



# EAST BETHEL BULLETIN

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## 2014 Budget Update & Special Meeting on October 10th

by Jack Davis, City Administrator

The City Council's review of the proposed 2014 budget began in July and continued through August.

At the September 4, 2013 City Council meeting a *preliminary* tax levy and budget for 2014 will be adopted. In addition, a City Council meeting in December will be chosen to discuss the 2014 budget prior to the adoption of the final budget and tax levy.

The City Council is also going to hold a **Special Meeting on Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the Sewer Bonds and tax increases associated with these bonds.** City Council and staff will be available to answer any questions property owners may have.

The 2014 Preliminary Budget is available at [www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us](http://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us) under Government/Finance/Budget. A paper copy is also available for viewing at the City Hall Reception Desk.

In November, property owners should receive a notice of proposed property taxes payable year in 2014 from Anoka County. This notice will indicate the December 2013 City Council meeting date and time that the budget will be discussed.

**Mark your Calendars! Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall is the Special Meeting to discuss the Sewer Bonds and tax increases associated with these bonds.**

## Mark Your Calendars

### --Fall Town Hall Meeting--

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Open House -- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Questions and Answers 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (in Council Chambers)

Open House 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

See you at the East Bethel Community/Senior Center  
2241 221st Avenue NE  
East Bethel, MN 55011

Call City Hall at 763-367-7840 if you have any questions!

East Bethel's citywide

# FALL RECYCLE DAY

Saturday,  
September 21st  
8 a.m.—1 p.m.

East Bethel  
Ice Arena

## NEW!

The Salvation Army  
joins up for  
Fall Recycle Day!

The Salvation Army will  
have a Donation Truck  
available at our event,  
and will be collecting:

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Kitchen Items
- Collectables
- Sporting Equipment
- Furniture (must be in good condition, with no stains, tears, or scratches, and accompanied by at least 3 bags/boxes of the above items.)



Questions?  
Call: 763-367-7840

# ALL THOSE WITH SOMETHING TO RECYCLE, RAISE YOUR HAND.



### Bulbs

Fluorescent bulbs (4'+): **\$1**  
HIDS bulbs: **\$2**



### Appliances\*\*

Dishwasher, Furnace, Garbage Disposal, Humidifier, Microwave, Stove, Trash Compactor, Washer, Dryer, or Water Heater: **\$5**

Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Freezer, Refrigerator, or Water Softener: **\$10**

Gas Refrigerators (Ammonia or LP):  
min **\$75**

*\*\*Appliances should be free of food and debris, not compacted. No commercial appliances.*



### Items We're

#### Collecting for FREE

- Scrap Metal (*Freimuth Enterprises*)
- Computer hard drives/disk drives, cables, circuit boards
- Used bicycles
- Used oil and oil filters (*East Side Oil*)
- Ink jet cartridges, cell phones & rechargeable batteries (*East Bethel Royalty*)
- Automotive batteries, used eyeglasses/hearing aids, laser cartridges & food shelf donations (*Cedar/East Bethel Lions & Lionesses*)
- Worn out/torn flags (*Cub Scout Pack #521*)



### Electronics

Small/Medium Electronics\* (CD/VCR DVD Player, Camera, Electric Clock, Scanner, Small Radio, Stereo Receiver or Console, Vacuum, Cordless Drill Saw, Fax Machine, Printer, Keyboard, or Electronic Toy): ~~X~~ **FREE!**

Computer (Laptop or Tower) or Monitor: ~~X~~ **FREE!**

Copier—Sm/Med (up to 50 lbs): **\$5**  
Lg. (over 50 lbs): **\$10**

Treadmill: **\$5**

TV (30" or smaller): **\$10**  
(31"+, and console/projection): **\$20**



### Tires

Tires: **\$4**, Semi tires: **\$10**



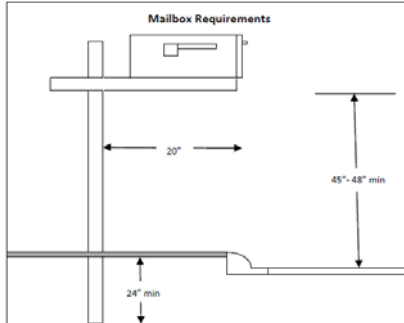
Representatives  
reserve the right to  
refuse items.

These events are sponsored by the City of East Bethel and the Cedar/East Bethel Lions & Lionesses. Partially funded by Anjala County Board of Commissioners & State SOORE Fund.

