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Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd



Sponsored by Park and Recreation Advisory Board

The Dundas Park and Recreation Advisory Board invites parents and kids to the annual EASTER EGG HUNT for ages infant to 8 years old on Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Park (214 1st Street S).

Kids, bring your own basket and have fun searching for 3,000 eggs in the Park!! The eggs will be filled with wrapped candy. The Park will have four different hunting areas divided by age groups:

Infant to 2 year olds 3 and 4 year olds
5 and 6 year olds 7 and 8 year olds

This year, parents are asked to donate \$1 per child to help with the event's cost and to help insure the event will continue each year.

The Park Board asks all parents and caregivers to help 'go green' by turning in the plastic eggs following the hunt so they can be used again next year! See you at the Easter Egg Hunt.

"Be sure and stop by the Pavilion and check out the yummy home baked goods from the local MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Chapter. Goodies just in time for Easter!"

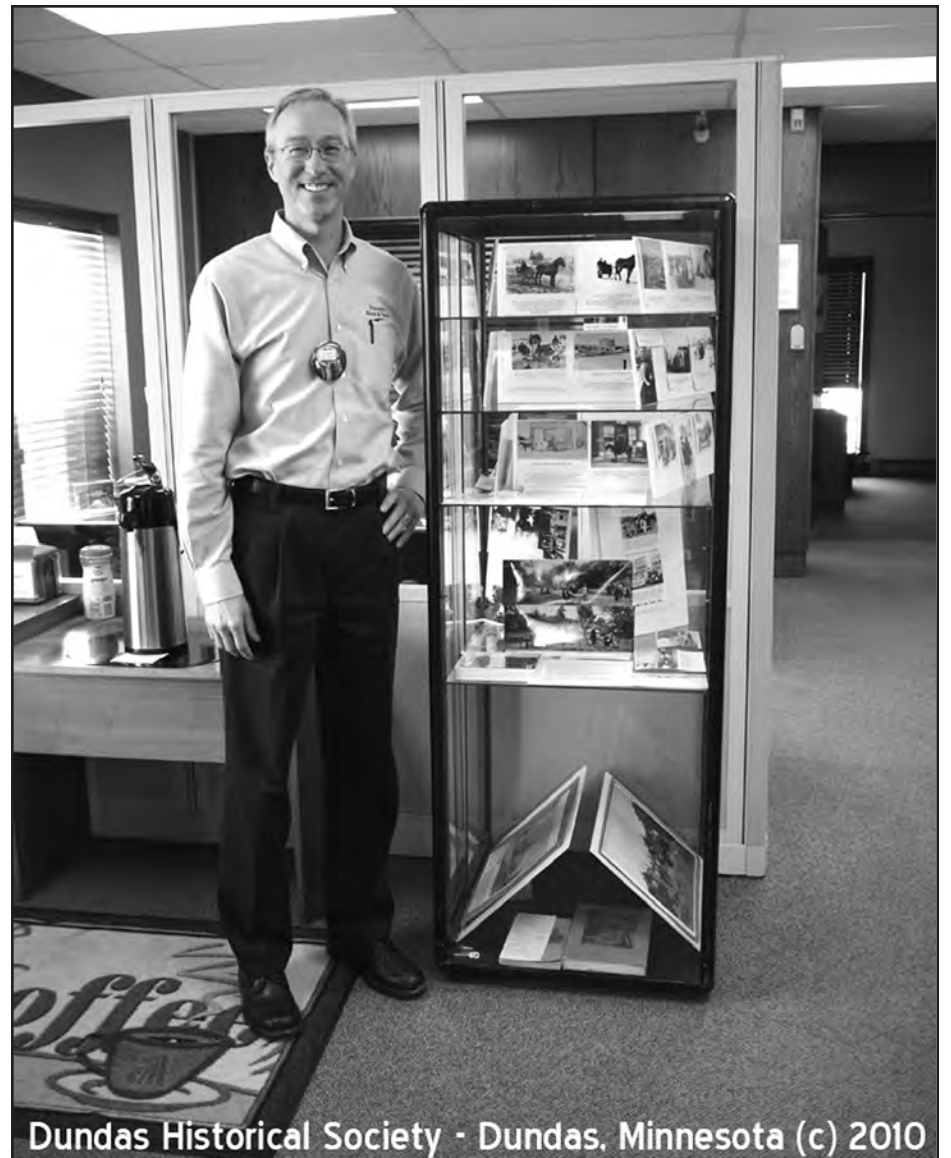
Volunteers Needed for Annual Parks Clean-Up Day April 16

The Annual Dundas Parks Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The City needs and welcomes volunteers to meet with the Park Board members inside the Pavilion at Memorial Park (214 1st St S) – coffee, cider and donuts will be provided to help get ready for a morning of being outdoors.

Please bring rakes, gloves and any other outdoor tools you think you'll use to clean-up at Memorial, Mill, Schilling, Millstone and Bridgewater Heights parks.

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to spending a day getting Dundas ready for residents and visitors to enjoy the spring/summer park season!

Frandsen Bank & Trust Host Chapter of Dundas History



Dundas Historical Society - Dundas, Minnesota (c) 2010
Bank President Rick Risberg of Frandsen Bank in Dundas, stands beside the donated case by ArtOrg displaying a chapter on Early Day Transportation in Dundas. Stop by and see these great pictures. (more on page 3)

Mark Your Calendar Meetings at City Hall

• **City Council** - City Council regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, except on holidays. Next regular meetings will be Monday, April 11 and 25 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

• **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be April 12 at 7:15p.m.

• **Planning Commission** meets the 3rd Thursday - 7p.m. The next regular meeting will be April 21.

• **Dundas Baseball Association** meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30p.m. at L&M Bar and Grill. Next meeting is April 11. Contact person is Bill Nelson 645-6567.

• **Dundas Historical Society** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month on at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The next meeting will be April 20. Contact person: Michelle Millenacker at 612-703-6648.

• **Questions or concerns about City water and sewer service?** Call: M-Thurs. 8a.m.-5:00p.m. City Hall 645-2852. Water and sewer main emergencies after City Hall hours:

Duane Meliza 507-645-8062 or
John McCarthy 1-800-620-1152.

CITY HALL HOURS:

Monday 8a.m.-6p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday 8a.m.-5p.m.;

Friday Closed

ADVERTISING & EDITORIAL

DEADLINE FOR THE

DUNDAS MESSENGER

IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.

STREET SWEEPING IN APRIL

(weather permitting)



Do not rake or dump sand, rock, leaves or grass into the street or gutters

CITY WIDE HYDRANT FLUSHING

April 11-April 30

(weather permitting)

Check water before using.

If water appears rusty or discolored in nature, run water until clear before using.

Any questions, call 645-2852.



PARENTS: Keep children from hydrants during flushing.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

FLOODING INFO

Check Dundas Website for the latest information concerning Cannon River and Rice County area.

www.cityofdundas.org

VACANCIES ON PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Park & Recreation Advisory Board has two openings. The Park Board has the responsibility to advise the City Council and staff in matters pertaining to the program of public recreation and parks of Dundas. The Board recommends policies governing the use of park facilities and acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Park Board members serve a three-year term and meet monthly (second Tuesday) at 7:15 p.m. at Dundas City Hall.

