the average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

## Non-Native Speakers

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.  
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## Compliance with National Drinking Water Regulations

Before water is used for a water supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality factors. The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over land or through the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

### Microbial Contaminants:

Viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife

### Inorganic Contaminants:

Salts and metals which may be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming

### Pesticides and Herbicides:

May come from a variety of sources such as agricultural, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses

### Organic Chemical Contaminants:

(including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals):

By-products of industrial processes and petroleum production can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems

### Radioactive Contaminants:

Can occur naturally or result from oil and gas production and mining activities

**Lead and Copper** – If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily the result of plumbing corrosion in individual homes, not the water distribution system. The city of New Hope is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting in the pipes for several hours, you can substantially reduce the amount of lead in your water by simply letting the tap run for 30 seconds to two minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may want to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Substance Detected (units)	MCLG	MCL	90% of Samples Were Below This Level	Number of Samples Exceeding Action Level	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	N/A	15	10	2 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	N/A	1.3	.09	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Turbidity** – Turbidity, which is a measure of the clarity of the water, is monitored at the Minneapolis Water Works treatment plant as a measure of the effectiveness of the filtration system. EPA requires: 1) certain treatment processes be used to reduce turbidity; 2) 95% of monthly samples to be below 0.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU); and 3) all samples to be less than 5 NTU.

Turbidity Monitored	MCLG	Action Level	Lowest Monthly Percentage of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limits	Highest Single Measurement	Typical Source of Substance
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	TT	98.9	0.39	Soil runoff

**Chlorine** – The Minneapolis Water Works adds chlorine to water during the treatment process to control microbes. Chlorine has a Maximum Residual Disinfectant Levels (MRDL) and a Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) set by the EPA.

Contaminant (units)	MRDLG	MRDL	Lowest and Highest Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Average	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	.4-2.9	2.18	Additive used to control microbes

**Unregulated Substances** – Many substances are monitored but not regulated. They are evaluated using state standards known as health risk limits to determine if they pose a threat to human health. If unacceptable levels of an unregulated contaminant are found, the response is the same as if an MCL has been exceeded; the water system must inform its customers and take other corrective actions. Sodium and Sulfate were last sampled for on July 3, 2008.

Unregulated Substance Detected (units)	Level Found		Typical Source of Contaminant
	Range (2009)	Average Result	
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	9.9	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	25.5	Erosion of natural deposits

## Key to Abbreviations

† ppb - parts per billion † ppm - parts per million  
† pCi/l - Pico Curries per liter † TT - treatment technique † N/A - Not Applicable

## Study focuses on transit-oriented improvement opportunities in City Center



A group of about 30 members of the City Council, city commissions, school board, city staff and local business people participated in a block exercise in June led by a team of planning experts to brainstorm about redevelopment in the City Center area. The exercise was part of the transit-oriented development study.

As part of its ongoing commitment to redevelopment of New Hope's City Center, near 42nd Avenue and Winnetka, this spring the New Hope City Council authorized a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and transportation study of the City Center area and selected the planning firm of TKDA to conduct the study.

TKDA was chosen after a competitive selection process because of its extensive planning and community visioning experience and because the Council and city staff believed the firm would provide a fresh perspective to the community visioning process for City Center.

The city of New Hope has been working for several years toward redeveloping its City Center area near the intersection of Winnetka and 42nd avenues. As part of this process, the city is interested in identifying potential transit, pedestrian, and bicycle im-

provements that would benefit the area and help to spark redevelopment and new investment in the future.

The TOD and transportation study will identify potential transit and pedestrian improvements in the City Center area including transit facilities, trail/sidewalk connections, building façades and pedestrian-friendly streetscape design. It will also identify any updates needed to the city zoning code, Comprehensive Plan, design guidelines, and city policies in order to implement those improvements.