# What's Happening at Public Works? Fall 2013

by Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager

Fall is a good time to check the construction and sturdiness of your mailbox prior to the snow-plow season. Mailboxes can be especially vulnerable to damage from snow removal operations. When inspecting your mailbox, make sure it is installed so that the bottom edge is 45" to 48" above street level; with the post 20" back from the curb or front of the box. That amount of clearance is needed to keep the plows wing from hitting the box. If there are any plastic newspaper tubes attached to the mailbox, they should be above 45" height requirement as well. Check to make sure the construction is stable enough to withstand the force of the wet snow and ice coming off of the wing of the snowplow.



The City does not assume liability

for mailboxes damaged during normal plowing operations, unless it is determined the plow made direct contact with a mailbox meeting the installation requirements. Decorative and plastic mailboxes are not within the requirements and will not be replaced if damaged.

## Snow and Ice Removal

Snowplow operators try to evenly distribute the snow along the route, but in some instances limited space can make this difficult. For safer streets and faster, more thorough service, our snowplow drivers urge you to remember:

- No Parking on any public street from November 1 to March 31 between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am.
- No Parking on any public street after a 2 inch snowfall, as determined by the Public Works Manager, between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm until the road has been plowed the full width.
- Keep a safe distance from the snowplow. They can weigh 17 times more than the average car and frequently back up.

- Think safely. Plan on traffic delays following a snowfall.
- Protect your kids! Remember it is dangerous for children to play in snow banks along city streets where snowplow operators are unable to see them.
- Do not plow, shovel, or blow snow into or across any city street or store any snow in the city right-of-way.
- Garbage cans and recycle bins should be placed behind the curb in the driveway, not in the street.
- Do not place metal stakes, boulders, or permanent structures in the road right-of-way area (typically 33 feet from the center of the road on residential streets). Staking the curb line with temporary wooden lathe or fiberglass markers is acceptable and does make it easier for plow operators to distinguish the road edge under the blanket of snow.

If you have any issues or need to report a public works related problem please call Nate Ayshford at 763-367-7876. We depend on and encourage your assistance in reporting any safety or maintenance matters and will respond to any of your comments or concerns in a timely manner. Thanks for all your help.

## Looking for....Exceptional Teenagers and Young Adults!!

*The East Bethel Explorer Post is committed to offering outstanding learning opportunities to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old in the Fire and Emergency Services field.*

*Our Explorer members are trained in **Firefighting and Rescue Services** and become a valuable part of the operation of the East Bethel Fire Department. Our Explorer Members are from local high schools and neighboring cities.*

*You will learn: Emergency call protocols, firefighting*

*policies and procedures, team-building and proper equipment usage. You will develop: Leadership skills, respect for firefighters and explorers, and new personal skills.*

**Take the Challenge and Join a Group That Makes a Difference in Your Community! Join East Bethel Fire Explorer Post #3796.**

**Contact Lieutenant Tammy Gimpl at 763-367-7885 or by e-mail at [gratitodefarms@msn.com](mailto:gratitodefarms@msn.com).**



## New Employee Spotlight



My name is Mike Jeziorski and I am the new Finance Director at the City of East Bethel. I have a BA in Finance and MBA from the University of St. Thomas. I have been work-

ing in City government for roughly eight years. I look forward to being a positive contributor to the City of East Bethel team.



Congratulations to the newly crowned 2013-2014 East Bethel Royalty!

L to R: Little Miss Krisdi Knutson, sponsored by G.E. Knutson, Inc. Princess Erika McDonough, sponsored by East Bethel Fire Department Miss East Bethel Heidi Holthus, sponsored by Triton Security Solutions Junior Princess Rachel Wiederhold, sponsored by East Bethel Village Bank [www.eastbethelroyalty.org](http://www.eastbethelroyalty.org)

Photo compliments of Ryan Lucas Photography

# Fire Department Open House

When??? Saturday, October 12, 2013 — 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where??? Fire Station No. 1, 2751 Viking Boulevard NE

**What's Happening???** • Demonstrations and activities for everyone! • **Learn what it takes to become a firefighter!** • Come see and explore our fire station! • **Learn what it takes to join our youth fire exploring program!** • Bring a non-perishable food item to support the local food-shelf!! • **Lions' Club vs. Fire Department Chile Contest! You get to be the judges!**

## Community/Senior Center Events

2241 221st Avenue NE



Senior Dances  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm  
1st Friday of the Month  
(\$5.00 admission)

Senior Meetings  
10:30 am  
Third Thursday of the  
Month

Interested in joining  
the East Bethel Senior  
Group??? No forms to fill  
out. Just call  
President Ken Langmade  
at 763-413-3409 for details.  
Annual dues are just \$7.00  
per person.