Any one interested in becoming a member of the Park Board may submit an application by stopping by City Hall at 216 Railway Street North, an application is online or can request by email at lrpka@dundas.us. For any further questions, please call City Hall at 645-2852.

Thank You

The City thanks the volunteer efforts of Doug Sonnee and Cory Miller in assisting with the removal of the ice rink boards at Bridgewater Heights Rink.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2011

Thursday, April 7	Trash and Recycling Pickup		
Monday, April 11	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dundas City Hall
	Dundas Baseball Association	5:30 p.m.	L&M Bar & Grill
Tuesday, April 12	Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting	7:15 p.m.	Dundas City Hall
Thursday, April 14	Trash Pickup Only		
Saturday, April 16	Annual Park Cleanup – Volunteers Needed	8:30 a.m.	Memorial Park
Wednesday, April 20	Dundas Historical Society	7:00 p.m.	Dundas City Hall
Thursday, April 21	Trash and Recycling Pickup		
	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dundas City Hall
Monday, April 25	City Council Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Dundas City Hall
Thursday, April 28	Trash Pickup Only		

~~~~~ ANNUAL PARKS CLEANUP ~~~~~  
 Saturday, April 16th  
 ~~~~~ CITY WIDE CLEANUP DAY ~~~~~  
 Saturday, May 14th

UTILITY BILLS ARE DUE THE 15TH DAY OF EACH MONTH
 Call City Hall at 645-2852 if you have not received a bill by the 5th of the month

Flood Fight FAQs

Q: What does a "100-year flood" mean?

A: The term "100-year flood" is often used as an attempt to simplify the definition of a flood that statistically has a 1-percent chance of occurring in any given year. Likewise, the term "100-year storm" is used to define a rainfall event that statistically has the same 1-percent chance of occurring. In other words, during the course of 1 million years, these events would be expected to occur 10,000 times. Just because it rained 10 inches in one day last year doesn't mean it can't rain 10 inches in one day again this year. (USGS)

Q: What is meant by the term "flood stage"?

A: The National Weather Service, based on the desires of the local community, establishes the "flood stage" gauge height for any given community. The flood stage gauge height is often the stage where damages begin to occur. Many communities desire to use the flood stage gauge height as an early warning alert, prior to the onset of significant damages. Significant damages may not occur until river levels are several feet above flood stage. Additionally, conditions along some rivers may have changed since the gauge and flood stages were established and reaching the flood stage may or may not result in actual damages. Again, stages are site-specific, so feet above flood stage at one location can't be compared to another.

Q: What is meant by the term "river stage"?

A: A site-specific measurement of river-level referenced as the height in feet above a designated zero reference point, called the gauge zero, at the site. The zero reference point is sometimes, but not always, chosen as the elevation of the river bottom. Normally, stage values are always positive. Drought conditions could cause the river level to fall below gauge zero, and the stage reading at that time would be negative. Since each gauge was established independently at each location, the stage reading is good for that location only and cannot be compared to other locations. For example, a stage of 30 feet at Fargo, N.D., cannot be compared to a stage of 30 feet at Grand Forks, N.D. The only way direct comparisons between two gauges can be made is by converting river stage to elevation by adding the stage to the gauge zero elevation.

Q: What can the Corps of Engineers do to assist before and during a flood?

A: When all available local/state resources have been exhausted, the Corps can provide flood fighting supplies, such as sandbags and polyethylene, as well as contingency planning support, technical assistance and emergency, temporary levee construction. A governor's request must be made to engage Corps resources. Ultimately, the Corps is there to SUPPORT local communities and not lead the flood fight.

2011 Reservations for MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION RENTAL

Accepting Reservations May 1 – September 30

RATES + MN Sales Tax

Monday – Friday

Half Day: \$ 45.00 All Day: \$85.00

Deposit \$150.00

Saturday/Sunday All Day Only:

Rate: \$85.00

Deposit: \$150.00

For Reservation Forms call @ 645-2852 or see website www.cityofdundas.org

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New Ventures Of Older Adventures by Arlene Williams



Dundas Historical Society, Dundas, MN © 2010

If you haven't been to Frandsen Bank and Trust recently, then you haven't had an opportunity to view the new display of Dundas memorabilia and history. This will be a revolving display created by the Dundas Historical Society. The display is located in the lobby of the bank and contains interesting and unique items and articles about the residents and activities of Dundas.

Thanks to the many individuals/families who over the years have contributed their memories! The Historical Society would especially like to thank the following individuals and families; Jeanne Pyatt, Hassan Family, Helen Howie, Marge Neuhaus and family, Pinc Family, Heil Family, Albers family, DeMann family, Thielbar family, Little Prairie Church, Lillie Clara Berg, Code family, Herkenratt family, Colisson family, E. Chester Family, Boyum family, Drake family, Freeman-Jankowski family, and many, many more.

Thank you to the Frandsen Bank for the generous donation of space in their lobby and to ArtOrg for the glass display case.

Items on display will stay in Dundas as requested by most donors. We hope to have a Historical Society museum in the future in Dundas. As this is a revolving display, items will change every few months and new items and categories will be added. If you have items you would be willing to loan us and allow us to display, please contact Arlene and Ed Williams at 507-645-4586 or Michelle Millenacker at 507-664-9481.

If you have an interest in history or want to learn more about the history of Dundas, please feel free to join us! Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Dundas City Hall. The Historical Society organizes the Celebrate Dundas

and is looking for people to help make it another successful year so please call 507-644-9481 and donate your time and talent. Keep Dundas a unique community!



Dundas Historical Society - Dundas, Minnesota (c) 2010



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CITY HIGHLIGHTS



CALLS FOR SERVICES

- 02.03- Open door found in the 500 block of French Lane
- 02.05- Domestic reported in the 400 block of Archibald Lane
Theft reported in the 400 block of Archibald Lane
Gabriela Ramos-Costeno, 24, cited for No MN Drivers License
Assisted Northfield P.D. on a traffic stop
- 02.06- No proof of insurance form issued
Welfare check requested in the 500 block of Summit Lane
Ordinance violation reported in the 300 block of Hester St. W.
- 02.07- Open gate found in the area of Stafford and Gleason
- 02.09- Assisted Rice County Sheriff's Office in the 7700 block of 115th St.
Welfare check in the 400 block of Archibald Lane
Another welfare check in the 400 block of Archibald Lane
Noise complaint from a train reported in the area of the RR tracks and
Millstone Lane
- 02.10- Property damage accident car vs. deer
- 02.11- Winting parking ban violation in the 500 block of Miller Lane
- 02.12- Underage alcohol party in the 500 block of Grindstone Lane-
8 Minors cited
Civil matter reported in the area of West Ave. and Railway St.
Assisted Northfield P.D. with a medical at Applebee's
- 02.13- Disturbance reported in the 400 block of Grindstone Lane
Assault reported at the Corner Mart
Assisted Northfield P.D. in the area of 4th and Division St.
- 02.14- Minor property damage crash in the Post Office parking lot
Harassing communications reported in the 300 block of 3rd St. N.
- 02.15- Court ordered paper service in the 500 block of Grindstone Lane
LYNN RACHELL INGEBRIGTSEN, 49, arrested on suspicion
of DUI
- 02.17- Assisted Guth Electric while they changed out street lights @
Hwy 3/CR 1 and Stafford Rd.
Kari Lea Andreas, 33, cited for No Insurance and serious speed
- 02.19- Mikayah Yahsarel Marquette, 30, arrested on a Dakota County Warrant
- 02.20- Assisted other agency with a death notification
- 02.23- Parking complaint in the 100 block of Miller Lane
Road Hazard in the area of Hwy 3 and C.R. 1
- 02.24- Juvenile problem reported in the 500 block of Summit Lane
- 02.25- Shots fired reported ½ mile east of Hester St.-Unfounded
Assisted Northfield P.D. in the 1300 block of Lia Drive
- 02.26- Assisted Northfield P.D. in the 700 block of Water St. S.
Ordinance violation of snowmobiling on sidewalk
Assisted Northfield P.D. with a fight at the Rueb-n-Stein
- 02.28- Medical reported in the 500 block of Vermillion Place

