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## Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting

By Rita Pierce, Fiscal and Support Services Director

In late March, but before March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Anoka County Assessor's Office will be mailing notices of valuation and classification to property owners in the City. These are sometimes included with your current year property tax bill. The information on the notice of valuation and classification is important to you as a property owner as this is the information the County Assessor will use as the value on which your property taxes for 2011 will be calculated.

If you believe the information on the notice is incorrect or, you disagree with the value or classification, or, have any other questions regarding the mailed notice, please contact the City's Assessor, Mr. Ken Tolzman at 651-464-4862. He will discuss the value or classification with you to help you understand how he arrived at the values. If there is something he has missed or is not aware of, he will make the necessary adjustment.

If, after your discussion with the City's Assessor you continue to believe that the valuation and/or classification is incorrect, the City Council, acting as The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, provides a forum to discuss the issues with you. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization has the authority to make changes if the changes can be supported by comparative sales information. Should you wish to appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, please contact the City's Assessor, Mr. Ken Tolzman at 651-464-4862 and give notice of your intent to appear at the hearing.

The City of East Bethel Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet at East Bethel City Hall on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of reviewing and correcting, if appropriate, the 2010 property assessment for taxes payable in 2011.

### DON'T MISS THE EAST BETHEL SPRING TOWN HALL MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010**

**OPEN HOUSE - 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**OPEN HOUSE 8:00 - 9:00 PM**

**EAST BETHEL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

**2241 221ST AVENUE NE**

**CALL 763-367-7840 FOR MORE INFO**

## Road Commission Openings

By Tammy Schutta, HR Director/  
Assistant City Administrator

The Road Commission is charged with reviewing and providing advice to the City Council on road projects and certain public works activities in the community. The Commission has developed and updates City standards for road construction that include minimum requirements for road widths and other public utility requirements. The Road Commission reviews plans to ensure that infrastructure is in accordance with City standards.



The Road Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at City Hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

The City Council will be appointing one resident for a 2-year term.

If you are interested in serving on the Road Commission, you must be a resident of the City of East Bethel and submit the following:

Letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council expressing an interest in the position and identifying why you are interested.

A brief statement of your education, training, and work experience.

A brief narrative that identifies and describes your current involvement in the commu-

nity.

Application materials must be received no later than noon on Friday, April 9, 2010 at City Hall. No faxes or email application materials will be accepted. Interviews will be arranged within two weeks following the application period.

Your application materials should be addressed to East Bethel Road Commission, c/o City of East Bethel, 2241 221<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN 55011.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Schutta at City Hall at 763-367-7851.

## Statutes Regulating/Setting of Rural Speed Limits Expanded to Include Cities

by Jack Davis, Public Works Manager

Minnesota Statutes provide limitations on cities and counties in the posting of speed limits on City and County streets. This statute was modified by the 2009 Legislature that now provides City Council's more latitude when considering speed limits in rural areas. ***The new law became effective August 1, 2009.*** This new legislation allows cities to designate "Rural Residential Districts" where streets within that district meet certain requirements. If streets in a "Rural Residential District" meet the density requirements as outlined for this street category, speed limits may be posted at 35 MPH. Currently, these streets may have a statutory speed limit of 55 MPH.

City staff reviewed all streets in the City to determine which meet the new definitions/requirements and has determined which streets in the City now meet the new criteria as rural residential streets.

### Rural Residential District

Definitions were refined and incorporated into the new legislation as follows:

### Chapter 169.011, Subd. 63. **Rural Residential District.**

(a) "Rural Residential District" means the territory contiguous to and including any street or highway that is built up with visible dwelling houses on one or both sides of the road with their primary access points at intervals averaging 300 feet or less for a distance of one-quarter mile or more.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "interval" means the measured distance between the primary access point for each dwelling house whether houses are on one or both sides of the road.

There are 76 miles of City streets in areas that qualify for "Rural Residential District" classification. City Council approved these streets as "Rural Residential District" streets on February 3, 2010. City Council has directed that these 76 miles of streets be posted at 35 MPH based on the new statute. A map of the streets that qualify for the new speed limits is posted on the City's website, [www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us](http://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us). Posting of these streets will begin in the Spring of 2010.