Pancake Breakfast  
8:30 am - Noon  
2nd Sunday of the Month  
(Cost is \$5 for adults - \$2 for  
children under 10)

For rental information  
Contact Dennis Swen at  
763-434-9244

## Rum River Watershed Gets Check-up, Plan

An effort is underway to protect and improve water quality in the almost one million acre Rum River watershed. With its beginning at Lake Mille Lacs, most of the Rum River is a State Scenic and Recreational Waterway. The Rum is known for canoeing, smallmouth bass fishing, and high water quality. Many of the watershed's tributaries and lakes, including lakes George and East Twin, are also of high quality.

The Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Project (WRAP), which just began, aims to protect all of this. Some lakes and streams in the watershed are "impaired" and fail to meet state water quality standards. For these, a plan for improvement, or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study will be completed.



The WRAP will include:

Water quality monitoring (2013-14).

Special investigations of water quality problems (2014).

Computer modeling to answer "what if" questions (2013-15).

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) planning (2015-16).

A WRAP report that prescribes future management approaches (2015-16).

After completion of the WRAP, local agencies will implement projects to protect and improve water quality. State funding, including the State Clean Water Fund from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, will ensure financial support exists



for these projects.

At the most local level, the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO)

will be working for the Rum River and our lakes. The URRWMO is a joint powers organization of the Cities of Bethel, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Nowthen, Oak Grove and St. Francis. Learn more at [www.URRWMO.org](http://www.URRWMO.org).

The WRAP is funded and overseen by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Anoka Conservation District is the project lead. Nine other counties in the watershed are also involved. For more information on the Rum River WRAP project visit [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us) and search for "Rum River WRAP."

## Selecting a Smoke Alarm

A smoke alarm is one of those amazing inventions that, due to mass production, costs practically nothing. You can get an effective smoke alarm for as little as \$7. And while they cost very little, smoke alarms save thousands of lives each year.

Minnesota law requires every home to have at least one smoke alarm per level. In new and remodeled construction, a smoke alarm must be installed in each sleeping room and in a point centrally located in the corridor. These alarms must be interconnected.

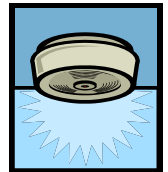
All smoke alarms consist of two basic parts — a sensor to sense the smoke and a very loud electronic horn to awaken and alert people.

### Smoke Alarm Types

#### Battery powered:

A battery-powered alarm is a basic smoke alarm with

a hinged-cover that opens for easy battery replacement without removing the unit from the ceiling. Many features are available, including an "escape light" to illuminate a path to safety when the alarm sounds. A Silence/Test button tests alarm functions and silences nuisance alarms.



#### AC powered:

An AC powered (hardwired) smoke alarm. A Test/Reset button tests the alarm and resets the memory. It may have inter-connect abilities and other features.

#### AC powered with battery back-up:

A 120-Volt, AC powered smoke alarm with battery back-up for single or multiple station use. It may include a false alarm control feature that allows the user to quiet an unwanted alarm for up to 15 minutes.

## Crime Prevention & Safety Tips

By Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart

**T**he Anoka County Sheriff's Office would like you to consider a few crime prevention and safety tips with the changing seasons. Fall has arrived and with it kids will be going back to school and daylight savings time will end. All those activities previously done in daylight will now occur in darkness. Going to your vehicle after work, picking up your children from daycare or school and most of your evening activities.

**Back to School.** The Anoka County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that a lot of kids will cross streets on foot and on bikes; they will be out playing in playgrounds, and taking the bus to and from school. Many younger kids will not pay attention to vehicles.

**Parents** . Please, remind your kids about safe crossing actions at intersections. Take time to practice with them. Try the Pause, and Proceed method:

**Pause** – Look both ways - ensure there are no vehicles on the road-

way. Wait for vehicles to completely stop.

**Proceed** – Cross the roadway - scan the road for any vehicles that may not see you.

**Drivers.** Be aware that children may not be paying attention to you when you drive in or around a school.

**Slow down.** Be prepared to stop – sports equipment often lands on the roadway when kids play. Take time to ensure school kids make it to and from school safely. When approaching a school bus, be mindful and proceed with caution. You may not see kids getting on or off the bus.