Monthly Reports - February 2011

| OFFENSE - FEBRUARY 2011 | CITATION | WARNING | COMPLAINT |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS | | 10 | |
| SPEED | 3 | 10 | |
| D.L. VIOLATION | | 3 | |
| ORDINANCE VIOLATION | 7 | 6 | |
| NO DL IN POSSESSION | 1 | | |
| SEATBELT | | | |
| NO PROOF OF INS FORM | | 3 | |
| PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE | 1 | | |
| WINTER PARKING VIOLATION | | | |
| NO INSURANCE | 1 | | |
| MINOR CONSUMPTION ALCOHOL | 1 | | |
| OBSTRUCT LEGAL PROCESS | 1 | | |
| CONTRIBUTE TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR | 2 | | |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 1 | | |
| TOTAL FOR MONTH | 18 | 32 | 0 |

DUNDAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

For Emergency Situations, Dial 911

Non-emergency situations, call 507-645-5252

470 Railway Street S

If no Officer is available,

contact the Dispatch Center: 866-727-5299.



CITY OF DUNDAS WEBSITE:

www.cityofdundas.org

Check out our website to keep informed of the latest City news, announcements and meetings.

Agendas and minutes are posted along with the City Code and other information.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK'S REPORT

Administrator/Clerk's Report to Mayor and Council for March 14, 2011 by John McCarthy (follows the Agenda)

Consent Agenda

Resolutions Approving Signatory Powers: Some of the banks which the City has CD's in are requiring corporate resolutions. Both Community Resource Bank and Premier Bank Minnesota have requested a resolution.

Resolution Accepting Donations: The City requires any organization conducting chartable gambling in an establishment located within the City to contribute 10% of the annual net profits to be used for approved purposes.

Wells Fargo: This is the semi-annual interest payment for the 2005 GO Revenue Bond. The City is using TIF revenue generated in TIF District #2 to make the payments on this bond.

Special Action

Northfield Wastewater Treatment Bill: The City received an invoice from the City of Northfield for wastewater treatment which indicated a change in the Base Rate. According to the Wastewater Agreement between Northfield and Dundas, Dundas is to be notified in writing of any change in the Base Rate 60 days before the change is effective. The City has not received a notification of a rate change. I have asked Northfield City Engineer Katy Gehler to

clarify the discrepancy and for some additional information explaining the components of the rate. Northfield City Administrator Tim Madigan contacted me and explained not sending the notice was an oversight. He further assured me Northfield will be providing the requested information. I recommend waiving notice and authorizing payment of the invoice at the new rate. (Motion)

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2011-11 Appropriating Funds for Celebrate Dundas: The Dundas Historical Society is requesting funds to help defray the costs of putting on a community celebration in June. The funds requested were budgeted in the 2011 Park and Recreation Budget. I recommend approval of Resolution. (Motion)

Resolution 2011-12 Dismissing Lawsuit: The developer and bank have complied with all of the provisions of Resolution 2011-03. A new Letter of Credit has been issued, the required fees and escrow has been paid, and the Development Agreement has been signed. The City now needs to dismiss the lawsuit. (Motion)

Resolution 2011-13 Establishing HAZMIT Team: The Public Works and Public Safety Committees met as a committee of the whole on Monday, March 7th to review emergency planning. The committee recommends establishing a Hazard Mitigation Team consisting of the Chief of Police, Public Works Director and City Administrator/Clerk. (Motion)

Resolution 2011-14 Prioritizing Flood Response: The Public Works and Public Safety Committees reviewed prioritization of responses to a flooding event. The committee recommends the City approve a prioritized response plan. (Motion)

New Business

Request to Amend Police Department Policy Manual: Chief Mincke has requested an amendment to Policy 13-05 Training and Qualifications, Deadly Weapons – On-Duty Firearms to add item 2) "AR15 Type .223 Caliber Rifle" to Section b. Other approved lethal weapons. This would permit officers to provide their own AR15 as an approved

lethal weapon. The officers would be required to qualify in accordance with department policy before being permitted to use an AR15 while on duty. (Motion)

Engineer's Report

Municipal Agreement Program Scoping: City Engineer McMahon and Administrator McCarthy had a phone conference with representatives of MnDOT regarding the eligibility of Schilling Drive and other Highway #3 projects in the Municipal Agreement Program.

Administrator's Report

Joint City/County/School District/Township Legislative Day: Council approved expenses to attend the joint legislative event—co-sponsored by LMC, Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota School Boards Association and Minnesota Association of Townships on March 24, 2011.

Lighting and Warming House for Ice Rink: Staff is preparing a Parks Legacy Grant request to install lighting and a warming house at the Bridgewater Heights Ice Rink. The grant application must be submitted by March 31, 2011 and requires a public hearing before the grant can be applied for. Mayor Switzer has scheduled a public hearing on the grant application for March 28, 2011.

Street Sweeping: The City has requested proposals for a two-year street sweeping agreement from several private companies and the City of Northfield. The proposals are to be returned to the City by Tuesday, March 22nd and will be on the agenda for approval at the next Council meeting.

Flood Planning: On Wednesday, March 2, Chief Mincke and Administrator McCarthy met with representatives of governments and organizations preparing for possible flooding in the Cannon River Watershed. Most of the meeting involved each organization describing how they are preparing for flooding and what their responsibilities/resources might be. Chain of command and communication procedures were also emphasized.

There is very little availability of information regarding flood water depths. Currently the only upstream river gauge is near the confluence of the Straight and Cannon Rivers in Faribault. Northfield intends to place another automatic gauge upstream of the City of Northfield, but as of last week a location has not been established. Public

Works Director Meliza has been in contact with Rice County to see if the sight gauge located on the County Road One bridge can be updated.

The County provided additional information including a Community Flood Fight Plan checklist and a USACE Fact Sheet for requesting assistance. In addition, the City received a copy of a Corps of Engineer's handbook with ideas regarding preparing for a flood.

A follow up conference call with MN Dept. of Public Safety / Homeland Security, was held on March 7th to clarify some communication questions regarding requests for assistance. Mark Marcy, Regional Coordinator for Southeast Minnesota, cautioned that state assistance may be limited as they are "anticipating widespread problems".

Letter Supporting Historical Building: The City has sent a letter to David Kamis regarding the historic chapel at the former Holy Cross Episcopal Church.

