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City Administrator Report By Jack Davis, City Administrator

New Business Locates in East Bethel

Aggressive Hydraulics, a hydraulics manufacturer and rebuild company, conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for their new facility in East Bethel, Minnesota on October 8, 2012. The new facility will encompass 60,000 SF and will be located in the area served by East Bethel's new water and sewer project. Currently the company has 45 employees, with this number expected to increase to 75 within the next ten years. Aggressive Hydraulics was recently recognized as one of the top emerging businesses by Minnesota Business Magazine and will be located at 18800 Ulysses Street.



This is a fast-growing company, targeting local, regional, national and global markets. This is precisely the type of project that East Bethel is now suited for, and it builds on the City's recently completed economic development plan that is designed to stimulate job growth and increase investment in the City.

The City of East Bethel is pleased that Aggressive Hydraulics has selected this site for their relocation. Aggressive Hydraulics recognized the competitive advantages that a community like East Bethel can bring to a company, including ready highway access, available sites, utility infrastructure and a pro-business

community environment.

The City and Aggressive Hydraulics have worked hand in hand during all phases of this project. Paul Johnson, President of Aggressive Hydraulics and an East Bethel resident, stated that "the City of East Bethel has worked with us each step of the way, and has made us feel welcome in the community, which confirms that this is the right decision for our business."

This project represents a five million dollar capital investment in the City and Aggressive Hydraulics has plans to expand this facility to 100,000 SF within the next 3 years. This development represents the type of light industry that the City seeks to attract as one of the components of our growth goals in the Highway 65 Corridor.

This project was the collaboration of efforts of Aggressive Hydraulics, the City of East Bethel and the developer, Classic Construction Company. The City extends its thanks and appreciation to all those involved in making this project a reality.



New Employee Spotlight



Community Development Director/ City Planner Position Filled

The City has hired Colleen Winter as the new Community Development Director/City Planner. Colleen began her duties on December 4, 2012 and has extensive experience as an Employment Specialist, Retail Economic Development Consultant, Community Development Director and City Planner. Colleen will be working closely with the East Bethel EDA to implement the City's economic development efforts and perform the duties of the City Planner.

The focus of this position will be the retention and expansion of existing business, solicitation of new business and addressing the City's land use and zoning concerns.



Introducing...

**City of
East Bethel**

Drop-Off Saturdays



**Last Saturday of
EACH MONTH:
DEC 29**

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon



EAST BETHEL RECYCLING CENTER
2761 Viking Blvd NE

Items Accepted:

- Automotive Batteries—Free
- Tires—\$5
- TVs—\$10/SM, \$30/LG
- Large TVs are 28" + and/or consoles
- Electronics—\$5
- Computer, Vacuum, Fax, Scanner, Printer, CD/DVD/VCR player, Cordless tool, etc.
- Appliances—\$10
- Dishwasher, Furnace, Humidifier, Microwave, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Air Conditioner, etc.

Have some scrap metal to get rid of? We are now accepting it year-round at the recycling center. Help us meet our recycling requirements. If you turn in recyclables at a redemption site, drop off a copy of your weight slip at the Recycling Center.

Thank you!

For more information call City Hall— 763-367-7840

Community/Senior Center Events

2241 221st Avenue NE

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

Senior Meetings
10:30 a.m.
Third Thursday of the Month

Interested in joining the East Bethel Senior Group???

No forms to fill out.
Just call

President Barb Kunshier at 763-434-6179 for details.
Annual dues are just \$7.00 per person.

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

For rental information
Contact Barb Kunshier at 763-434-6179

What's Happening at Public Works? Winter 2012

by Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager

Winter Reminders from Public Works -

The City of East Bethel has established a goal of plowing all streets along our 5 plow routes within 12 hours after plowing operations have begun following a storm with accumulations totaling over 2 inches. Our plow operators are on-call for the entire winter and can report to work within 1½ hours notice.

Main roads are generally plowed first, followed by neighborhood streets, and cul-de-sacs. Some cul-de-sacs are plowed with smaller vehicles following the first pass of the snow plow. 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 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- No Parking on any public street after a 2 inch snowfall, as determined by the Public Works Manager, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. 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 plowed street.
- Garbage cans and recycle bins should be placed behind the curb in the driveway, not in the street. Plow operators cannot leave their vehicles to move objects in the road.
- Do not place metal stakes, boulders, trees, landscaping or other permanent structures in the road right-of-way area. Staking the curb line with temporary wooden lathe is acceptable and does make it easier for plow operators to distinguish the road edge under the blanket of snow.

Mailbox Checklist — 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 47" above street level; with the post 36" back from the curb or front of the box. That amount of clearance is needed to keep the plow's 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.