**Crime Prevention.**  
**Consider Motion Sensor lights;** criminals don't like bright lights. A carefully placed floodlight on a motion sensor is an economical way to prevent people from lurking in the shadows.

**Keep your doors locked.** Most car thefts and burglaries are spon-

taneous events. If a thief is confronted with a locked door it is likely that he will move on to the next house or car.

**Don't leave valuables in your car.** You would not believe how many people will leave valuable electronics like laptops and brief cases and smartphones in an unlocked car. Lock your car always and never leave anything tempting to a thief in any vehicle.

**Where are your serial numbers?** When we solve a burglary one of our priorities is returning property to the rightful owner. That is why it is important to keep those serial numbers listed somewhere.

**Don't be afraid to call!** You know what is normal for your neighborhood and what is out of the ordinary. If you see any suspicious activities don't hesitate to call us at (763) 427-1212 or call 911 to report a crime.

## New East Bethel Chamber of Commerce

By Colleen Winter, Community Development Director/City Planner

We are excited to announce that East Bethel has recently formed a Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 8:00 am. The locations will vary month to month, but will be hosted by Chamber members.

“Anyone who is a business owner, individual, or part of a non-profit organization is encouraged to attend our meetings, we are actively seeking members and are ready to work with the City to attract new businesses to our community and help our existing business community grow and prosper,” states Daree Selby, President of the East Bethel Chamber.

For more information or to become a member, please contact Rockie at cell (763) 286-0272 or e-mail [secretary@eastbethelchamber.com](mailto:secretary@eastbethelchamber.com).



# Home Heating and Winter Fire Safety

by Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage.

Fireplaces are burning wood and man made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires.

Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards and following these safety tips.

## Wood Stoves

Wood stoves cause over 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Look for solid construction, such as plate steel or cast iron metal. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not



green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

## Electric Space Heaters

Buy only heaters with the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) safety listing. Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables; don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space; keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

## Kerosene Heaters

Buy only UL-approved heaters and check with your local fire department on the legality of kerosene heater use in your community. Never fill your heater with gasoline or camp stove fuel; both flare-up easily. Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene. Never overfill any portable heater. Use the kerosene heater in a well ventilated room.

## Fireplaces

Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires.

Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

For more information, please contact your Fire Department at:

East Bethel Fire Department  
2241 221<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE  
East Bethel, MN 55011

763-367-7885

It is that time of year again!

Just a reminder about **Winter Parking Restrictions** --

Nighttime Restrictions are as follows: No motor vehicle shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day from November 1 to March 31.

Daytime Restrictions are as follows: No motor vehicle shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on any day when there has been an accumulation of snow to a depth of two or more inches during the preceding 24 hour period commencing as of 4:00 a.m. on the day of the parking restriction. The public works manager shall determine whether there has been a snowfall requiring such a parking restriction.

## North Anoka County Emergency Foodshelf & Clothing Closet

Are you planning a food drive? Or, do you have any extra brown grocery bags or plastic grocery bags? Could you add just one or two items to your groceries every month to help feed a family in need in our community?

North Anoka County Emergency Foodshelf & Clothing Closet's (NACE's) mission is to provide food and clothing for people in need



through the generosity of our community.

### How to help:

Make a food or clothing donation. Please call 763-434-7685 to make a donation or stop by during distribution hours. Clothing (in season) is accepted.

Volunteering your time and talent is a great way to help your neighbors in need and support NACE.

Work with clients during food and

clothing distribution, pick up food donations and deliver them to NACE, weighing, sorting food and clothing, and restocking shelves. Front desk/receptionist. Call Colleen Young at 763-434-7685 or e-mail [assistant@nacefoodshelf.org](mailto:assistant@nacefoodshelf.org) to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Hold a Food or Fund Drive for NACE! Each \$1.00 donated can be turned into \$8.60 by NACE.

Go to [www.nacefoodshelf.org](http://www.nacefoodshelf.org) for more information.

### Five Ways to Cut Printing Costs!

Cutting costs is always a good idea, especially if it doesn't take a lot of effort. The printing environment is a good place to start. Here are a few tips to reduce the cost of toner, paper and energy.

**Think before printing** – before hitting the print button, decide if you really need a hard copy. It might be more efficient to share the document electronically rather than on paper.

**Duplex printing** – use less paper by printing on both sides of the paper. Duplex printing can save you up to 50% of your paper costs.