Doug Cox: Former Dundas City Council Member Doug Cox died on Friday, March 11th at his home. Cox served on the Dundas Planning Commission from 1997 to 1999 and on the City Council from 1999 to 2002.

Human Resource Committee: The Human Resource Committee should hold a meeting to prepare for April's annual performance review of the administrator, policy manual updates and other related HR issues.

Boards and Commissions

Park and Recreation Advisory Board: The Park and Recreation Advisory Board met on March 8th. Spencer Jones, who will be preparing a landscape plan and Mac Gimse, creator of the sculpture to be installed at the Trailhead, were present to discuss goals for the landscaping and appropriate placement of the kiosk and sculpture. Other items on the agenda were a review of the skating event at Bridgewater Heights Ice Rink, plans for the Easter Egg hunt, park-cleanup which is scheduled for April 16, replacement and adding to play equipment cushion fiber and the proposed warming house / lighting project for the Bridgewater Heights Ice Rink.

Emergency Management Meeting: The Public Works and Public Safety Committees held a joint meeting on March 7, 2011, to discuss emergency management, especially related to potential flooding.



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Obituaries

Douglas Frank Cox

Douglas Frank Cox, age 61, of Dundas, passed away unexpectedly at his home Friday, March 11, 2011.



He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 27, 1949, to Ann and Dean Cox. He was a 1967 graduate of East High School in Des Moines. He pursued post-high school education at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Doug spent time in Des Moines, Iowa City, Vermont and Northfield before moving to Dundas in 1978.

Doug was a machinist who enjoyed his work at his own business, Riverside Engineering in Dundas. He also had been part owner of C.G. Industrial in Dennison, as well as worked for Crown, Cork & Seal

in Faribault and Stampings of Minnesota in Lakeville. Doug served as a member of the Dundas City Council (1999-2002) and Dundas Planning Commission (1997-1998).

Outside of work, Doug dearly loved spending time with his granddaughters, Payton and Sydney, and his dog, Oscar. He also enjoyed woodworking. He loved to read and was always proud of the fact that he read only nonfiction. History, autobiographies and books about "the why or how of things, e.g., how inventions came about" always fascinated him. One of Doug's favorite projects was working with local artist Mac Gimse on Mac's sculpture "Between Earth and Sky," currently located next to Lampe Law office in Northfield. The sculpture is planned to be placed at the trail head for the Mill Town Trail in Dundas.

Doug is survived by his son, Ira (Stephanie) Carlson of Northfield; grand-

children, Payton and Sydney Carlson of Northfield; four siblings, Ed (Susan) Cox, Becky Cox, John Cox of Des Moines, Iowa, and Sheila (Tom) Staubus of Duluth. Beloved nieces and nephews are Nathan (Lindsey) Cox, Kayli Staubus, Maria Staubus and Amanda Cox.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Little Prairie United Methodist Church of Dundas. Visitation was held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Following the service, a Celebration of Life was at 3:30 p.m. at the L&M Bar and Grill in Dundas. Memorial donations may be made to the Mill Town Trail, Box 282, Northfield, Minn. 55057.

Barbara Backe

Barbara Backe, age 78 of Northfield, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Funeral Services were at 1 a.m. Monday, March 14, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis with Pastor Dan Clites of Rejoice! Church officiating. Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Bierman Funeral Home in Northfield and Monday at the Church one hour prior to

services.

Barbara Phyllis Backe, the youngest of nine children, was born Aug. 27, 1932, in Salem, Mass., daughter of John and Jennie (Conner) Martin. She spent her childhood in Salem where she graduated from high school and enjoyed being with her friends. One day she met a sailor stationed in Salem from Waseca, Minn., named Allen Backe. After a courtship they were married on May 22, 1955. They spent the next years moving from base to base; first Elizabeth City, N.C., next to Kodiak Island in Alaska, and then back to Salem, Mass.

She was active at Bethel Lutheran Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and a Circle member.

Backe is survived by son Jerry Backe of Northfield; daughters Cindy (Michael) Carey of Dundas, Brenda Vosejka of Northfield, Donna (Dan) Vesledahl of Nerstrand; sister Shirley (Pinky) Pinkham; brother Bertram Martin both of Massachusetts; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Allen.

Funeral arrangements by the Bierman Funeral Home of Northfield.

Recognition of the Fall of Fort Sumter - The Beginning of the Civil War

The Rice County Historical Society and the Cannon River Civil War Round Table present the first of many events recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Guild House of the Episcopal Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior from 1 to 4pm.

Jan Stevens, dressed in authentically constructed period clothing from the Civil War era will welcome you to the many sounds and sights of the Civil War. Listen to Civil War era music while viewing a vast array of genuine Civil War artifacts including the Rice County Civil War battle flag, slave bills, Lincoln memorabilia, soldier's equipment, weapons, ordinance, buttons, buckles, bonds, and currency. Chuck Larsen of

Morristown will reenact the part of a Civil War recruiting officer.

Books about the Civil War will be available for purchase including the recently published book *The 1st MN Second to None* written by Richard G. Krom, the Great Grandson of a young soldier from Morristown, Edward H. Bassett.

Enjoy homemade pie and coffee in the new north entry of the Cathedral, Guild House at 101 NW 6th Street in Faribault MN. The Event will begin at 1:00pm and is free and open to the public, although donations to the Historical Society are appreciated and tax deductible. Please contact the Rice County Historical Society at (507) 332-2121 with any questions.

The Park & Recreation Advisory Board has scheduled the

Annual Cleanup Day for Bridgewater Heights, Memorial, Mill, Millstone, and Schilling Parks on:

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Volunteers Meet at Memorial Park (214 First Street South)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

All residents and businesses of Dundas are invited to participate. Volunteers will trim the trees, remove garbage and winter debris, make necessary riverbank improvements, and get the parks ready for the 2011 season.

The Park Board welcomes any yard tools, trucks and trailers to assist in accomplishing the necessary cleanup tasks. Refreshments will be available.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed - be involved in your Community!

Call City Hall at 645-2852 with any questions.

Dundas Area Church Directory



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

by Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

A miner struck it rich. Every time he disappeared into the hills, he came up with a vein that was bigger and better.

"What's the secret?" asked his friends.

"I keep digging," he answered.

Too many start, but they stop.

"Oh," you say, "I've been afraid."

Stop your fears or your fears will stop you.

"But," you add, "I've been abused."

There's no gain without pain.

St. Paul was pounded, pained and persecuted. But he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." And he added, so "I press on." Won't you?

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Adult Group 8a.m.

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MINUTE by MINUTE

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Ryan Carroll, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl, Nate Ryan

Others Present: Stephanie Henrickson, Chuck DeMann, Bruce Morlan, Jane Moline, David Kamis, Sharon Gates-Hull, City Attorney Paula Callies, City Engineer Tom McMahan, City Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Ripka and others.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call taken; a quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Switzer called for members of the public to address the Council.

Jane Moline (Dundas) stated she is for an EAW on Rejoice! Lutheran Church project.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Modory, second by Pribyl, to approve Agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Switzer, second by Ryan, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2011 and

Expenditures of \$21,264.82.

MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Planning

Administrator McCarthy reported representatives from cities located along the Cannon River and Rice County will be meeting on March 2nd regarding emergency planning in the individual jurisdictions, coordination of resources and communication and public education. He referred to his memo of February 28 and noted he has met with Public Works Director Meliza and Chief Mincke, the Emergency Management Director.

