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Greetings from Mayor Pilon

What a long, strange year it has been!

Uncharted, unprecedented, unusual; it has made me appreciate all the more what a wonderful community we have here in Nowthen. I am proud of the way our community worked together to help our neighbors, support our local businesses, and support our Sheriff Department during the unsettled times we experienced this last year.

Health and Safety in Nowthen:

The health and safety of our Nowthen residents and businesses has always been our top concern and never more so than during this past year of the COVID pandemic. Over the past twelve years, I have been a member of Anoka County Emergency Management Team. During the peak of the COVID crisis, I was a part of the twice a day Zoom meetings, working to keep our citizens safe and businesses open. Over time, we were able to reduce the frequency of these meetings and currently we are meeting once a week for updates, vaccine information, and more traditional emergency management issues.

Partnering with County Officials over these last months I was also able to work with our local business owners, nonprofit groups, and churches to apply for grants to offset pandemic related expenses. Those that applied and had qualified expenses received as much as \$35,000 to help them in their economic recovery. We anticipate under the latest Federal Rescue Act there will be more funds available to the city and our business community. I am working with state and county officials to identify what monies will be available and what the qualification guidelines will be.

Fire and Rescue Services:

For more than a year we have been working on the transition out of our joint fire agreement with Ramsey and working to identify the best way to provide Fire and Emergency services to the residents and businesses in Nowthen. Based on the recommendations from our research team, the council agreed last fall that Nowthen would form our own independent Fire Department.

As part of that process Nowthen has entered into a contract with the city of St. Francis to provide Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and Administrative Support services to our new Fire Department for a period of three years. We anticipate the department will be officially independent by the first of May.

I am also excited about the new addition to our Fire Station. We were able to use Federal CARES money to build this much needed addition that includes a meeting room, a new locker area, and radio room.

Internet Services:

After a multitude of meetings over many months, I was finally able to find a provider to bring internet services to a portion of Nowthen that was unserved. Because the fiber network comes out of Elk River, the initial area to be served is in the SW corner of Nowthen. Arvig is providing Fiber Internet, TV, and Phone services to the door in the area south of Viking Blvd. to the southern border of the city and from Burns Pkwy to the western border of the city.

Internet Services Cont...

Construction started last fall, and home installations for interested residents are expected to be completed by July. We are currently in discussions to see what can be done to branch out from this area to expand fiber services to other unserved areas of the city as quickly as possible. On the east side of the city, we are working with Nexus to provide wireless internet services to areas that are unserved as well.

Road Improvements:

Our 2021 road construction season started last fall with some preliminary work completed before the fall freeze up. This year's anticipated projects are the Rogers Lake area in the SE corner of the city, and Ebony and Garnet Streets south of 189th. In addition, the city is working with the state on a Local Road Improvement Plan, which would provide up to a \$1.25 million State Aid Grant for certain road improvements in the 2022 construction year. Future road improvement plans can be found on the city website.

Nowthen Community Events:

After taking a year off, our Nowthen community events are back!! We have the Nowthen Farmer's Market in late June (Thursdays 3 -7), Night to Unite (Tuesday August 3), Nowthen Threshing Show (August 20-22), and the Nowthen Heritage Festival (Saturday September 25). I hope you are able to take these opportunities to get out and enjoy our wonderful community.

"Wrong does not cease to be wrong because the majority share in it." Leo Tolstoy

Message from the City Clerk

It has been a year since I last wrote an article on what is occurring in our community. As I prepared for this article, I must admit; I did not know where to start. Think about all the things that have happened in our lives over the past 12 months! At the beginning of the year, the most impactful pandemic of our time swept through our community. The Presidential Election required us to prepare for the largest attendance we have ever seen, civil unrest, a toilet paper shortage, and more. The word "ADAPT" became the most used word of the day. We had to shut down city hall, find protective supplies, update plans, schedule "virtual" meetings, and remodel our workstations to protect ourselves and others. It is fair to say, none of us have had to embrace change as much as we have had this past year. While this was occurring, city staff, contractors and consultants worked hard to ensure our community's needs were met while balancing changing guidelines and practices. Our city council and committee members continued to meet to provide for the community's best interests.