**Print black and white** – if you review the content of a document, you may not need to see it in color. Print in black and white whenever possible, since it is less expensive than color ink or toner.

**Change default settings** – set the printer's default setting to draft or economy to save toner or ink. You can change it when you need a "good" copy. Since most printed files are discarded within a few hours of use, this should save a lot.

**Print only text** – when you need to print from a webpage, only select the text you need. Highlight the specific information you want to print with your mouse and then select Print from your browser. Check "selection only" and you will eliminate ads, images and other items you don't need.

A little thinking and a few setting changes can reduce the amount of ink, toner, and paper you use. That is money saved that you can put to other uses.

### Looking for Pictures

We are looking for pictures for the City website. Please submit them to [wendy.warren@ci.east-bethel.mn.us](mailto:wendy.warren@ci.east-bethel.mn.us). If you are submitting photos of people/kids, as a general rule, please make sure you get permission to use them. It's always better to ask permission than forgiveness in this case and especially when children are involved.



Photos should be 800 x 600 pixels and 72 dpi and in jpg format.

If you have any questions, call Wendy at 763-367-7853.



# Sunrise River, Local Lakes WRAP Nears Completion

An effort is underway to protect and improve water quality in the entire Sunrise River watershed. The watershed of 381 square miles includes northeast Anoka County and parts of Chisago, Isanti, Washington, and Pine Counties. It is known for abundant lakes and wild, meandering streams. Unfortunately, it also has some water quality problems. This is concerning for its own sake but also because it drains to the St. Croix River. In Anoka County the following water bodies fail to meet state water quality standards and are deemed “impaired:”

- West Branch of the Sunrise River, which flows through Martin Lake (pH, turbidity, fish, macro invertebrates)
- South Branch of the Sunrise River, which flows through the Carlos Avery WMA (dissolved oxygen)
- Linwood, Martin, and Typo Lakes (nutrients)

Various others (mercury in fish tissue, addressed by other state efforts)

Work underway is in two parts:

First, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study is nearly com-

plete. This technical document is required by the Federal Clean Water Act and specifies the amount by which pollutants need to be reduced to meet water quality standards. It applies to the impaired waters listed above, except Martin and Typo Lakes which already have a separate TMDL. A public comment period will be open later this year.

Secondly, a Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan (WRAP) is being drafted. It builds from the TMDL by prescribing work needed to improve water quality, including locations and approaches. It looks at both improving impaired waters and protecting good water quality where it exists. Projects identified are eligible for greater State funding, but must be locally led.

Locally, the Sunrise River Water-



Linwood Lake is one impaired waterbody covered by management plans under development.

shed Management Organization (SRWMO) is central to managing these water bodies. The SRWMO is a joint powers organization covering Linwood Township and parts of Columbus, East Bethel, and Ham Lake. To learn more visit [www.SRWMO.org](http://www.SRWMO.org).

More about these projects in the Sunrise River Watershed can be found on the MN Pollution Control website. Specific questions can be directed to Jamie Schurbon at the Anoka Conservation District – [jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org](mailto:jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org) or 763-434-2030 ext. 12.

## Burning Permits

The City of East Bethel regulates open burning within the City. Burning permits are available at City Hall or from Fire Wardens below (please call them first to let them know you are coming):

Don & Sherri Anderson 4574 Wild Rice Drive NE 763-434-4390	Gary & Kathy Stern 1105 Klondike Dr. NE 763-434-7442	Don & MaryAnn Griep 2810 Viking Blvd. NE 763-434-5979
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## Phone Numbers for Community Services

### **East Bethel City Hall Numbers:**

Main Number	763-367-7840
Fax	763-434-9578
Building Department	763-367-7844
Public Works Department	763-367-7875
Fire Department (Non Emergency)	763-367-7885
Ice Arena	763-434-0397

### **East Bethel Senior/Community Center Numbers:**

EB Senior President (Ken Langmade)	763-413-3409
Senior/Comm. Center Rental	763-434-9244

### **Anoka County Numbers:**

Main Number	763-421-4760
Crime Watch	763-767-4664
Commissioners	763-323-5700
Community Action Program	763-783-4700
Household Hazardous Waste	763-323-5730
License Bureau	763-323-5777
Police (Non Emergency)	763-427-1212
Property Records/Taxation	763-323-5400
Senior Information Line	763-783-4707
Traveler (Transportation)	763-422-7075
Veterans Services	763-323-5290