McCarthy stated the concern is planning for possible spring flooding and any severe weather. He noted the need to work on effective communication between the City and Dundas residents and businesses.

McCarthy indicated the City will be working on a Disaster Recovery Plan and using the State Auditor's model as a guide. He referred to the City of Northfield's website for further information.

Public Works and Public Safety Committees will meet on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Landscape Planning for Trailhead

Administrator McCarthy presented Spencer Jones' updated proposal to provide landscape planning for the Trailhead. He indicated a grant was available from DNR to help offset the cost of the proposed Kiosk. Switzer indicated a grant may be available to help offset the cost of completing and installing the sculpture "Between Earth and Sky". McCarthy and City Engineer McMahan explained current process, time line and involvement of DNR relating to the Kiosk.

Motion by Switzer, second by Pribyl, to approve preparation of a landscape design by Spencer Jones Landscape Architect, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Motion carried 4 to 1. Roll Call: Yes – Modory, Switzer, Carroll, Pribyl; No -Ryan.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-06 A Resolution Supporting SUPER KIDS and Authorizing Use of Pavilion

Motion by Modory, second by Ryan, to approve Resolution 2011-06. McCarthy reported it is the third year for the SUPER Kids program in Dundas and has been well received. MCU

Resolution 2011-07 A Resolution Approving the Labor Agreement between the City of Dundas and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Local #327)

Motion by Ryan, second by Switzer, to approve Resolution 2011-07. McCarthy reported on the mediation session stating Local #327 agreed to adopt the language proposed by the City for a two-year contract beginning January 1, 2010. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Support Endangered Building Designation

Administrator McCarthy informed Council the City received a request to support the nomination by David Kamis of the Holy Cross Church building as one of Minnesota's "10 Most Endangered Historic Places".

Jane Moline (Dundas) presented information on the history of the church and parish hall. She explained the proposal for the nomination is due to future proposals which

would endanger the building.

David Kamis (rural Dundas) requested Council to write a letter of support in nominating the church to the "10 Most Endangered Historic Places".

Stephanie Henrickson (rural Dundas) presented drawings of future building plans obtained from Rejoice! Church's website. She requested the City talk to Rejoice! Church and renegotiate building plans. She noted a State grant could be awarded if the church goes on the "10 Most Endangered Historic Places".

Motion by Pribyl, second by Carroll, to support the nomination of the Holy Cross Church building as one of Minnesota's "10 Most Endangered Historic Places". Councilor Ryan reviewed his conversation with a representative of the Minnesota Historical Preservation Office noting a designation will not infringe on any future construction. Councilor Pribyl supported the City promoting preserving such history. Councilor Modory and McCarthy questioned what is "endangered" about the building. Councilor Carroll stated he recognizes the building as being historical and is supportive of being preserved. Mayor Switzer indicated while the church is a strong part of history of Dundas, so is the milling building. Carroll called the question. Motion carried 3 to 2. Yes: Ryan, Carroll, Pribyl. No – Modory, Switzer. MCU

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – McMahan reported

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MINUTE by MINUTE

attending a scooping meeting on February 22nd on MnDOT's Municipal Agreement Program Grant noting possible projects for City. MnDOT will be getting back to the City regarding a preliminary assessment of scoring.

City Administrator/Clerk – John McCarthy

Financial: McCarthy reviewed financial report of City and current issues with the State legislation.

Petition for EAW: McCarthy informed the Council after reviewing the petition for an EAW for Rejoice! Church project there was not enough information to recommend an EAW, and a letter was sent to the Environmental Quality Board. He reviewed the information he currently found on the national registry.

Councilor Pribyl requested an update on the Letter of Credit with Premier Bank and developer's agreement. McCarthy stated the Development Agreement has been signed and the City is waiting for a new Letter of Credit from the bank and a check from developer.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Planning Commission – Councilor Ryan gave an update on Planning Commission meeting of February 17th. Ryan reviewed the need for installing a warning siren in the Bridgewater Heights addition with a suggestion to ask for monetary support from neighboring communities benefiting from the siren. He reported on the desire for the City to work with Northfield and Bridgewater Township to coordinate planning.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Motion by Pribyl, second by Modory, to accept the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's 2011 Work Plan. MCU

Motion by Pribyl, second by Ryan, to direct staff to apply for the DNR grant to use for ice rink improvements at Bridgewater Heights. MCU

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ryan, second by Pribyl, to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 9:01 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Attested by:
John McCarthy, Administrator/Clerk
Glenn Switzer, Mayor

**DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY / PUBLIC WORKS
Monday, March 7, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Ryan Carroll, Grant Modory

Others Present: Chief of Police Gordon Mincke, City Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor Switzer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Flood Planning

Administrator McCarthy reviewed the flood planning meeting he and Chief Mincke attended.

HAZMIT Team

Administrator McCarthy and Chief Mincke discussed the need to establish a Hazard Mitigation Team. (HAZMIT). The HAZMIT Team will begin by identifying and prioritizing the potential hazards to Dundas.

The committee recommended establishing

a HAZMIT Team consisting of the Chief of Police (Incident Commander), City Administrator/Clerk (Information Officer / Liaison Officer / Finance – Administration) and Public Works Director (Safety Officer / Operations Officer).

Prioritizing City Responsibilities and Response

The committee reviewed a list of priorities in responding to a threat of or actual flooding event.

The committee recommended the following priorities:

1. Emergency response to situations that preserve life and or a threat of serious injury.
2. Responder safety.
3. Preservation of City-owned infrastructure and services.
4. Coordination of volunteers.
5. Interoperability/communications with emergency personnel and the community.

6. Provide information and communication to business and residential property owners, especially those threatened with potential flooding.

7. Cost tracking.

8. Recovery efforts and clean-up.

Current Activities

Administrator McCarthy reviewed what staff is currently pursuing. The committee discussed additional items with an emphasis on communication.



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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Switzer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by: Attested by:
John McCarthy, Administrator/Clerk
Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 14, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Dundas City Hall

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer;
Councilors Ryan Carroll, Grant Modory,
Chad Pribyl

Not Present: Councilor Nate Ryan

Others Present: Chuck DeMann,
Stephanie Hendrickson, David Kamis,
Dave Salene, City Attorney Paula Callies,
City Engineer Tom McMahan, City
Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy and
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call taken; a quorum was present. Absent: Councilor Ryan.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Switzer called for members of the public to address the Council.