Our public works department kept the parks clean and our roads clear. The challenges brought us new ideas, better preparedness, upgrades using CARES Act money, and a sense of appreciation for the simple things in life. I would like to say Thank You to the community for working with us during these challenges. Stay safe & stay healthy!



-Lori Streich



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2021 NOWTHEN FARMERS MARKET

THURSDAYS: JUNE 17 - SEPTEMBER 23 3:00 - 7:00pm

The Nowthen Farmers Market is busy preparing to make our 11th year a wonderful one for our community. Our vendors are excited to bring their products to the market. This "Not-so-hidden Gem" has quickly become a great place to find locally grown/made products, catch up with your friends, and meet neighbors.

For those interested in becoming part of our growing community event as a vendor or volunteer please call Market Manager Darlene King at 612-581-6873.

The Farmers Market is run completely by volunteers and our team would love for you to join us.

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities available:

- Sign Placement (Directs customers to the Market)
- Community Corner (greeting & giving out info)
- Setting up/take down (tents, tables, etc.)
- Advertising (newsletter/ad's/flyers)
- Market Greeter
- Parking Attendant
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Event Coordinator



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**How would you like to be the 2021 winner of the Giant
Pumpkin and Sun Flower Contest?**

Nowthen's very own Giant Pumpkin Expert Chris Brown will host and judge the contest. Watch for additional information. Prizes will be awarded at the Festival.

Scarecrow Contest!

Plan now to create your own scarecrow and enter the competition. All scarecrows will be displayed on "Scarecrow Lane."

Prizes will be awarded at the Festival.



Join us under the Big Tent for the Nowthen Business Expo!

If you own a business here is a great opportunity to meet new customers and promote your business.



For questions, updates or to send information please email us, visit our website or like our Facebook page.

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Living in Nowthen...

I am one of the newer members of your city council. My husband and I moved to Nowthen in 2001 looking for a place where we could grow berries, plants and trees. We were also interested in a small town with a community that was close enough to get to our work and family members living in the suburbs. I was a teacher in the Anoka Hennepin school district of 32 years and involved in several committees during my time as a teacher. My husband was one of the charter members of the group that started our farmer's market.

I feel like one of the most delightful parts of living in Nowthen has been the opportunity we have had to meet and socialize with the residents that have helped make our city what it is today. When we first arrived in Nowthen my husband needed a tractor to develop his land, so we went to Greenberg Implement Dealership and met Harvey Greenberg. We soon realized we had met a man who knew more Scandinavian jokes than my Norwegian relatives (and they knew plenty) and who had lived in Nowthen all his life and loved his town. He invited us to his church and made us feel welcome and part of the community.

Not long after our encounter with Harvey we met Bill Schulz who at the time was involved in the town board and soon became our first city mayor. Wherever you went with Bill and Jeri someone came up to them and started a conversation. They seemed to have the background and family tree of all the people they introduced to us. They were both engaged and concerned about the people in their city. Nowthen began to feel more like a family than a town.

We met Avis and Waldo Leistico through the farmer's market and soon realized if you wanted the background of any piece of land in the city, Waldo could fill you in on all the details. We also learned that the family trees of many community members were intertwined in Nowthen and multiple residents were related one way or another. Waldo has helped us understand much of the history and interesting quirks of our city. I guess a person could go on and on about the people who know this city best. I am grateful for every one of them and the insightful details people who have lived the past can share with the present.



Council Member - Lynda Blake

Nowthen Seniors

Although we currently are not meeting, we would love for you to join us when we start up again!

We are a mixture of current and former Nowthen Residents (55+) who enjoy getting together for a social hour, pot luck, and a meeting with speakers.
Dues are \$10 per year.

- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Nowthen Historic City Hall, 19800 Nowthen Boulevard
- 11:30am Social Hour
- 12:30pm Pot Luck
- 1:30 pm Meeting

If you would like to join us or would like more information, please call Darlene King at 612-581-6873



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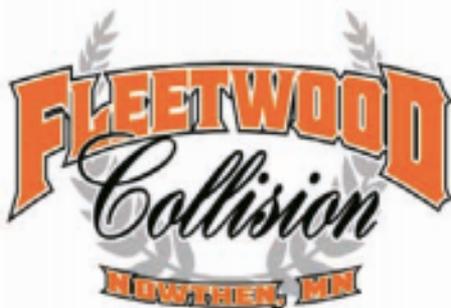
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As the weather continues to warm up and snow melts away, an increasing number of people will be outside enjoying all the beauty Minnesota has to offer. Walking, running, and biking are great ways to get some fresh air and exercise, but it is important for children, teens, and adults to remember important safety tips, whether you are on a bike or behind the wheel. Approximately 17% of all traffic related fatalities are pedestrians, with an approximate 53% increase in the number of pedestrian fatalities between 2009-2018.

A decrease in pedestrian vs vehicle collisions can be achieved through actions such as walking/running on sidewalks, crossing at established cross walks, obeying traffic signals, not wearing headphones, and wearing bright and reflective clothing. Remember to watch for vehicles backing up out of driveways and in parking lots. Keeping your cell phone in a pocket or backpack allows for the pedestrian to have more diligence in seeing prospective dangers around them. Additionally, making sure that children are not playing in streets and looking both ways before crossing to retrieve play items are good practices for them to learn at an early age.

Bicyclists should note some additional safety measures when traveling. Adults and children should always wear a properly fitted helmet when on their bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc. Helmets continue to prove their effectiveness by reducing serious injury by as much as 85%. When cycling in a group, ride single file with the flow of traffic and use the correct hand signals. Keep a watchful eye on road and path conditions to avoid miscellaneous objects and uneven or slippery surfaces. Maintain the bikes in your household by keeping chains clean and lubricated, and periodically inspecting brake pads.

Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility with motorists as well. Look out for pedestrians everywhere and use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather. Drivers should always slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or entering a crosswalk.

Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop far enough back from a cross walk to allow vehicles behind yours to see potential pedestrians. Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk as there may be people crossing that you can't see. Use caution when backing up as pedestrians could quickly move into your path. Obey all traffic laws such as not driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, following the speed limit, and adhering to slower speed limits in school zones and neighborhoods. Finally, always refrain from using your phone and other electronic devices when behind the wheel.

After a long winter, Minnesota's beautiful spring and summer weather should be enjoyed by everyone. So, let's all do our part to keep ourselves and each other safe on the roads in 2021!

-James Stuart

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Pet Waste

Pet waste contains the bacteria E. coli, which is found naturally in nature. However, high concentrations of E. coli in our waters can cause gastrointestinal issues if ingested. Seelye Brook is listed as impaired for E. coli. Please help keep our waters clean by picking up and properly disposing pet waste.



Illicit Discharge

Illicit discharge consists of anything that is non-water in the stormwater. This includes grass clippings, oil, soap, trash, sediment, fertilizers, and other pollutants. Stormwater that is off-color or has an odor could contain an illicit discharge. If you see illicit discharge, please call the City of Nowthen at: **763-441-1347**



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URRWMO Part of Regional 1W1P Planning

It can be tough at the bottom of the watershed. Try as we may to keep the Rum River in top condition, there are upstream influences beyond our control. We simply can't do it alone. No one can. We should coordinate up & downstream. A new effort called One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) aims to do just that.

1W1P is an coordinating plan for the Rum River watershed from Mille Lacs Lake to Anoka Dam. Within this area there are 13 counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed organizations. Each has their own plan. 1W1P finds the mutual priorities amongst those plans. Planning is paid through a State grant.

1W1P planning started in 2019 and will be completed in 2021. The URRWMO is participating. Some local priorities that will be in the 1W1P include Lake George, East Twin Lake, Pickerel Lake, and the Rum River.

Upon 1W1P completion, the State provides grant funds to implement projects. The 1W1P will guide how that approximately \$1M is used. Grants of that approximate amount will be issued every two years. The plan has a 10 year life.