**City Assessor—Ken Tolzmann** 651-464-4862

### **Coon Lake Community Center:**

Rentals, Membership, etc: 651-982-4628

### **Electrical Permits and Inspections**

Brian Nelson 763-434-4853

### **Food Shelf—North Anoka County:**

NACE/Clothing Closet 763-434-7463

**Gopher State One Call** 651-454-0002

### **Mn. Dept. of Health**

Well Management 651-643-2113

### **Post Office**

**Bethel—55005** 763-434-3000

**Cedar/EB—55011** 763-434-7200

**Wyoming—55092** 651-462-5252

### **School Districts:**

Forest Lake District 831 651-982-8100

St. Francis District 15 763-753-7040

(additional numbers are listed on the City website)

## Operation ID?

**By Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart**

### **Is Operation ID Still Around?**

The answer is yes. Operation ID is a program that was created to reduce burglaries by making your valuables identifiable and less desirable to steal. Operation Identification is an excellent community project which promotes citizen awareness of crime prevention strategies.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office is a strong advocate for Operation ID. Many times deputies have taken burglary reports from residents who did not know the make, model, or serial number of their stolen property. This makes it difficult for us to recover their valuables. Often during our investigations, we come across property that we know to be stolen, but we are unable to trace the owners. By using Operation ID, your valuables will be traceable back to you and it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods and can aid in the prosecution of defendants.

Engraving the Operation ID number on individual items is not always required. By recording the description and serial number of your valuables on the *Property Sheet* we provide, most items are easily traceable by the serial number. For items such as jewelry we recommend taking a photo of each piece and keeping it with your *Property Sheet*. For large or heavy equipment you may use for work such as tools, air compressors, and chainsaws we do recommend that you etch in your Operation ID number that we will provide. Other items to remember:

- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Boat Motors and Equipment
- Lawn and Landscaping Equipment
- Bicycles and non-licensed off-road vehicles
- Guns
- Sporting Equipment

When your sheet is completed, make two copies and keep one in a secure

location outside of your home - possibly at your place of employment or with a trusted friend or relative. This information form is also helpful if you need to file a claim with your insurance company.

Once your items are marked, place your Operation ID stickers on entry doors and windows around your home or business. As you acquire new property, be sure to update your records.

It is easy to get started! Contact the Laura Landes in the Crime Prevention Unit at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office [laura.landes@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:laura.landes@co.anoka.mn.us) or 763.767.4664 for instructions, property sheets, and stickers will be sent to you. The more difficult you make this for the thieves, the safer your property will be.



**EAST BETHEL  
MEETING SCHEDULE**

**If you plan to attend any of these meetings, please call City Hall at 763-367-7840 to confirm times and locations, or consult the City's website at [www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us](http://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us).**

City Council	Sept. 4	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	Sept. 13	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	Sept. 14	7:00 pm	City Hall
Economic Dev. Authority	Sept. 16	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	Sept. 18	7:30 pm	City Hall
Planning Commission	Sept. 24	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	Oct. 2	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	Oct. 8	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	Oct. 9	7:00 pm	City Hall
Public Meeting to Discuss Tax Increase	Oct. 10	6:30 pm	City Hall
City Council	Oct. 16	7:30 pm	City Hall
Economic Dev. Authority	Oct. 21	7:00 pm	City Hall
Planning Commission	Oct. 22	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	Nov. 6	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	Nov. 12	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	Nov. 13	7:00 pm	City Hall
Economic Dev. Authority	Nov. 18	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	Nov. 20	7:30 pm	City Hall
Town Hall Meeting	Nov. 21	6:00 pm	Senior Ctr.
Planning Commission	Nov. 26	7:00 pm	City Hall

**Coon Lake Beach  
Community Center  
Activities**

**182 Forest Road NE  
[www.coonlakebeach.org](http://www.coonlakebeach.org)  
651-982-4628**

**Membership Meeting**  
2nd Monday of the Month  
7:00 pm  
October 14  
November 11  
December 9

**Senior Lunch**  
4th Thursday of each month at noon  
Everyone is Welcome!  
October 24  
(No lunch Nov. or Dec.)

**Pancake Breakfast**  
3rd Sunday of the month  
9:00 am—12:00 (Noon)  
October 6  
October 20

**Coffee Time**  
1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month  
10:00 am  
October 3 & 17  
November 7 & 21

**Crafts - Every Tuesday at 9:00 am**

**Bingo is the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm**

**Narcotics Anonymous -  
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm -  
call Paul at 651-336-0381  
for more info.**

**Volunteers are  
Needed!  
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