Stephanie Hendrickson thanked Council for letter of support.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Modory, second by Carroll , to

approve Agenda with addition under New Business of Easter Egg Hunt. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pribyl, second by Carroll , to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2011;

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2011;

Resolution 2011-08 Authorizing Signatory Power Community Resource Bank;

Resolution 2011-09 Authorizing Signatory Power Premier Bank;

Resolution 2011-10 Accepting a Donation from the Northfield Fire Relief Association; Special Action Claim - Wells Fargo \$60,367.50;

Expenditures - \$96,958.24

MCU

SPECIAL ACTION

Northfield Wastewater Treatment Bill Motion by Switzer, second by Pribyl, to approve the Northfield Wastewater Treatment invoice. Administrator McCarthy indicated the last invoice received from the City of Northfield for wastewater treatment showed an increase in rate. He indicated the City was not given the proper sixty-day notice of an increase per the agreement but asked Council waive notice and pay the invoice. Councilor Carroll's suggested having supporting information before paying increase. Councilor Modory suggested reviewing in

two months to see if rate study from Northfield has been received and reviewed by Dundas staff; if not, discontinue paying at the increased rate. Motion carried 3 to 1. Roll Call: YES - Modory, Switzer, Pribyl; NO -Carroll.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-11 A Resolution Appropriating Funds for Celebrate Dundas 2011

Motion by Carroll, second by Pribyl, to approve Resolution 2011-11. Administrator McCarthy informed Council the Celebrate Dundas is an annual event and State Statues allows an appropriation of funds. MCU

Resolution 2011-12 A Resolution Authorizing City Dismissing Lawsuit with Premier Bank Minnesota

Motion by Pribyl, second by Carroll, to approve Resolution 2011-12. Administrator McCarthy reported all requirements of Resolution 2011-03 have been complied with by the developer and bank. Attorney Callies recommended approving the dismissal. MCU

Resolution 2011-13 A Resolution Establishing and Naming Hazard Mitigation Team (HAZMIT) Motion by Carroll , second by Modory, to approve Resolution 2011-13. Administrator McCarthy reviewed the recommendation from the Public Works and Public Safety Committees for establishing HAZMIT Team and the recommend members. MCU

Resolution 2011-14 A Resolution Adopting a List of Priorities in Responding to a Flooding Event

Motion by Carroll, second by Pribyl, to approve Resolution 2011-14, Administrator McCarthy informed Council the goal is to formalize the City's position and response to a flood by identifying priorities. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Amend Police Policy 13.05

Motion by Modory, second by Carroll, to amend Police Policy 13.05. McCarthy informed Council the amendment would allow officers to carry their own AR-15. He stated the ammunition is provided by the City. Councilor Carroll asked about training cost and type of ammunition used. McCarthy reported training is done by Rice County and all ammunition is department approved and issued. MCU

Request to Appropriate Funds for Easter Egg Hunt

Motion by Pribyl, second by Carroll, to use funds from the Park Budget up an amount not to exceed \$300, including donations, toward expenses for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pribyl reported donations were received last year to use. MCU

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City Administrator/Clerk - John
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MINUTE by MINUTE

McCarthy
Lighting and Warming House for Ice Rink: McCarthy gave update on plans for the Park Legacy Grant for lighting and a warming house at the Bridgewater Heights Ice Rink. He informed Council the grant is a 75/25 match. The grant request must be for at least \$20,000 plus a cash match. Currently, there is about \$5,000 in the Park Development Fund.

Street Sweeping: McCarthy reported proposal forms were sent out and due back next week with Council reviewing at next meeting.

Doug Cox: McCarthy reported former Planning Commission and Council member of Dundas passed away last Friday.

Human Resource Committee: Meeting called for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees
Park & Recreation Advisory Board: Councilor Pribyl reviewed meeting of March 8th concerning sculptor and kiosk. The Board will be doing a Pancake Breakfast for Celebrate Dundas. He indicated the annual Park Cleanup Day will be April 16. Modory suggested rehabilitating the softball field.

Public Safety and Public Works Committees: Carroll reviewed the meeting of March 7th including the flood planning and equipment for police department.

CLOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER OFFERS OR COUNTEROFFERS FOR

THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (MN § 13D.05, Subd. 3(3))

Mayor Switzer closed the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c), to consider offers related to the City's possible purchase of the following properties all located in the Dundas Commercial Park:

2nd Addition, Outlot D, PID 17.14.2.26.001

Lot 5, Block 1, PID 17.11.3.75.003
NEly 285.28 Ft Lot 4 Outlot C, Block 1 PID 17.11.3.75.004

Lot 3, Block 1, PID 17.11.3.75.005

Mayor Switzer recessed the meeting for ten minutes to allow the chamber to clear.

Mayor Switzer reopened the regular meeting at 9:49 p.m. stating the Council held a closed meeting to consider the City's possible purchase of property as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c). Present were Councilors Carroll, Modory, Pribyl, Mayor Switzer, City Attorney Callies, City Engineer McMahon, City Administrator McCarthy, and Deputy Clerk Ripka. Mayor Switzer stated the City will continue to consider offers regarding the property.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Pribyl, second by Carroll, to adjourn the regular Council meeting at 9: 50 p.m. MCU

Submitted by: Attested by:
John McCarthy, Administrator/Clerk
Glenn Switzer, Mayor

CITY OF DUNDAS PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011 7:00 P.M.

DUNDAS CITY HALL UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Present: Chair Nate Ryan; Commissioners Bruce Morlan, Gary Ebling, Jeanine Taylor, Larry Fowler, John Charnell

Others: City Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ryan called the Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM/CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (non agenda items)

Chair Ryan called for any comments or concerns by citizens. No one spoke

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Ebling, second by Taylor, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Ryan, second by Ebling, to approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2011. MCU

OLD BUSINESS
2011 Goals and Plans

Commissioners discussed intergovernmental planning with a request for the City to support Intergovernmental co-operation to facilitate planning for growth, economic sustainability, roads and transit, with the goal of having a memorandum of understanding.

Motion by Ryan, second by Fowler, to approve 2011 Goals and Plans and submit to

the City Council. MCU
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Morlan, second by Ebling, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by:
Attest:

Larry Fowler, Secretary
Nate Ryan, Chair

DUNDAS PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 7:15 p.m. Dundas City Hall

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
Present: Deb Mikulecky, Gordon Kelley, Chad Pribyl

Absent: Noemi Rosas, Deb Rasmussen

Also Present: Matt Detert, Spencer Jones, Mac Gimse, Mayor Glenn Switzer, City Engineer Tom McMahon, Administrator/Clerk John McCarthy

CALL TO ORDER
Roll Call/Notification of Quorum

Chair Chad Pribyl opened the Regular Meeting of the Dundas Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at 7:15 p.m. call taken; a quorum was present. Absent: Noemi Rosas and Deb Rasmussen.

Approval of Agenda
Motion by Kelley, second by Mikulecky, to approve the agenda. MCU (Motion Carried Unanimously)

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Kelley, second by Pribyl, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 1, 2011. MCU

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MINUTE by MINUTE

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Skating Party Review

All members present viewed the skating party a success. The event received news coverage in both Northfield News and the Dundas Messenger. Refreshments were 140 hot dogs purchased with 90 consumed and a suggestion to have two hot chocolate dispensers next year.

Park Legacy Grant

Motion by Kelley, second by Mikulecky to support the application for the Parks Legacy Grant for lighting and a warming house at Bridgewater Heights ice rink. MCU

Easter Egg Hunt Planning

Motion by Kelley, second by Mikulecky to request Council approval funds of an amount not to exceed \$300.00 from the Park budget, including 2010 donations, toward the Easter Egg Hunt orders. MCU

OLD BUSINESS (con't)

Trailhead Landscape Plan

Landscape Architect Spencer Jones discussed the plans and ideas for the trailhead area to possibly include water and light features. Artist Mac Gimse provided background regarding the sculpture he created to be placed near the river in the trailhead area.