## Severe Weather Awareness Week 2010 - April 19-23 Tornado Drills on Thursday, April 22

The Severe Weather Awareness Week campaign helps teach Minnesotans about weather hazards and provides resources to minimize the risks associated with severe weather. Everyone is encouraged to make a plan, build an emergency kit and practice drills. Go to [www.severeweather.state.mn.us/SWAW\\_NextYearTornadoDrillDay.asp](http://www.severeweather.state.mn.us/SWAW_NextYearTornadoDrillDay.asp) for more information.

## Two East Bethel Fire Fighters Selected to Study at the National Fire Academy

By Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief

The United States Fire Administration, a department of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announced this month the appointments of two City of East Bethel Fire Fighters to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



Lt. Tammy Gimpl

Tammy Gimpl and Mark Prachar will be attending the National Fire Academy this summer for two week courses. Gimpl, a Fire Lieutenant, will be studying Fire Origin and Cause and will also return for a course on Juvenile Fire Setters. Lt. Gimpl will use her acquired skills and knowledge assisting in fire investigations and aiding juveniles that have been involved in fires.

Mark Prachar, a 10 year fire department veteran and Captain, will be studying the Leadership curriculum at the Fire Academy. This is the first appointment for both Gimpl and Prachar at the National Fire Academy. Captain Prachar will use his experiences in leading various activities and functions at the Fire Department.

Both Prachar and Gimpl are adult advisers in the East Bethel Fire Explorer Post.

Appointments to the National Fire Academy are competitive applications that are submitted with the Fire Chief's endorsement. Experience, seniority, educational background and departmental needs are several criteria for acceptance. Expenses for travel, tuition, room and

board are paid by FEMA. Experiences by students attending the National Fire Academy are shared by the entire Fire Department.

Since 2007 the City of East Bethel has utilized many FEMA programs in the past, including over \$495,000 in grants and over \$15,000 in specialized training.

It is an honor for the City of East Bethel to have several Fire Fighters selected for such advanced studies.



Cpt. Mark Prachar

## Census Day is Coming – What it Means to You

submitted by the League of Women Voters

On April 1, 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau will count every resident in the United States. A census form will be mailed to each residential address in the county in March; you will need to fill it out and send it back. Why?

The 2010 Census is critical for Minnesota. In addition to determining Congressional representation, Census information determines the allocation of more than \$400 billion in federal funding for everything from education to transportation. The business community also uses Census information for planning, marketing, labor force projections and more.

### Some basic facts about the Census: What questions does the 2010 Census ask?

The Census asks four general questions about the household, such as whether you own or rent your home, and six questions about each individual in the household, including name, sex, age, date of birth, race and Hispanic/Latino origin. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the form, depending on the number of individuals in the household.

### The 2000 Census had a long form – what happened to that?

In the past, some households received the "long form," while all others received a form that is similar to the one being used in 2010. The long form is no longer part of the Decennial Census.

### Does the Census Bureau share information with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service, courts or police?

No. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to give personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it is collected for the decennial Census.

### A special note for winter travelers (snowbirds):

Questionnaires will be delivered to ALL addresses nationwide; so Minnesota snowbirds will receive a 2010 Census questionnaire at both their Minnesota and snowbird addresses. Even if you have your mail forwarded, your Minnesota form will not be forwarded to your temporary residence. Minnesotans should not fill out a form they receive at their temporary addresses – these forms are location coded and will be counted at that location, not in Minnesota. Wait until you get home to complete the Minnesota form – if you do not receive a Minnesota form, contact the US Census Bureau at 1-800-923-8282.

## Economic Development Authority Ad Hoc Vacancy

By Tammy Schutta, HR Director/Assistant City Administrator

In 2008, the East Bethel City Council adopted enabling legislation that created an East Bethel Economic Development Authority. This organization, a separate operating entity from the City Council, was formed to provide alternatives for assisting, promoting and locating businesses in East Bethel. These measures will, in part, bring employment to the community as well as a tax base to the entire area.

The EDA Board consists of five commissioners who are the members of the City Council of the City of East Bethel. There are also three non-voting Ad Hoc committee members.

The EDA Board is currently seek-

ing one Ad Hoc committee member to fill a vacancy.

Meetings are held the first month of each quarter preceding the second regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the Economic Development Authority, you must be a business owner or resident of the City of East Bethel and submit the following:

1. Letter addressed to the EDA Board of Commissioners expressing an interest in the position and identifying why you are interested.
2. A brief statement of your education, training and work experience.