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2020 Accomplishments

- **Watershed Based Funding Secured**- Worked with a group of cities and the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization to plan use of \$366,982 in State grant funds with a 10% required local match. We'll accomplish major planned activities including Rum Riverbank stabilizations, outreach/education, and a Ford Brook subwatershed assessment study.
- **City Local Water Plans**- Approved plans from five of out six communities. The last one will likely be approved soon.
- **Watershed Plan Amendments**- Assembled a technical advisory committee, primarily of city staff, to prioritize projects and update URRWMO wetland and stormwater standards.
- **New Logo**- Who doesn't have a logo? We didn't. But now we do. It adds consistency and professionalism to our documents.



2021 Plans

- **Complete the 1W1P**- The plan will be completed and the URRWMO will consider adopting it. Implementation of the plan begins immediately.
- **Begin Rum Riverbank Erosion Projects**- Complete 500 Linear feet of lakeshore erosion correction and shoreline buffers over three years.
- **Begin Ford Brook Study**- Complete a two-year study to identify and rank projects to improve water quality.
- **High School Biomonitoring**- Continue Rum River biomonitoring with St. Francis HS. The American Legion renewed its financial support for students to catch macro invertebrates (bugs) and use them to gauge river health.



St. Francis High School Students monitoring the river.

Major Rum Riverbank Projects Start Construction

Partners in the Anoka County portion of the Rum River watershed have secured over \$1.4 million dollars in state grant funds for stabilizing Rum River banks and improving near-shore habitat. The effort was lead by the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) with support from the WMO, and Anoka County.

The project is one of three high priority projects in the URRWMO 10-year plan. Project sites will be selected from inventory of Rum River banks from St. Francis to Anoka. Eighty stretches of moderate to severe erosion have been identified. Property owners will be invited to participate. City and county parks are among the candidate sites.

In total, about 1.5 miles of riverbank will be stabilized with the four secured grants. The grants all have a three-year term, so the pace will be rapid. Construction begins in 2021. Funds are from the Clean Water Fund, Outdoor Heritage Fund, and the MN DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Program. All use dollars from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.



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Septic System Fix-Up Grants Available!

Septic system fix up grants are available that can pay for 80-90% of the cost of fixing or replacing a septic system. Applicants must meet low income criteria. To apply or learn more, Contact Kris Larson at the Anoka Conservation District (Kris.Larson@anokaswcd.org or 763-434-2030 ext. 11).

A properly functioning septic system provides effective treatment of wastewater. If a system is neglected, it could cost thousands of dollars to repair and potentially contaminate local groundwater and surface water supplies, putting the health of your family and neighbors at risk.



The Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization is a joint organization of the cities of Bethel, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Nowthen, Oak Grove, and St. Francis. Its purpose is to manage local water issues.

A Note from the City Assessor

Mary Wells & Erik Skogquist

Property Taxes Payable in 2021 and Valuation Notices from Anoka County were mailed at the end of March. If you have general questions about the tax statement or the valuation notice, please go online to: <https://www.anokacounty.us/281/About-Your-Tax-Statements>

If you have specific questions about the valuation or the classification of your property, call the Nowthen City Assessor, Erik Skogquist at 763-412-1966 x700. If you prefer an in person meeting, you may stop in at the Anoka County Assessor's office (2100 3rd Ave, Room 160 Government Center, Anoka, MN 55303) during the Assessor open book sessions Tuesday, May 4th from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM or Wednesday, May 5th from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM to meet with Erik.

Assessors are required by state law, to visit and physically inspect each property, once every 5 years. This year, starting in May, the Assessors will be working in sections 1 through 9, inspecting all properties. The section number is the first 2 numbers of the Property ID that is listed on the tax statement or valuation notice. The map of the review area is outlined below:



If your property is in the review area, here's what you can expect:

- The Assessor will come to the property and knock or ring the doorbell. If an adult is present, they will ask to confirm details that are in the assessment file. Due to the ongoing pandemic, inside reviews will be very rare this year. The Assessor will walk around the outside of all buildings (if accessible) to verify exterior characteristics.
- If no one is there when the Assessor stops by, they will leave an orange door hanger with instructions if there are questions.
- Characteristics of the property that affect market value are age, square footage, quality of construction, condition, basement finish, recent remodeling, location, etc.
- The Assessor will be wearing an official identification badge and carries business cards.