The location and timeline of the DNR Grant-funded bike trail kiosk was also discussed by City Engineer McMahon. The feedback was provided to Jones regarding the plan and to review at the April 12th meeting.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting – March 8, 2011
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OLD BUSINESS (con't)

Celebrate Dundas Pancake Breakfast

Board members posed questions regarding what is needed to host a pancake breakfast at the Celebrate Dundas event. Mikulecky will meet with the Dundas Historical Society to get detailed information and report back to the rest of the board regarding planning and expectations.

NEW BUSINESS

Bridgewater Ice Rink Closing Preparation

The rink boards will be removed sometime in March. Chad Pribyl and Doug Sonnee will recruit volunteers from the Bridgewater Heights neighborhood to complete this task.

Green Team Application

Motion by Pribyl, second by Kelley, to approve Girl Scout Daisy Troop #25409 as the Youth Recycling Green Team from May to August 2011. MCU

Memorial Park Playground Mulch/Safety Recommendation to City Council

Motion by Kelley, second by Mikulecky, to recommend to Council drain tile be installed at the playground area at Memorial Park, and engineered wood fiber mulch be purchased for the playground at Memorial Park. MCU

Motion by Mikulecky, second by Kelley to recommend to Council engineered wood fiber mulch be replenished at Mill Stone Park this year. MCU

Playful City USA Grants

The Board received information regarding

available grants for playgrounds programs promoting outdoor play to children. Mikulecky will look into it further and report back to the Board. The deadline for the application is June 1, 2011.

Picnic Table Disbursement

Picnic tables put away for winter storage in Memorial Park Pavilion need to be placed out to parks with two at each park: Pinnacle, Mill, and Millstone. This could be done on annual Park Cleanup Day.

Annual Parks Clean Up Day

The Board set Saturday, April 16th as day for the annual clean up for the City parks.

Community Garden

The Board discussed the possibility of creating a community garden to be located near the Bridgewater Heights rink area with discussion to be continued at future meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Report

Pribyl reported Council approved Spencer Jones move ahead with the landscape proj-

ect for the trailhead and recommend the DNR funded kiosk construction begin as soon as possible.

Pribyl reported SuperKids will use the Memorial Park Pavilion again this summer on Friday mornings in June and July from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

ITEMS FOR APRIL MEETING

Trailhead Landscape Plan
Finalize Plans for Easter Egg Hunt
Park Clean Up /Picnic Table Day
Playful City USA Update
Pancake Breakfast Planning for Dundas Celebration

Ice Rink Update

Community Garden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Pribyl reviewed the upcoming announcements and meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mikulecky, second by Kelley to adjourn the regular Park meeting at 9:24 p.m. MCU

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Nerstrand Cartoonist Takes Different Route



Cartoonist Bill Barnes

by Logan Bernstein

Nerstrand cartoonist, Bill Barnes, knows what it means to take a less traveled road.

Barnes has wanted to be an artist for a long time, but it wasn't until the last few years that he thought of turning his artistic ability toward comic strips. He attended art instruction school and has been practicing ever since. Barnes has faced many obstacles on his quest to get syndication for his comic strip, but he hasn't yet given up on his dream.

"I believe cartooning is my destiny," he said.

When he began the strip, Barnes turned to his best friend in the world for inspiration – his Pekingese, Dutchess. Soon after he began the strip, Barnes added a second dog, Boomer, to the story. The strip originally followed the adventures of Dutchess and Boomer's owner, Bill, as he struggled through the daily grind of working an unsatisfying job and dealing with a temperamen-

tal dog named Dutchess. Boomer was originally added for comic relief and to be a bit sympathetic to Bill. The strip's name went from being "Dutchess", to "Dutchess and Boomer".

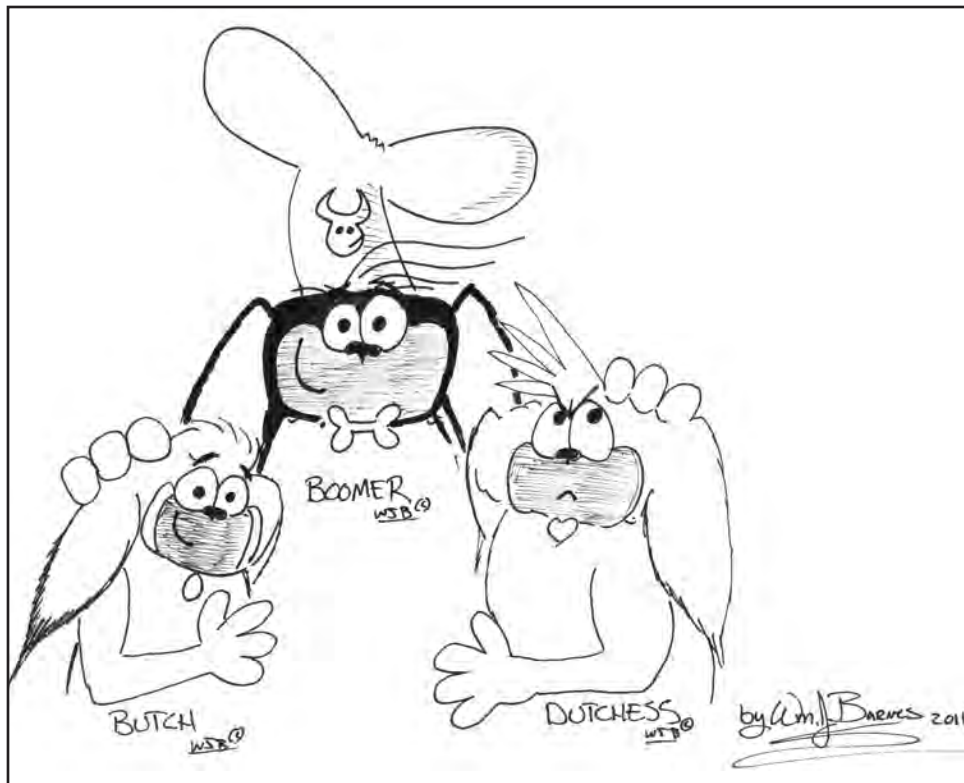
Eventually, as is common with pets, Barnes lost Dutchess. He continued, however, to write the comics about both dogs. Then tragedy struck. In August of 2010, Boomer died as well. Barnes was heartbroken.

"I couldn't draw the dogs for awhile, especially Boomer," Barnes recalled. "Then I started thinking about it and remembered that Boomer was well loved and me and my brother went on with our lives and I was able to draw them again"

A month after Boomer's demise, Barnes ended up with a new character for his comic when he adopted another Pekingese dubbed Butch. The addition of Butch didn't change Barnes's idea for the strip, though. The comic, now called "Boomer and Bill", has undergone drastic changes in the past year. It now revolves around Bill and Boomer, with appearances by Butch and Dutchess, and their adventures working at the "Western Burger Bar and Grill."

"People always ask why I have dogs working at a restaurant," Barnes said. "I say it's no different than Dilbert. If they can have a dog in a stupid necktie, why can't I have the best dog in the world wear a chef's hat?"

Barnes is inspired by events in his life as well as his dogs. He bases a lot of his stories off his adventures working at Wendy's in Owatonna and previously those at the Wendy's in Northfield.