Key stakeholders in the community are participating in the study, including city advisory commission members, potential developers, city officials, interested business people, and residents. The TOD study began this spring and is expected to take about six months. The study is being funded by a \$50,000 Transit Oriented Development grant from Hennepin County.

## Crack repair and seal coating extend pavement life economically

To maximize the life of pavement on New Hope's streets, the city annually schedules crack repair and seal coating of selected city streets as prescribed by the New Hope Pavement Management Plan.

Crack repair involves sealing gaps in the pavement with a flexible rubberized asphalt that bonds to crack walls and moves with the pavement (as it expands and contracts) to prevent water from intruding into base material beneath the pavement.

Seal coating involves the application of a thin layer of liquid asphalt on the pavement surface immediately followed by an application of crushed stone. Before the seal coat is applied the cracks and potholes in the pavement are filled. After the crushed stone has had time to settle, a sweeper is used to remove excess material.

Both crack repair and seal coating are relatively inexpensive routine maintenance techniques that are effective in extending a street's useful life.

This year's crack repair and seal coating project is located in northern New

Hope. The project went out to bid in late March. A contractor was selected in May and the street maintenance will likely begin in July. The total estimated cost of the work is about \$80,000.

The proposed area to be both crack sealed and seal coated involves about three miles of pavement, including:

- portions of Independence, Hillsboro and Gettysburg generally between Bass Lake Road and 62nd avenues
- portions of Sumter, Rhode Island and Quebec avenues generally between 60th and 61st avenues
- a portion of 59th Avenue and Wisconsin Circle west of Winnetka Avenue

Before the contractor begins work, city crews will replace broken sections of curb and patch potholes throughout the project area. The contractor will complete crack repair and seal coating work within about a 30 day period. Residents living on affected streets will be notified by mail before the work begins. Other residents are encouraged to watch the city website, or call the Public Works Department at 763-592-6777 for more information.

## Ice arena study is evaluating priorities, options and costs of possible improvements

The New Hope Ice Arena is a great facility but much of the facility was constructed in 1975, and it's beginning to show its age (a second sheet of ice was added in 1996). A number of improvements will be needed, over time, to keep the facility operating at the highest level and to provide the amenities at the arena that users have come to expect and that are needed to keep the New Hope arena competitive with other arenas in the area.

The most pressing need at the arena is to replace the refrigeration system for the north sheet of ice which, at 35 years old, has already exceeded its expected useful life. Several other improvements will likely need to be addressed in the near future including: remodeling of the community room, upgrading the high school locker rooms and adding showers, replacing the roof for the north ice sheet, adding or replacing sign boards, improving the security system, updating lighting in the south rink, and improving the indoor walking track. It is also important to do some long range planning for the arena; to consider other potential improvements or additions to the arena so that those potential projects can be taken into consideration when more imminent projects are undertaken.

Last November, the city of New Hope sent a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 36 firms to complete an engineering study of renovation work needed at the New Hope Ice Arena. The purpose of the engineering study is to establish priorities for arena improvements, identify the range of options available and recommend the best option, and to estimate the approximate cost of needed improvements.

In February, the New Hope City Council selected Stevens Engineers to head a team of engineers and architects to conduct the study. Engineers from Stevens began meeting with city staff, representatives from the City Council, Planning Commission, Citizen Advisory Commission, arena user groups, and the New Hope business community in March.

### Upgrading the north ice sheet

The consultants have presented a number of options for upgrading the ice refrigeration system for the north sheet of ice. One option would involve replacing key components of the existing direct refrigeration system and installing a concrete floor interwoven with a network of new steel piping to circulate refrigerant to replace the current sand floor and deteriorated piping network.

Stevens also identified four indirect refrigeration options which would circulate glycol or ammonia through a new concrete floor beneath the sheet of ice. A key advantage of these systems is that they only require about one-eighth

of the volume of refrigerant that direct refrigeration systems do. With R-22 refrigerant being phased out due to environmental concerns, indirect systems could have both cost and safety benefits.