3. A brief narrative that identifies and describes your current involvement in the community.

Application materials must be received no later than noon on Friday, April 9, 2010 at City Hall. No faxes or email application materials will be accepted. Interviews will be arranged within two weeks following the application period.

Your application materials should be addressed to East Bethel Economic Development Authority, c/o City of East Bethel, 2241 221<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, East Bethel, MN 55011. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tammy Schutta at City Hall at 763-367-7851.

**The East Bethel Scholarship Pageant is looking for candidates to be royalty in 2010. If you are a young woman age 16-21 or a young girl currently in the 1st or 2nd grade you are eligible to participate. To qualify you also need to attend school in either St. Francis, Andover, or Forest Lake.**

**Contact Erika Rucks at 763-792-4288 or erikarucks@gmail.com or www.eastbethelroyalty.org for more information.**

## Reducing False Alarms By Sheriff Bruce Andersohn

Security alarms are designed to protect lives and property. When properly installed, used and maintained, alarms can be a real asset; when misused, they become a liability. The Anoka County Sheriff's Office, local fire departments, and the security companies spend significant amounts of time responding to false alarms that cost communities thousands of dollars each year and hundreds of personnel hours. False alarms may also cause a certain level of complacency, increase liability, and endanger the safety of system owners, responding agencies, and the community.

Last year, deputies responded to 223 alarm calls in the City of East Bethel; equally split between residential and business properties. Of those calls, two needed a response: 1 residential attempted burglary and one business burglary, resulting in 221 false alarms.

The most common reasons for a false alarm include:

- \* Operator error or use of incorrect key pad codes
- \* Failure to secure doors and windows before turning on the alarm



- \* Pets moving inside the home
- \* Accidentally pushing a response button

**How can you help reduce false alarms?** Take appropriate steps to reduce the number of false alarms your property is producing. Remember that the goal is to have *no false trips*. Make sure to:

- \* Get in a regular routine before leaving, make sure all doors and windows are secure
  - \* Train anyone who will be using the alarm on the proper way to do so
  - \* Contain pets
  - \* Businesses - notify your security company of unscheduled openings or closings
  - \* Frequently check to make sure the installation of interior motion detectors are properly functioning
  - \* Change or charge batteries in remote alarm units regularly
- \* Replace or repair faulty equipment immediately

Take the time to know your alarm system and use it properly. By reducing false alarms, valuable time, money, and community resources will be saved.

# City of East Bethel



**Appliances: \$10.00**

- Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers
- Furnaces
- Refrigerators/Stoves
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Garbage Disposals
- Washers/Dryers
- Microwaves
- Water Heaters
- Trash Compactors
- Heat Pumps
- Air Conditioners: \$20.00**
- Water Softeners: \$20.00**
- Gas Refrigerators: \$75.00 (Min)**



## Spring Recycling Days

**Saturday, April 17, 2010**

**8am — 1pm**

**East Bethel Ice Arena**

**20675 Hwy 65 NE**

**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

**8am—12pm**

**Coon Lake Beach**

**Only accepting**

**Scrap metal, batteries & garbage at the Coon Lake Beach event**

**Electronics:**

- CD Player/VCR/DVD \$ 5.00
- Copier (small) \$ 15.00
- Copier (med. 30-50lbs) \$ 50.00
- Copier (lrg. over 50lbs) \$125.00
- Computer/Laptop \$ 5.00
- Fax Machine \$ 10.00
- Monitor (CRT up to 17") \$ 15.00
- Monitor (CRT 18" and up)\$ 25.00
- Printer (small)/Typewriter\$ 5.00
- Printer (large/laser) \$ 25.00
- Scanner/Small Radio \$ 5.00
- Stereo Receiver \$ 15.00
- Stereo (console) \$ 40.00
- Treadmill \$ 20.00
- TV (13" & smaller) \$ 15.00
- TV (14" - 19") \$ 20.00
- TV (20" - 27") \$ 25.00
- TV (28" plus & console) \$ 45.00
- TV (Plasmas/LCD to 20") \$ 10.00
- TV (Plasmas/LCD 21" +) \$ 20.00
- Vacuum \$ 5.00