Tree Trimming — Winter is the best time for pruning and removing trees. Property owners should use this time to make sure

any of their trees growing in or onto the road-right-of-way are not going to interfere with vehicle visibility, contact any larger vehicles, or block any signs. The Public Works Department will also routinely prune and remove trees along city streets throughout the winter months.

Winter Outdoor Recreation Opportunities— During the winter months, the lighted outdoor ice skating rink at the East Bethel Arena will be available for open skating from noon to 10:00 p.m. daily. A warming house is available on site and restroom facilities are available in the adjacent arena. Please contact City Hall or the Ice Arena Manager with any questions.

Cross Country skiing is available at the Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve. The 3.5 miles of trails will be open upon the first appreciable snowfall of the season and remain open as long as snow and skiing conditions permit. The Savanna Loop, South Bank, and East Shore Ski Trails are located at the northern end of Durant Street and are served by a 30 space gravel parking lot at the end of the road. Due to the sensitive nature of much of the research that is being conducted at Cedar Creek, it is essential that cross country skiers stay on the trails. The trails are highly visible and well marked and by staying within their limits you will help to insure their continued use and further expansion.

If you have any issues or need to report a 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.

Winter Recreation Safety Tips

by Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart

As cold winter weather settles in around us, many Anoka County residents thoughts turn to winter recreation. Our area lakes offer an abundance of activities including ice fishing, snowmobiling, Cross Country skiing and snowshoeing. While spending time on a frozen lake can be an enjoyable outing, caution must be used and there is always an inherent risk involved in lake ice activities. Every year the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responds to calls of vehicle's and ATV's that go through the ice, and unfortunately, people sometimes fall victim to the unstable ice. By using do care and caution, and by keeping in mind general safety guidelines, you can have a safe and enjoyable winter recreation season on our lakes.

Ice Thickness Safety Guidelines:

Less than 4 inches of ice: Stay off the ice completely. No ice is safe less than 4 inches.

4 inches of ice or thicker: Generally safe for walking and supporting the weight of people and light accessories such as fishing gear or sleds.

5 inches of ice or thicker: Generally safe for snowmobiles and ATV's.

8 to 12 inches of ice or thicker: Generally safe for most cars or small trucks.

15 inches or greater: Generally safe for medium sized pickups or SUV's.

Other Ice Factors to Keep in Mind:

These are general safety guidelines. Ice thickness is not necessarily a guarantee of safety. New ice is more stable than old ice. Four inches of new, clear ice may be stronger than 12 inches of old ice. Also you need to keep in mind that ice does not freeze uniformly. An area of 15

inches of ice may be bordered by an area of 4 inches of ice or even open water. Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can keep areas of ice thinner than surrounding ice or the water may be open even though the air temperature has been bitterly cold for some time. Also, the insulating effect of snow can slow down the freezing process. Visual inspection is not a guarantee of ice thickness or safety!

You can take some precautions by testing the ice thickness yourself using an ice

auger or even a long drill bit and cordless drill. Often time's local residents and bait shops can be reliable sources for how thick or thin the ice is. If you choose to travel in a vehicle over the ice, there are some safety guidelines to be mindful of:

If you are in a car or truck, keep your windows open and doors unlocked. Have an escape plan and make sure all of your passengers are ready to leave the vehicle quickly if need be.

Don't "overdrive" the headlights of your snowmobile or ATV if driving at night. Riders have fallen into open water because their speed was too great to react to the water when they were able to see it. Snowmobile and ATV riders and passengers should wear flotation devices under their winter gear.

What if you fall through the ice?:

If you fall through the ice, there are some survival tips that have been tested and found to be in-

crease the likelihood that you can get yourself out. You should turn toward the direction where you fell through; this is generally a stronger portion of the ice. You should put your arms stretched out over the surface of the ice to support your weight and attempt to lift your head and shoulders out onto the ice. A pair of ice picks or screwdrivers is helpful to support yourself. Do not remove your winter clothing, it will not drag you down, but it will collect air and help to support you.

As you begin to move forward, you may have to lean back to allow water to drain out of your clothes. It is extremely difficult to "climb" out of the ice; you should instead allow your torso to float and then kick your legs and attempt to "swim" out of the ice. Once on top of the ice, don't stand up, roll away from the area you fell in and then walk back the way you came. Find a warm shelter as soon as possible to warm yourself.

These are just a few tips and items of safety to keep in mind. Winter recreation on frozen lakes in Anoka County is a fun activity that many people enjoy year after year without any problems. With a little forethought and caution, you can enjoy outdoor lake recreation year round. The Minnesota DNR has extensive information on their website about lake ice safety. For more information, go to <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/ice/index.html> to read more about the topic or download a brochure.