In addition to the 5-year review area outlined above, the Assessor will visit new construction, permit, remodeling work in all areas of the city.

THANK YOU, in advance, for your cooperation during this year's assessment review.

Information from the Building Official

Get motivated for 2021!

- Planning a home improvement to commence this year? New deck, basement finish, addition, or remodel? Get your building plans in now. During our peak months, plan review can take up to ten business days (residential). If you are like most people, when you decide to start a project, you don't want to wait. You have 180 days from issuance to start.
- Is your house ready for the spring thaw? Every spring, the snow melts. We usually get lots of rain, too. Don't wait until the water is leaking in your house to take preventive measures: Get the snow off of your roof and away from your foundation; repair/replace broken or missing gutters; attach an elbow to the bottom end of the downspout, and make sure the extensions run rainwater or melting snow away from your house.
- Feeling a little chilled in your house? It might be time to draft-proof your house. On a cold, windy day, take inventory of drafts. Feel for cold air seeping in through these possible places: windows, key holes, electrical fittings on walls and ceilings, between floor boards, around pipework leading outside, at ceiling-to-wall joints. Caulk or seal any leaks.
- Have the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors been checked lately? It's too cold to go outside, so you might as well take the time to walk through your house pushing buttons on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Also, a little-known fact: smoke detectors only have a life expectancy of eight to ten years. Smoke detectors should be located in the following locations: one in each sleeping room, one outside of sleeping rooms (within about ten feet), and one on each level of the home. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located within ten feet of sleeping rooms. CO detectors have a life expectancy of five to six years.
- Is your house feeling cluttered? It seems that "stuff" accumulates slowly and can take over your escape routes. Make sure your halls and walkways are clear, and egress windows do not have furniture or other items blocking them. Your electrical panel should have at least three feet of clear space in front of it. And be sure you do not store combustibles near your gas appliances, such as your furnace and water heater!

If you get started on the above items right now, you might be able to take it easy and enjoy your summer!

Scott Qualle,
MNSpect, LLC



Nowthen Lions Club

Who would like to be a part of the Nowthen Lions Club?

Typical responses are: "How much time does it take?" and "I just don't have time to do that, but I would like to."

All we ask is that our members do what is important and meaningful to them. So really, how much time does that take? That is all up to the individual. We all have different levels of passion, commitment, needs to be met by volunteering and more. The Nowthen Lions have a meeting once each month, and there are projects/events throughout the year. There are many opportunities in this world to volunteer, but I'd like to tell you what our Lions do here in Nowthen.

Did you know that the Lions motto is "We Serve"? It is simply that. We Serve. The reality is that the more members we have, the more leaders and ideas we have, and the more we can serve. We want you. We want YOUR ideas and thoughts about our Nowthen Lions Club.

You can serve too.

Lion International has 5 initiatives which they ask clubs to consider as we serve:

- 1) Environment
- 2) Vision
- 3) Diabetes
- 4) Hunger
- 5) Childhood Cancer

In Nowthen, we support all these things and many more that are important to us and our community. Every May the Nowthen Lions Club has a calendar planning meeting. Our calendar has looked much the same for the past 11 years, and we are looking for more members and ideas. We'd like to listen to our community about how you would like to see us serve.

Current Lions Club Activities:

- We **SERVE** Children at our Breakfast with Santa, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
- We **SERVE** our Nowthen Senior Citizens Club by holding Bingo and serving their Valentine's Luncheon.

The Nowthen Senior Citizens also help us fill eggs for our Easter egg hunt. In the past, the Nowthen Lions have served the Nowthen Seniors by holding a barbeque, donating funds, and helping purchase tables and name tags.

- We **SERVE** by cleaning ditches on a 2 mile stretch of Viking Blvd each Spring as soon as the ditches dry up.
- We **SERVE** individuals in need in our community through donations. We give scholarships to high schoolers going to college. We give scholarship money to 4H clubs with members from our community.
- We also have Fish Fry's, breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, raffles, ice fishing, contest, etc. which provide us the funds to do all of this. And so much more!

EVERYONE in our community is invited to join us at an activity and get to know us. Please feel free to contact us and let us know if you would like more information about the amazing Lions organization. You will be glad you did.