**No Furniture Accepted**

**Call ACCAP @  
763-783-4735**

**No food, debris, or compacted appliances.**

**No commercial appliances.**



**Bulbs**

Fluorescent bulbs 4' and up .50

HIDS bulbs 2.20



**Tires**  
Off-rim  
Up to 17"  
\$5.00

Truck \$7.50

Oversize \$25.00

**Additional \$2.00 rim**

**NEW THIS YEAR!**  
**Document Shredding**  
9am—1pm

1st 4 boxes/bags are \$5 each and 5th is FREE  
2nd 4 boxes/bags are \$5 each and 10th is FREE  
Limit of 10 boxes/bags per person

**Collected at no charge:**

- Scrap metal
- Knights of Columbus - Batteries
- East Bethel Royalty
- Old cell phones
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Inkjet Cartridges
- Lions/Lioness
- Food for the food shelf
- Used eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Laser Cartridges

**Re-Cycle - Collects used bicycles in any condition. Many of the bikes will be restored & returned to the road for re-use, others will be stripped for parts.**



**EAST BETHEL CUB  
SCOUT PACK #167  
WILL BE COLLECTING  
WORN & TORN FLAGS  
FOR PROPER  
DISPOSAL.**

Representatives reserve the right to refuse items. For more information call 763-367-7840. These events are sponsored by the City of East Bethel and Cedar East Bethel Lions/Lioness.

Partially funded by Anoka County Board of Commissioners & State SCORE Funds.

# East Bethel Pet Clinic

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

**9:00 am—1:00 pm**

- Where:** EAST BETHEL-ICE ARENA – 20675 Hwy. 65 NE.  
**When:** SATURDAY – March 20, 2010, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Who:** All Communities Welcome  
**Prices:** Rabies – Dog/Cat - \$15  
K-9 Distemper - \$15-20  
Feline Distemper - \$15-20  
Lyme - \$24  
Feline Leukemia - \$20  
Feline (FIP) - \$20  
Heartworm Test - \$20  
Heartworm & Flea/Tick Products will be sold



East Bethel City Code requires all dogs within East Bethel City Limits be licensed. Licenses are free with proof of rabies vaccination. Licenses will be available at the Pet Clinic. Call 763-367-7840 for more information.

Rain Barrel and Compost Bin Sale  
Saturday, May 15, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Old Target Site  
11000 Crooked Lake Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN  
Call Lori Elfering at 763-367-7878 or e-mail to  
lori.elfering  
@ci.east-bethel.mn.us



Rain Barrel—\$55.00



Compost Bin—\$49.00

**Promote Your  
Business At  
Booster Day,  
July 17, 2010!!!!**

**For More  
Information  
Please Call  
763-434-1534 or  
e-mail  
greg.hunter@  
ci.east-  
bethel.mn.us**

## Coon Lake Beach News By Rick Jestus

With Spring coming in just a short few weeks its time to Spring Into Action. Its that time of year when you need to do your part in keeping the lakes and nearby wetlands healthy. Winter brings out people to ice fish and the things in your yard that you were going to throw away got covered up by snow. Even though your house might not be right on the lake on a wetland your home will leave an imprint. Debris left in your yard or by the lake has the potential to cause a serious impact on the water quality. Nutrients, sediment, animal waste and other chemicals spilled can directly enter the waters of the lake or wetland by way of snow melt and spring rains. Ice fisherman have probably left litter on the ice that needs to be picked up.

The problem with all of this stuff entering the lakes and wetlands is that it sticks around for a while and causes problems for the lake. Just because the snow melted and things turned green did not make the problem go away. The pollutants that enter the lake may take years to be flushed out and with that in mind, the things that entered the lake last year are probably still there, we do not want to add more. From the time nutrients enter the water or a wetland and are flushed basically down stream it is called "residence time". As an example Coon Lake has a "residence time" of 2.5 to 3.7 years. This retention time is especially important where pollutants and nutrients entering the water are

concerned. Now you can see how important it is to keep things out, because they do have high probability of accumulating and causing even more damage. The type of things we are trying to keep out of the water are actually the hardest to flush out of the lake....they stick around causing problems like feeding algae and making things scummy. So even positive changes that happen may take years to show the benefits of your hard work.

Since 95% of the worlds water is in the oceans we depend on the water cycle of the earth to bring us the precipitation needed in our area. Lakes and wetlands in the area of Coon Lake depend on rain water to maintain levels and use it for the flushing of the lake. Ground water tables do vary with water usage and affect the level of the lake. Water conservation is a big a part of the overall health of the lake as pollutants and nutrients entering it.