### Other building and system improvements

The consultant recommended replacing the dehumidification systems for both the north and south ice sheets with low temperature desiccant dehumidification systems. The dehumidification system in the north rink is inadequate and humidity is frequently an issue. The high temperature desiccant dehumidification system in the south rink does a good job, but the new low temperature technology is much more energy efficient.

The city would like to replace the existing metal halide lighting system for the south ice sheet with a fluorescent system which is brighter and more energy efficient. The city would also like to consider replacing all of the door locks in the building with a magnetic key card system to improve building security.

The consultant has also identified a number of general building maintenance and improvement needs including replacing the roof over the north ice sheet within three to five years, replacing concrete blocks in the exterior walls that are deteriorating due to moisture migration, repainting the exterior of the building, and making bleacher improvements.

### Community room and varsity locker rooms

The study will include a review of alternatives for the current community



Consultants for the ice arena engineering study explain the different types of refrigeration systems at a June meeting.

room at the Ice Arena. The community room is used by a variety of groups and lacks storage space for users, basic amenities such as restrooms, catering kitchen, coat storage space, and waiting room space (for the city's dance program). The community room is in need of general aesthetic upgrades including lighting, paint, flooring, window treatment and more.

The varsity locker rooms do not have toilet or shower facilities. Those facilities are limited and located down a public hall. The study will include an

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## County to complete home appraisals

Each year the Hennepin County Assessor's Office reviews one-fifth of the homes in New Hope to determine their market value. This year all houses between 36th and 45th avenues in New Hope will be reviewed.

County appraisers will begin going door-to-door doing exterior inspections in July. The process should conclude in mid-September. If an interior inspection is necessary, the appraiser will leave a door tag or send a letter requesting that the homeowner call the Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment.

All appraisers carry a Hennepin County photo identification card. Do not let anyone into your home without proper identification. If you have any questions about the inspection or the inspection of real estate for property tax purposes, contact the Hennepin County appraiser at 612-802-9208.

## Recreational fires are permitted, but regulated

It can be great fun to gather with friends around a wood fire in the back yard. New Hope city ordinance allows recreational fires as long as specific regulations are followed. A permit is not required.

Make sure to review and follow these simple rules before making a recreational fire:

- Outdoor fires are permitted exclusively for recreational use. Only aged, dry firewood may be used as fuel. Fires may not be used to dispose of yard waste, construction materials, or common household waste.
- Recreational fires may not be more than three feet in diameter and must be in an approved fireplace or pit.
- The fire must be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible materials.
- Recreational fires are not allowed if the wind exceeds seven miles per hour.
- The fire must be constantly tended by a responsible adult until it is completely extinguished.



- A garden hose or other means of controlling or extinguishing the fire must be available at all times.
- Recreational fires must be extinguished by 11 p.m.
- In the event of an open burning ban by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, recreational fires are not permitted. When in doubt, call 1-888-MINNDNR or go to the DNR website, [www.dnr.state.mn.us/](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/) and search for burning ban.
- Individuals are responsible for all damages that may result from having a recreational fire.
- Fire or police officials may, at their discretion, decide that a recreational fire poses a danger or is a public nuisance and require that it be extinguished immediately. Anyone who fails to comply with a public safety official's direction may be issued a citation for violating the city ordinance.

For more information, contact West Metro Fire-Rescue District fire prevention personnel at 763-537-2323, extension 3 or 4.

## Primary Election Day is August 10

The primary election is Tuesday, August 10. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You must be registered in order to vote. If you have moved since the last election you must re-register; you can download a voter registration card from the city's website or register at the polls on Election Day with proper identification.

### What's on the ballot?

- US Representative District 5
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- Senate District 45
- County Commissioner

### Polling locations

You can find your polling location online at [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us) or by calling 763-531-5100.