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Meet the Public Works Department Staff

The City of Nowthen's Public Works department consists of two full-time employees; Public Works Supervisor, Joe Glaze & Public Works Employee Eric Madson. They maintain 60 miles of roadway, consisting of 25 miles of gravel roads, 35 miles of asphalt roads, and 51 cul-de-sacs. They also maintain 107 acres of parkland and 10 city buildings. In addition, they manage the city's equipment and are proactive in handling emergencies as they arise. With a combined 46 years of service, they are no strangers to the community.



Joe Glaze

Joe has worked for the city for 29 years. He is a Military Veteran, serving nine years with the Navy Seabees as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He was stationed in Diego Garcia, located in the British Indian ocean, Adak Naval Base in Adak, Alaska, Naval Air Station Lemoore,

California, then on to three years in the reserves in Columbus, Ohio. Joe was promoted to Training Officer while stationed in Alaska and California. Joe and his dog Sadie reside in Anoka. He has two adult children and two grandchildren.

Eric Madson

Eric grew up in the City of Nowthen and is a graduate of St. Francis High School. He attended college for automotive mechanics. Eric has worked in the public works department for 17 years and, in his spare time, likes to fish and hunt.

Eric was a member of the Farmer's Market for four years, selling his homemade jellies and jams. His chokecherry jelly is a 2014 Minnesota State Fair Blue Ribbon winner.

He and his wife reside in Zimmerman with two sons.



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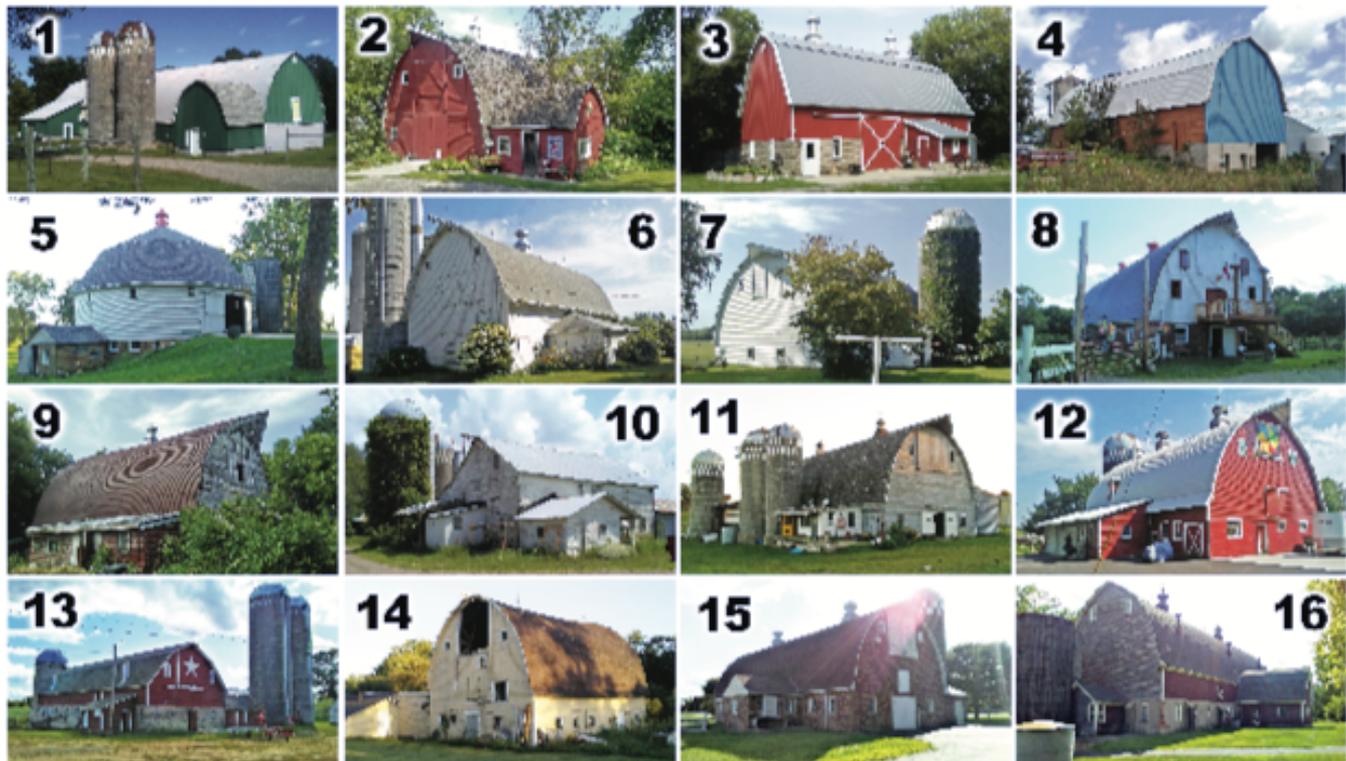
I was born in Princeton, and raised on the Kermit and Hanna Greenberg family farm with eight other siblings. Our house was called the "halfway house" and was an inn for horse drawn carriages traveling between Anoka and Princeton. The individual rooms in our old farmhouse each have a stove pipe hole so that each room could be heated by its own stove. The original old house is still next to the garage.