The "Cultural Eutrophication" of a lake is primarily due to phosphorus, due to excessive use on land. Both ground water and runoff play a role in transporting these nutrients into a body of water. Runoff is responsible for almost all of the transport of sediment and phosphorus from land to lake. So what is "Cultural Eutrophication"? It is the human activity that due to clearing of land and the building of towns and paving the ground that accelerates water runoff and the nutrients that it carries into a body of water.

It is a form of water pollution.

The effects of not "Springing Into Action" can lead to a change in the natural food ecosystem, the excessive algae growth causes lack of oxygen for any life in the water to breath with. The problem only gets worse from there, as plants and other life die the algae can grow causing competition for sunlight, space and oxygen for native plants whether they are submerged, half submerged or floating.

Other aquatic life is also challenged in the same way, competing for light, oxygen and clean water.

Some things you can do now and into summer is to ensure that all animal waste is picked up and disposed of. Garbage or debris that was blown around the neighborhood all winter and covered up by snow should be picked up before things green up. Down by the lake or your wetland also take notice of things that appeared out of nowhere and clean up before the foliage covers it up. Look out on the lake and remove any debris that you can. Maybe it will snow late in the season...careful with that snow melt, all the stuff you put down this last December and January is out there somewhere.

Do not fertilize your lawn, especially down by the lake. The list could go on and on. As you prepare for Spring and Summer "Pick it up" "Spring Into Action". Do your part to help keep the community you live in healthy and clean.

*Mark Your Calendars • July 16 & 17, 2010 • Booster Day*

*Friday • Family Fun Night • Kiddie Parade • Movie in the Park*

*Saturday • Pancake Breakfast • Flag Raising • Car, Truck, Tractor Show • Parade • Bingo •*

*Tractor Pull • Fireworks • Fire Fighters Dance and Much, Much More*

## Living Green - Hydrogen Peroxide - A Greener Alternative

By Stephanie Hanson, City Planner

Chlorine bleach is a chemical that many of us have in our homes to use for cleaning and disinfecting. However, a good alternative to consider is hydrogen peroxide.

Hydrogen peroxide is water with an extra oxygen molecule (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and breaks down into oxygen and water. It is kinder to the environment since H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is produced naturally by both plant and plant cells and is formed by sunlight acting on water. It also won't harm the bacteria in septic systems as long as the solution is diluted.

Hydrogen peroxide is readily available in 3% solution from local grocers, pharmacies, etc.

### Tips and Uses:

Hydrogen peroxide in a 3% solution applied to a rag can be used to clean counters and cutting boards to help

kill salmonella and other bacteria.

To help kill bacteria such as E. Coli on fruits and vegetables, you can use a spray bottle containing a 50/50 mix of 3% hydrogen peroxide and water – just spray and rinse. Killing the bacteria will also help keep fruits and vegetables fresher for longer.

You can use a spray bottle containing a 50/50 mix of 3% hydrogen peroxide and water for use as a bathroom and toilet disinfectant and cleaner. This is especially useful in replacement of other cleaners with chemicals since the hydrogen peroxide dilutes to a point the renders it harmless by the time it interacts with flushed water.

Mix 3% hydrogen peroxide solution with 2 parts water in a spray bottle and use on areas affected by mold

It works great in areas like bathroom tiling, but be careful on the strength in relation to painted items as it may bleach them.

Add a cup of 3% hydrogen peroxide to your whites wash in place of bleach.

Make whitening toothpaste by mixing baking soda and enough 3% hydrogen peroxide to form a paste. But don't swallow it and be sure to rinse your mouth afterwards.



So there you have it – hydrogen peroxide is not only more earth friendly compared to other cleaning chemicals, it also has many uses around your home.

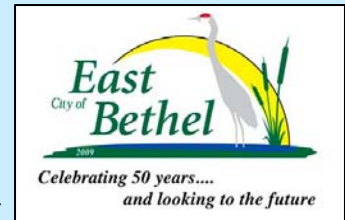
If you didn't have a chance to purchase your 50th Anniversary T-shirts, it's not too late. T-shirts are still available for sale at East Bethel City Hall.



The T-shirts are either white or tan with logo shown here. They are currently available in adult sizes small to 4XL.

Cost: \$7.00 for sizes small to XL; \$9 for sizes 2XL to 4XL.