### Absentee voting

In Minnesota, citizens are allowed to vote absentee for the following reasons:

- Absent from your precinct
- Illness or disability
- Serving as an election judge in another precinct
- Religious discipline or religious holiday or observance

You may vote absentee from now until 5 p.m. on August 9. Absentee voting can be completed in person at New Hope City Hall or by mail. An absentee ballot application is available on the city's website.

For more information, call 763-531-5100 or visit [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/elections](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us/elections) or [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) and click on the "elections and voting" tab.

## EPA requirements will prevent lead contamination during home renovation projects

Federal law now requires that contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Contractors are also required to give homeowner and tenants a copy of the booklet entitled "Renovate Right-Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools" before beginning work.

More than two-thirds of homes constructed before 1960 and a quarter of the homes constructed between 1960 and 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint. Lead, even in low levels, can be harmful to adults, but is especially dangerous to children under age six. Lead can affect children's brains and developing nervous systems, causing reduced IQ, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems. Adults exposed to lead can suffer from high blood pressure and hypertension, and pregnant women can transfer lead to their fetus.

Lead in dust is the most common way people are exposed to lead. Common home renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips.

Before beginning a painting, renovation or repair project in an older home, child care facility or school, property owners have three options:

- **Assume the building contains lead.** Especially in older homes and build-

ings, you may simply want to assume lead-based paint is present and follow lead-safe work practices

- **Test for lead using a lead test kit.** Property owners or contractors can use an EPA-approved test kit available at hardware stores. The kits include detailed instructions
- **Hire a certified professional to check for lead-based paint.** For help finding a certified risk assessor or inspector, call the National Lead

Information Center at 1-800-424-5323

Whether a contractor is doing the work or you are doing a do-it-yourself project, the keys to protecting yourself and your family during a renovation, repair or painting job are to:

- Keep work areas inaccessible to occupants while work is occurring
- Use lead-safe work practices such as containing dust inside the work area

- Practice dust-minimizing work methods
- Conduct a careful cleanup

For more information about these safety measures, carefully read the booklet you receive from your contractor before the project begins. For more information about the EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program visit [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm). A downloadable version of the *Renovate Right* booklet is also available on that website or at the Community Development Department in City Hall.



## New Hope has off-leash dog areas in two parks

Earlier this year, the New Hope City Council approved plans to make the off-leash dog park in the hockey rink at Civic Center Park a permanent summer amenity in the park and decided to establish a second off-leash dog park in the hockey rink at Lions Park on a trial basis.

New Hope used the hockey rink in Civic Center Park, 4401 Xylon Avenue N., as an off-leash dog park on a trial basis in 2009. From April through November of last year the rink, which is surrounded by boards, was made available to dog owners as an off-leash area for their pets. Most of the comments the city received from residents following the closure of the park in November were positive.

In January, the Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) reviewed the Civic Center Park dog park trial. Animal control officer Tom Mahan, who monitored the dog park closely throughout the trial period, stated the area was always clean when he checked it and he never heard excessive barking at the park. Mahan indicated that he did not have any concerns about the dog park and recommended that it be designated as an off-leash area on a permanent basis. The CAC recommended to the City Council that the hockey rink in Civic Center Park be used as an off-leash area perma-

nently and that a second off-leash area be established in Lions Park on a trial basis in 2010. New Hope's Lions Park is located at 38th and Oregon avenues.

New Hope's two dog parks opened in April and will close for the season by the end of November. There is no fee for using the dog parks. The off-leash areas may be used during daylight hours only. The hockey boards provide a large, safe, enclosed area where pet owners can allow their dogs to run and socialize with other dogs. The city has provided seating for dog owners, bags for dog droppings, and a trash receptacle at each dog park.

Pet owners are responsible for controlling and picking up after their dogs. Please read all of the rules posted at the entrance before using one of New Hope's dog parks. For more information, call the New Hope Parks and Recreation office at 763-531-5151.