Our farm is over a hundred years old, with a barn that has hand hewn timbers. The beams in our hayloft are joined together tongue and groove with large wooden dowels holding them together.

The ceiling joists are made of the trunks of tamarack trees. The barn was home to 28 dairy cows that we milked morning and night. Our barn, like many in Nowthen, was designed for the storing of long, loose hay. At the peak of the roof on most of these old barns, the roof extends out, creating a "crow's beak" or "hay hood". This little peak covered the end of a hay trolley system that transported the loose hay from the wagon below to inside the hayloft. The large upper doors you see on these old barns would be opened, and the huge hay hooks would be lowered by rope down to the wagon full of loose hay below.

The loose hay would be gathered in the hooks, and the horses would draw up the hay by rope. Once the hay was up to the crow's beak, it was pulled into the hayloft then dropped down onto the floor of the loft into big, loose piles of hay. When you needed hay, you would use a hand saw to cut off the needed amount, then toss the hay through a hole in the hayloft floor to the cows below.

Some of my favorite barns of Nowthen are below. See if you can guess who owned them. Some of the names are the original owners, some are the current owners. The answers are at the bottom below the barns.



(1) Jenne, (2) Zuercher, (3) Chouinard, (4) Steinke, (5) Sparre, (6) Ott, (7) Kluge, (8) Olson, (9) Mueller (10) Greenberg, (11) Moritz, (12) Lefebvre, (13) Leistico, (14) MacIntyre, (15) Green, (16) Johnson



Recycle Smart

Do not place these items in your recycling cart. Take them to a drop-off location.



Plastic Bags

Avoid using plastic bags by using your own bag.

Recycle: Clean, dry bags and stretchy film can be taken to large retailers or grocery stores. Look for collection containers by store entrances. Punctured plastic air pillows can be recycled with other plastic film.

Trash: Throw away non-stretchy cellophane, wet or food-contaminated bags.



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Many products used at home are hazardous such as cleaning products, paint, pesticides, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs. **These items should never be put in your trash.**

Reduce: Limit the use of hazardous products by purchasing only what you need and using fewer toxic chemicals to get the job done.

Dispose: At no cost, leftover and unwanted products can be taken to the Anoka County HHW facility in Blaine. For more information visit AnokaCounty.us/hhw.



Tanglers

Tanglers are items that get wrapped around sorting equipment at recycling facilities such as holiday lights, electrical cords and plastic bags. These items become tangled on processing equipment and cause costly delays.

Reduce/Reuse: When shopping, reduce the use of plastic bags by using a reusable bag.

Recycle: Bring items like holiday lights and electric cords to a drop-off recycling center in your area. Find one near you at AnokaCounty.us/RecyclingDirectory.



Large Plastic Items

Kids' toys, pools, lawn chairs, laundry hampers and other large plastic items can't be recycled at the curb. Items larger than an ice cream bucket cannot go in the recycling bin; they can damage equipment at recycling facilities.

Reduce/Reuse: Consider buying used products and then pass them along to someone else or donate the item. Visit AnokaCounty.us/Reuse for more information.