Stop by City Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or call 763-367-7840 if you have questions or to check for availability.



## Community/Senior Center Events

**Senior Dances**  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm  
1st Friday of the Month

**Senior Meetings**  
10:30 am  
Third Thursday of the Month



**Pancake Breakfast**  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
2nd Sunday of the Month

**For rental information**  
Contact Dean or Mary  
Henrickson at  
763-434-5274



**Anoka County Sheriff's New Facility Open House**  
**Saturday, April 17, 2010 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM**  
**13301 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover, MN**

On May 27, 2008, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to Stahl Construction to construct the new Anoka County Sheriff's Office & Regional Forensic Lab. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office celebrated the formal commencement of construction during a ground breaking ceremony.

The new facility, a 135,000 square foot building is located in Andover at 133<sup>rd</sup> and Hanson Boulevard, houses the Sheriff's Patrol Division, Sheriff's Administration, Civil and Transport Units, the Criminal Investigation Division, as well as the Records Management, support and training functions.

The Anoka, Sherburne, and Wright County Regional Forensic Lab encompasses an entire wing of the facility. The Regional Forensic Lab will provide forensic services to the three counties operated under a Joint Powers Agreement, along with a partnership with Hamline University for student internships. The Regional Forensic Lab is the first of its kind in the State of Minnesota, and the partnership with an academic institution may be the first of its kind in the nation. The State of Minnesota's bonding bill

contained \$3 million to assist in the construction of this portion of the facility. When fully completed, the lab will be capable of fingerprint analysis, drug testing, DNA analysis, as well as other forensic disciplines. Its operating costs will be split by the three counties.

The location of the facility in Andover, on its border with the City of Coon Rapids off Hanson Boulevard, makes it centrally located for access by local law enforcement agencies that rely on the Sheriff's Office for certain specialized services.

The facility consists of three levels. The lower level includes a latent fingerprint lab, training rooms, underground parking for squad cars, and property storage. The main level houses the Patrol Division, the Regional Forensic Lab, a Crime Lab processing bay, employee locker rooms, a fitness room, and a large community room capable of being divided into multiple separate training rooms. A main level garage houses specialty vehicles for the SWAT Team, Water Rescue Unit, Recreational Enforcement and Special Operations vehicles.

The second story consists of the Criminal Investigative Division,

Administrative Division and Justice Services Division (Civil & Transport Units) as well as support functions. The facility and the site allow for future expansion, which should meet the growth of the Sheriff's Office well into the future.

Members of the Sheriff's Office are excited about the new facility. In its 150+ year history of serving the residents of Anoka County, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office has not had a building that has been specifically designed to meet its operational needs.

That was the case until the new facility was completed and occupied in December of 2009. Captain James Stuart who was the Project Manager during the construction of the facility said, "We are very pleased to be moved into our new facility and are equally as excited to share it with the public that we proudly serve."

Sheriff Andersohn and his staff extend our appreciation to the Board of Commissioners, as well as the citizens of Anoka County for their commitment to us and their ongoing support. Sheriff Bruce Andersohn also encourages the public to join us in a tour of our new home as we open our doors at the "Open House".

### ***Election Judges Needed!!!!***

Serving as an election judge is a great way to serve your community. You will learn more about the election process, and ensure that elections are administered in a fair manner. Election Judges are an essential part of our democracy and are needed more than ever.

Any Minnesota resident eligible to vote who can read, write and speak English can be an election judge. Election judges are paid. If you are collecting unemployment, no deduction will be made for pay as an election judge.

If you are interested in learning more about being an Election Judge, simply go to the City website at [www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us](http://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us) and click on Elections and fill out the form. If you have additional questions, please call Wendy Warren at 763-367-7853 or e-mail: [wendy.warren@ci.east-bethel.mn.us](mailto:wendy.warren@ci.east-bethel.mn.us).

## 2010 Fire Department Officers



Front Row, l to r - Arden Anderson, Deputy Chief, Bill Hunt, Lieutenant, Dan Berry, District Chief, Mark Duchene, Inspector, Tammy Gimpl, Lieutenant. Back Row, l to r - Mark Prachar, Captain, Todd Bennett, Captain, Gary Schultz, Lieutenant, Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief. Not Pictured, Rodney Sanow, Lieutenant and Ron Stanley, District Chief.