Rum River Benefits from 1,200+ St. Francis High School Student Volunteers

Science teacher DC Randle declares, "this, they really remember," referring to his students. Why? It's outdoors, catching critters most have never seen, and the work products get used beyond the classroom. When St. Francis science classes assist with long-term Rum River monitoring near the school, they get memorable lessons in biology and math, while working alongside professionals. Watershed managers are happy too; the school's curriculum produces data they use.

Each spring and fall, students use nets to collect macroinvertebrates – mostly aquatic insects. These small critters serve as a gauge of the river's health. Some types are only found where water quality and habitat is good. Others tolerate poorer conditions. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has developed mathematical ways to translate invertebrate samplings into rankings of river health, and made it an official part of state water quality standards.

Over the last 12 years, 1,200+ students have donned waders and captured thousands of invertebrates. They are accompanied by biologists from the Anoka Conservation District who provide instructions on methodology. Their captures are

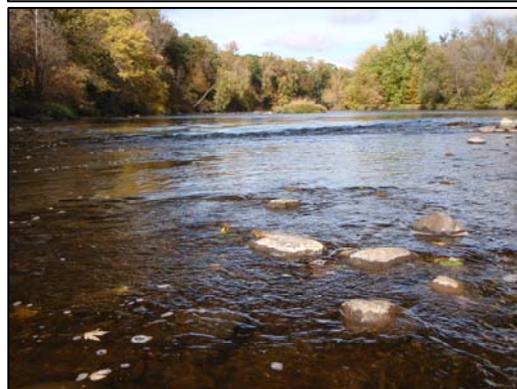
identified and students calculate indices of river health. Then, everything goes to the Anoka Conservation District for quality checks and reporting.

Students have found a rich invertebrate community and many sensitive kinds like stoneflies and mayflies. The Rum River is in great shape. Its invertebrates reflect a river system that has good water quality, has a plentiful fishery, and is used by an assortment of wildlife.

One agency paying special attention to water quality is the Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO). They provide funding for the equipment, professional guidance, and final analyses. The URRWMO is a special purpose unit of government covering St. Francis, Nowthen, Oak Grove, Bethel, and parts of East Bethel and Ham Lake.

To see a video about St. Francis High School and Rum River monitoring, and learn more about the URRWMO visit their website – www.AnokaNaturalResources.com/URRWMO.

Invertebrate photo source: Hennepin Conservation District



Annual Tree & Shrub Sale Anoka Conservation District

The Anoka Conservation District is now accepting preorders for the annual tree and shrub sale. The District offers a wide variety of native stock, including black cherry trees, mixed oak trees, red maple trees, and white pine trees. The trees and shrubs are sold in bare root seedlings or transplants and are approximately 18" to 24" in height. They may be purchased in bundles of ten for \$17, or twenty-five for \$30. Native prairie seed and tree aides are also available.

If you are interested, go online and check out the Anoka Conservation District website at www.AnokaSWCD.org. Once there, you can go to the tree sale products section of the website and click on the species title which contains links to detailed descriptions and photographs of each of the varieties being offered. The website also contains information about the kinds of trees and shrubs to plant in your particular situation along with planting directions. If you would prefer, you may talk directly to Anoka Conservation District staff by calling 763-434-2030.

Furnace Safety Tips

By Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief

It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.

Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.

Make sure that all the snow and ice is clear of your gas meter!

Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.

Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.

Is the chimney solid, without cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.

Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

Other Fire Safety Tips

Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.

Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.

Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.

If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.

If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

AND FINALLY...

Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.

Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.

For more information, please contact your Fire Department at:

East Bethel Fire Department
2241 221st Avenue NE
East Bethel, MN 55011

Wood Stove and Fireplace Safety Tips

By Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

To use them safely: Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly.

Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.

Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.

Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.

Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.

Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.

The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15 to 30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.

Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.

Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.

Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.

If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

**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.

City Council	December 5	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Road Commission	December 11 Cancelled	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Park Commission	December 12	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Planning Commission	December 18	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council	December 19	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Economic Development Authority	December 26 Cancelled	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Road	January 8	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council	January 9	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Park Commission	To Be Determined	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Planning	January 22	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council	January 23	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Economic Development Authority	January 23	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
City Council	February 6	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Road Commission	February 12	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
Park Commission	February 13	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council	February 20	7:30 p.m.	City Hall
Planning Commission	February 26	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Economic Development Authority	February 27	6:30 p.m.	City Hall

**Coon Lake Beach
Community Center
Activities**

182 Forest Road NE

The Community Center will be closed for remodeling during the months of January, February and March, 2013.

You can check their website at www.coonlakebeach.org for more information or call 651-982-4628.

****Reminder****

Parking Restrictions

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.

No motor vehicle shall be parked on any public street between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 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 parking restriction.



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