Trash: Large plastic items must be thrown away in your household trash.



Shredded Paper

Small pieces of shredded and cross-cut paper are very difficult to capture in the recycling process. It creates a mess and is rarely recycled.

Reduce/Reuse: Shredded paper, free of staples and other non-paper items, can be used for animal bedding.

Recycle: The best way to recycle confidential documents is to bring them to a shredding event. Find a recycling event near you at AnokaCounty.us/RecyclingDirectory.

Saturday, May 8, 2021
8:00 AM—1:00 PM

Recycling Center
 19800 Nowthen Blvd
 Nowthen, MN 55303

Bring this coupon to Recycle Days
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ITEMS ACCEPTED for FREE at the Nowthen Recycling Center:
 Scrap Metal, Paper, Newspapers, Magazines, Antifreeze, Automotive Batteries, Oil, Oil Filters, Cell Phones, and Eye Glasses.

ITEMS ACCEPTED for a FEE (payable @ City Administration Office, Mon-Thurs. 7am-5:30pm):

- Appliances, Air Conditioners, Water Softeners, Humidifiers, De-Humidifiers
- Fluorescent Bulbs, High Intensity Discharge Bulbs
- Tires
- TV's, Computers, Laptops, VCR's, Monitors, Misc. Electronics

CALL CITY OFFICE FOR COMPLETE PRICING: 763-441-1347

APPLIANCES

Refrigerators*, Washers, Dryers,	\$10.00
Water Heaters, Microwaves,	
Stoves, Upright Freezers*, Humidifiers	
Dishwashers, DE-Humidifier	\$15.00
AC Unit, Chest Freezer	\$20.00
Propane Furnace	\$15.00
Fuel Oil Furnace	\$25.00
*CAMPER REFRIGERATORS	\$50.00
*INDUSTRIAL FREEZER	\$150.00

**Commercial Freezer/Fridge [\$1.60 per cubic ft.]

TELEVISIONS: (Measure Diagonally)

Under 13"	\$15.00
14" – 19"	\$20.00
20" – 27"	\$25.00
28" and larger (includes Consoles)	\$45.00
TV Plasma/LCD 4"-20"	\$10.00
TV Plasma/LCD 21"+	\$20.00

ELECTRONICS:

COMPUTER/LAPTOP	\$ 5.00
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MONITOR/SCREEN (Measure diagonally)

Monitor (up to 17")	\$15.00
Monitor (18" & up)	\$25.00
Mouse & Keyboards	FREE

PRINTERS

Small	\$ 5.00
Large/Laser	\$25.00
Fax Machine	\$10.00

MISC. ELECTRONICS

Radios/Small/CD player/VCR/DVD	\$ 5.00
Stereo Receiver	\$15.00
Stereo Console	\$40.00

TIRES (Up to 20)

Car/PU/ATV/Motorcycle	\$ 2.50
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LARGE TIRES (Over 20 up to 24")

Semi-truck/Skid Steer	\$ 6.00
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OVERSIZED TIRES:

20" – 24.5"	\$25.00
Tractor	\$30.00
Loader Tires	\$45.00

MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS

*Accepted @ City Admin Office	\$25.00
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FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

4' & under/Compact/Circular/U-bend	\$ 0.75
Over 4'	\$ 1.00
High Density	\$ 5.00
Florescent Bulb Ballast	\$ 2.00

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Nowthen City Council Meeting Dates

Nowthen Historic Town Hall
19800 Nowthen Blvd, Nowthen, MN 55330
1st Thursday of each month – City Council Workshop
2nd Tuesday of each month – City Council Meeting

Planning & Zoning Meeting Dates

Nowthen Historic Town Hall
19800 Nowthen Blvd, Nowthen, MN 55330
4th Tuesday of each month
There is no meeting in December, unless needed.

Recordings of Nowthen Council Meetings and Planning & Zoning Meetings are available at www.cityofnowthen.com

Note:

Throughout the year, meetings may be added, rescheduled or cancelled. Please call the City Office @ (763) 441-1347 to confirm meeting dates, locations and times.

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Fire/Police Emergency.....911
Fire/Police Non-Emergency....763-427-1212
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