## Housing Resource Center can assist with your home improvement project

The northwest metro office of the Housing Resource Center (HRC) is a valuable resource for New Hope homeowners and prospective homeowners. The HRC has information on a wide range of housing-related topics, administers a number of different home loan programs, and offers construction advice and management to interested residents. Perhaps best of all, the services of the HRC are free to residents of New Hope and other participating Twin Cities metro communities.

### Construction consultation

Are you not quite sure how to work through the details of your home improvement project? The Housing Resource Center provides free construction consultation to residents of New Hope. HRC construction managers are a font of knowledge about construction, building codes, and permit requirements. They conduct site visits with homeowners who are considering home improvements, prepare a written scope of work for contractors to bid from, compare contractors' bids, proposals and estimates with homeowners, as well as assisting homeowners during the construction process.

### Loan programs

The Housing Resource Center has home improvement financing available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) Fix Up Fund. The Fix Up Fund provides loans of up to \$35,000 with a maximum term of

20 years to credit-worthy owner-occupied households with a gross annual income of up to \$96,900.

These loans can be used to make repairs, complete a remodeling project, or improve the energy efficiency of owner-occupied single-family, duplex, triplex or fourplex homes. Most home improvements qualify. The current interest rate for MHFA Fix Up Fund loans is 5.99 percent (on 6/10/10). It is essential for homeowners who may be interested in a Fix Up Fund loan to contact the HRC before beginning their home improvement project.

### Housing information

The HRC has information on a variety of housing-related topics including home maintenance and safety, home improvement financing, first-time homebuyer classes and referrals, mortgage foreclosure prevention, energy assistance, purchase/rehabilitation mortgages, and rental information.

The Northwest Housing Resource Center office is located at 2148 44th Avenue North in Minneapolis. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or by appointment.

For more information about HRC services, call 612-588-3033 or visit the Housing Resource Center website at [www.housingresourcecenter.org](http://www.housingresourcecenter.org).

## Five things you can do to improve local water quality

Minnesota is known for its abundance of water resources. However, the quality of Minnesota's lakes streams and wetlands is threatened by increasing development and pollution.

When it rains, the storm water that runs off driveways, lawns, houses and parking lots and can carry pollutants like oil, paint and chemicals down storm sewers and into nearby lakes, streams and rivers.

Here are five easy, no-cost or low-cost steps you can take to make a big impact on reducing runoff and protecting water resources and wildlife habitat:

### 1. Fertilize smart

#### Make sure your fertilizer is phosphorus-free.

Sweep up fertilizer that spills onto hard surfaces. Soils in our area already contain enough phosphorus to maintain most lawns. Excess phosphorus washes away into nearby lakes or streams where it feeds algae. Algae blooms stress fish and wildlife, and they make swimming and fishing unpleasant or impossible.

### 2. Grass – don't blow it off

Blow or rake grass clippings and leaves out of the street. Leave them on the lawn, use them for compost, or bag them up. Grass clippings and leaves in the street end up in the storm sewer, where they are carried to nearby lakes and streams. Clippings and leaves contain phosphorus and other nutrients that - like fertilizer - feed algae and other aquatic plants.

### 3. Use your runoff

#### Direct your downspouts onto your lawn or garden or into a rain barrel.

Use rainwater to water your lawn and garden. It's free, naturally soft, and perfect for keeping green things growing. Using rainwater reduces runoff, which carries pollutants to lakes and streams.

### 4. Scoop the poop

Grab a bag when you grab the leash, and pick up after your pets. When pet



waste is left behind, rainwater washes it into lakes and streams. Pet waste contains bacteria that can cause illness. It also contains nutrients that can cause excessive algae blooms in lakes and streams.

### 5. Use chemicals wisely

Use chemical products according to label directions. Consider alternative or natural remedies to control weeds or pests. Read the label before using herbicides and pesticides, and apply according to directions. Use the minimum amount needed to control the problem. If you can, consider using alternative or natural remedies, or remove the problem by hand.