### North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf and Clothing Closet

Hours/Days of Distribution - Mondays - 9:00 am to Noon, Wednesdays - 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **by appointment only** at 18511 Highway 65 NE, #200, East Bethel, MN 55011. Joanne Yackel, director. Phone - 763-434-7685 - messages are returned during business hours or e-mail to [nace1@comcast.net](mailto:nace1@comcast.net).

You are welcome to visits NACE up to 8 times a year. We ask that you bring a I.D. and a piece of mail with a current address for each adult in the household to the NACE visits.

Food donations are accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays. Clothing donations are accepted as needed. Please call to schedule drop off times.

Volunteers are needed to work with clients during distribution days, pick up food donations and deliver them to the NACE office, weighing and sorting food and/or clothing donations, restocking the food shelf and organizing food drives and fundraisers. Call Joanne Yackel, director at 763-434-7685 or e-mail at [nace1@comcast.net](mailto:nace1@comcast.net).



## Recreational Fires and Open Burning

By Mark DuCharme, Fire Chief

The City of East Bethel regulates open burning within the City of East Bethel to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents and property. City Code Chapter 26 defines where, what and how you may burn.

By City Code here is how Recreational Fires and Open Burning are defined in Chapter 26:

**Recreational fire site.** A recreational fire site is an area of no more than a three-foot diameter circle as measured from the inside of the fire ring or border and is completely surrounded by non-combustible and non-smoke or odor producing material of either natural rock, cement, brick, tile, blocks, or ferrous metal. Burning barrels are not a recreational fire site as defined herein. Recreational fire sites shall not be located closer than 25 feet to any structure or combustible material.

**Open burning.** Open burning

means the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudgepots, and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of exhaust gas are open.

In periods of extreme dryness, the Department of Natural Resources or the City of East Bethel Fire Chief may impose restrictions on all types of burning including the cancellation of burning permits.

Here is what you **cannot** burn ei-

ther as Recreational Fire or Open Burning:

***Rubber - Plastics - Chemically treated materials (including treated lumber) - tires - railroad ties - tar paper - insulation - sheetrock - wiring - paint - oil - hazardous wastes - industrial solid waste- demolition debris - salvage operations - motor vehicle - garbage***

A recreational fire is only for your enjoyment or cooking. Open burning, on the other hand, is for the clearing of land and you will need a permit. Open Burning permits are available through the Department of Natural Resources

([www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html#getpermit](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html#getpermit)), local Fire Wardens and during normal business hours at City Hall.

**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 <http://www.ci.east-bethel.mn.us>.

City Council Joint Work Meeting	March 3	6:00 pm	EB Comm. Ctr.
City Council	March 3	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	March 9	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	March 10	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council Work Meeting	March 17	6:30 pm	EB Comm. Ctr.
City Council	March 17	7:30 pm	City Hall
Planning Commission	March 23	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	April 7	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	April 13	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	April 14	7:00 pm	City Hall
Local Board of Appeal and Equalization	April 21	6:30 pm	City Hall
City Council	April 21	7:30 pm	City Hall
Town Hall Meeting	April 22	6:00 pm	EB Comm. Ctr.
Planning Commission	April 27	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	May 5	7:30 pm	City Hall
Road Commission	May 11	6:30 pm	City Hall
Park Commission	May 12	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Council	May 19	7:30 pm	City Hall
Planning Commission	May 25	7:00 pm	City Hall
City Hall Closed—Memorial Day	May 31	All Day	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  
 March 8  
 April 12  
 May 10

**Senior Lunch**

4th Thursday of each month  
 Everyone is Welcome!  
 March 25  
 April 22  
 May 27

**Pancake Breakfast**

9:00 am—12:30 pm  
 March 7  
 March 21  
 April 4  
 April 18  
 May 2  
 May 16

**Coffee Time**

10:00 am  
 March 4  
 March 18  
 April 1  
 April 15  
 May 6  
 May 20

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

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

**Volunteers are Needed! Call Kathy at 651-982-4628**



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**through**  
**Friday**  
**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

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**Council Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7:30 pm**  
**EDA 3rd Wednesday Quarterly 6:30 pm**  
**HRA 1st Wednesday Quarterly 6:30 pm**  
**Road Commission 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm**  
**Park Commission 2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
**Planning Commission 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm**  
**All Meetings are at City Hall**