For more information about watershed management in New Hope, visit [www.bassettcreekwmo.org](http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org) and [www.shinglecreek.org](http://www.shinglecreek.org).

*This information is excerpted from the brochure "Ten Things You Can Do to Improve Minnesota's Lakes, Rivers and Streams" published by Bassett Creek and Shingle Creek watershed management commissions, Hennepin County Environmental Services, and several neighboring watershed organizations.*

Wanna make waves this summer?

See you at the New Hope Pool!

- Red Cross certified swimming lessons begin July 12 and July 26
- Open swimming Monday-Friday, 1 to 8 p.m., Weekends 1 to 7 p.m.
  - Daily admission is \$7 per person, \$5 after 5 p.m.
  - Pool passes and coupon books also available

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## Ash Borer (continued from page 6)

### Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and tree ordinance

The City Council plans to formally adopt the New Hope Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan at its July 28 meeting. Later in the summer, the City Council will consider changes to the city ordinance which will give the city forester the authority to condemn both public and private ash trees in the same way that the forester can currently condemn elms infested with dutch elm disease and oaks impacted by oak wilt.

New Hope also hired a forestry intern to work with the city forester throughout the summer. The intern's primary responsibility will be to complete an inventory of New Hope's boulevard and park trees. The tree inventory involves counting, determining the species, and assessing the condition of each of New Hope's public trees.

While the primary focus in 2010 will be to begin removing boulevard ash trees, the city will also begin removing ash trees in city parks that are either structurally deficient or unhealthy. The city does not plan to treat any public ash trees with insecticide.

### Ash wood quarantine

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) implemented a quarantine of hardwood firewood, ash trees and as products in Hennepin, Ramsey and Houston counties. To slow the spread of emerald ash borer, the quarantine prohibits the movement of the following items out of those counties and counties contiguous to a quarantined county:

- Firewood from hardwood (non-coniferous) species.

- Entire ash trees.
- Ash limbs and branches.
- Ash logs or untreated ash lumber with bark attached.
- Uncomposted ash chips and uncomposted ash bark chips greater than one inch in two of the three dimensions.

Residents may dispose of ash wood from their New Hope property by burning it at their home or hauling it to a designated disposal site. The best alternative locally is the Maple Grove Yard Waste site, which accepts tree segments up to 10 inches in diameter and is free to New Hope residents. It is also important for residents to remember that it is illegal to transport any hardwood firewood from New Hope to a cabin or campground in another part of the state. Remember, the best firewood is local firewood.

For more information about the New Hope Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, call the city forester at 763-592-6777. For more information about the emerald ash borer beetle and the infestation, visit [emeraldashborer.info](http://emeraldashborer.info) or [www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab](http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab).



Ash borer larvae bore through the wood of ash trees just below the bark, disrupting the flow of nutrients and eventually killing the tree. If you transport ash wood, you can unwittingly spread the infestation.

## Solicitors (continued from page 1)

right to freedom of religion or speech are exempt from the registration requirement, are not charged a fee, and are only required to provide limited information to the city.

For New Hope residents who prefer not to have solicitors randomly knocking on their door, perhaps the best approach continues to be to display a "No Solicitation" sign at their front door. New Hope's solicitor ordinance continues to prohibit door-to-door solicitation if a property has a "No Solicitation" sign clearly displayed within one foot of the front door of the premises.

Other issues addressed in New Hope's solicitor's ordinance §8-6(d) include:

- Businesses may not solicit in New Hope residential areas between the hours of 8 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- Sales people may not engage in harassing, intimidating, abusive or threatening behavior.
- Solicitors must leave the premises when requested by the occupant.

For more information about New Hope's solicitor ordinance, call the city clerk at 763-531-5100. If a solicitor is threatening or uses inappropriate tactics, call 911 immediately.

## Website is clearinghouse for free, reusable items

Twin Cities Free Market ([www.twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org)) is a local website where you can list items to give away or search for free items available in your community. Twin Cities Free Market is an easy, fast and free way to find new homes for reusable items you no longer need.

The Free Market provides people with the opportunity to easily reuse items and reduce the amount of new things they buy. It also diverts materials that can be difficult to dispose of from the waste stream (e.g. appliances and electronics) and redirects those items to someone who will appreciate and use them. Reuse is a big part of a comprehensive zero-waste strategy because reusing as much as possible helps to demonstrate that waste really is preventable, not inevitable!

Visit New Hope's website for up-to-date information about city programs, services and events...  
[www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us)

## Fournier named Employee of the Quarter

Tim Fournier, a sergeant in the New Hope Police Department, was named New Hope Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2010 for taking on extra responsibilities in the absence of a coworker.

Fournier was recognized for taking over direct supervision of the police clerical staff while the department's office supervisor was out on an extended leave. In addition to performing his regular responsibilities, Fournier provided oversight to the department's clerical staff, which is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week operation. Fournier made sure that police records management, booking of prisoners, front counter customer contact, and part-time staffing were all kept on track. Fournier's nominator noted, "Tim has efficiently handled the added responsibilities and kept up with the work flow." Sergeant Fournier's regular job responsibilities include supervising the police investigations division, the school resource officers, and the community service officer. He has worked at the city of New Hope since 1987, first as a firefighter and then as a police officer. Fournier served as a patrol officer from 1993 until he was promoted to sergeant in 1999. He has a Bachelors degree in Management and a Masters Degree in



Sergeant Tim Fournier

Management and Human Resources from Cardinal Stritch College. He also attended the FBI Academy in 2006 for advanced training in law, behavioral science, forensic science, terrorism, leadership development, communications and health/fitness.

Recipients of New Hope Employee of the Quarter recognition are nominated by coworkers and selected by a committee with representatives from each city department. Congratulations to Sergeant Tim Fournier on being selected for the award!

## Wellness program honored

The city of New Hope received a 2010 Wellness by Design Award presented by Hennepin County Wellness by Design in mid-June.

New Hope has had a wellness program for employees since the early 1990s. The program encourages participating employees to eat nutritiously, exercise and have annual doctor visits.

This is the city's third bronze Wellness by Design Award. New Hope was also recognized in 2006 and 2009. The award is presented to cities that show commitment to creating policies, programs, and environments that support and encourage employee health.

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evaluation of options for adding showers and toilets to the locker rooms.

The ice arena engineering study group also discussed a variety of other improvements that may be considered at the New Hope Ice Arena in the future. These included the possibility of a larger, more attractive lobby and the potential for adding a gymnastics center to the ice arena site. An architect prepared drawings to represent how those potential projects might be integrated into the existing building.

### What's next?

This article has touched on just a few of the many issues addressed in detail in the New Hope Ice Arena engineering study. Stevens Engineers expects to complete its work with the study group and submit a report to the City Council in August. The city of New Hope received a grant from Xcel Energy to pay for up to 75 percent of the engineering study. For more information about the study, watch for the report on the city's website later this summer.

## City Day (continued from page 1)

- dance program sampler at 10 a.m.

Across the street, the New Hope Community Farmers Market is having a Public Safety Day special event. Firefighters from West Metro Fire Rescue District plan to bring a couple fire trucks and the Fire Safety House and fire sprinkler trailer will teach kids important lessons about fire safety in dramatic fashion. And, as always, there will be all those awesome farm-fresh veggies, fruits, crafts, and other great items to enjoy at the market.

Weather permitting, most City Day activities will be outside in front of City Hall, 4401 Xylon Ave. N. and at the New Hope Outdoor Theatre which is just west of City Hall. Don't miss the fun, Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, visit New Hope's website, [www.ci.new-hope.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-hope.mn.us).

## Wet & Wild Water Fun Day

August 6, 12:30-3 p.m.  
Lions Valley Place Park  
6822 32nd Ave. N., Crystal  
\$3 per person - Pay at the park