Barnes is currently working diligently to get syndication for his four-panel strip. He is working with both United Feature Syndicate and King Features, both of which distribute comic strips to different publications as well as online. It's slow going, and nothing is ever guaranteed, but Barnes is hopeful for the future and hopes to get syndication before Butch leaves him as well.

"I like Peanuts, but I've got to let Snoopy go, ya know?" said Barnes. "Charles Schultz was a great man, and a great inspiration to me, but I have to do my thing now. I believe in my work and maybe, one day, I can help someone like that, too. Jim Davis said that if you have fun doing it, you're going to make it. I have the greatest time doing it."

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Looking Back to When the First Signs of Spring Were Found in the Mailbox

by Mary Ann Henry

After this long winter that we have had for what seems like forever everyone is asking when will spring ever come. Yes, spring will come. In fact it has already come, or so the calendar tells us but most find that hard to believe. The spring season started on march 20th and, since I'm writing this on March 24th, we should have been enjoying it now for four days. But it now being the season and us enjoying it are not the same thing and just two days ago old man winter delivered a new ground covering of snow that followed an all day rain on the first full day of spring. It has now been seven weeks and two days since the ground hog came out and, not seeing his shadow, stayed out telling us there wouldn't be six more weeks of winter. We should have had an early spring. I had my doubts about this little guy's prediction and now over seven weeks later and my thermometer this morning reading only 7 degrees when I looked at it earlier, I feel he gave us a false prediction. Though he may have been wrong my hopes for better weather just got a lift as I looked out my kitchen window to see the start of a bright sunrise which hopefully we will see in the coming days and all day as well.

When thinking spring there are many signs relating to true spring and not the day marked on the calendar. Some are nature's signs and others are manmade as different changes around us start to come about. We watch for what many of us consider a good sign to see a first robin and this is just what I saw a week ago. It was not a robin but a whole flock that spent the whole day from early morning to after sunset and, to my surprise, every now and then happily pulled a worm from the ground. I haven't seen any

since I'm hoping they didn't think they arrived too early and headed back and if they are still around I'm sure they won't be pulling any worms from the ground today. There is a saying, "the robin has to get its tail snowed on three times before we get spring," so maybe spring will take a bit longer yet before coming. We watch to see the grass turn green as we get warm sunny days and another sight that spring is coming is the buckets hanging on maple trees to gather the sap that starts running when the nights are still cool but days warm. The sap that then will flow into these buckets will become delicious syrup.

When looking back and thinking of spring I have memories that started in as early as January and into March. In January we would start getting in our mailbox two kinds of catalogs. The catalogs that arrived in early January were seed catalogs and had many pages of colored fruit and vegetables that not only made our mouths water but got us very excited about that planting that was still a long ways away. Though these seed catalogs came so long before planting time, they gave gardeners lots a time to look and choose what they would order when deciding it was time to do so. You may not think, just as I once did, that anyone living in Minnesota wouldn't ever order their garden seeds in January, but I found out different some thirty years ago when an elderly neighbor called me on a January day with a temperature of 20 below zero to ask me what kind of melons I had raised the summer before. This gentleman I knew lived by the motto of early to bed and early to rise and I don't believe he was ever late for anything and he was going to be sure the garden seeds arrived early in case

spring did. Some of these vegetables are only seen in the seed catalogs and never fresh in stores in winter going back in time.

The other thing that brought excitement to homes in winter when found in the mail box and was related to the coming of spring was two other catalogs. These were the Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward mail-order spring and summer ones. Where both had almost everything you would expect to find in the many large stores of today, the difference was that you chose and placed an order in the mail and received your order usually in four or five days. It was an exciting time to look forward to each late February to early March when these catalogs arrived with all the lovely new spring fashions. Hours and hours were spent as sisters, and sometimes along with cousins and friends, looking and talking about the latest fashions in dresses, coats, under garments and even shoes. We often changed our minds from one day to the next and, oh yes I almost forgot, spring hats as well. Back in mail order days no lady of any age went to church on Sunday without a hat. When the young were in bed mother would get her chance to look and try to decide on her new outfit for spring

from the many found in the new spring wish book, as it so often was called. Since it soon would be spring which also would mean spring house cleaning and maybe sprucing up the home a bit with some new curtains and, if there was something else for her home she was dreaming of, it could be found in the catalog as well. Almost all dresses came in several different colors and in later years much of the fashions and sewing fabric were seen in colors and there were even small swaths of some of the sewing fabric.

Where the winter arrival of the spring mail order catalogs was once a big event waiting to be found in the mail box, it is now a wonderful memory from the past. A few have memories and will never forget the joy to finding it in the box on a cold winter day.

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Stupid Criminals

Recurring Theme: Another "negative cash-flow" robbery occurred in February, in Kansas City, Mo., as an unidentified man tried to distract the clerk at a gun store by laying \$40 on the counter to buy a box of bullets, then pulling a gun and demanding all the store's money. The clerk thwarted the robbery by pulling his own gun (not surprisingly, since it was a gun store) and scaring the robber off -- while the \$40 remained on the counter. [KMBC-TV (Kansas City), 2-19-2011]

A night of drinking left a man so disoriented that he hopped into a police patrol car thinking it was a taxi, police said. The 20-year-old man was arrested on Saturday soon after he let himself into Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Esther Beckman's car while she was out of the vehicle questioning a bicyclist. The suspect's name was

not available Tuesday. Officers let the bicyclist go, but the man in search of a ride was taken to jail on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Police say a 19-year-old convenience store clerk fell asleep on two jobs this week: minding the store and selling drugs. Sammer Gandhi of Nashua was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after two Merrimack police officers found him sleeping in the store's office with a quarter-pound of marijuana. It happened late Monday at a 7-Eleven store after a customer called police to report no one was in the store. Police searched the building and say that they found Gandhi sleeping in a back office, with a big bag of pot, a scale and a smaller bag of pot. They say he was packaging the marijuana for resale. Jose Demartinez, 35, was hospitalized in

Manchester, N.H., in January. With police in pursuit, he had climbed out a hotel window using tied-together bed sheets, but they came undone, and he fell four stories. [WMUR-TV (Manchester), 1-10-2011]

Detected burglarizing a house in Summerfield, Fla., in January, Laird Butler fled through a window but not from police. The homeowner's dog had frightened Butler, who crashed through the glass, cut himself badly, and bled to death in a neighbor's yard. [WESH-TV (Orlando), 1-5-2011]

Kevin Funderburk, 25, was charged with sexual assault of a 71-year-old woman in her Hutchinson, Kan., home in December. By the time his mug shot was taken, he was in a neck brace -- from the victim's frying-pan-swinging defense. [Hutchinson News,

12-15-2010]

Courtesy of NOVATO, Calif. - A man was convicted of various theft charges, after prosecutors say he stole computers from the courthouse while he was on trial for computer theft. Jon Houston Eipp, 39, of Novato pleaded guilty Monday in three separate cases involving 10 different charges, including burglary, theft, drug possession, attempted auto theft and more. In an interview Monday night at the county jail, Eipp said he stole the computers "for personal reasons."

A female motorist in Kitsap County, Wash., reported in January being motioned by another driver to pull over, but she ignored him. The man then tried to ratchet up his credibility, motioning her over again but this time holding a hand-scrawled sign reading "sheriff." (She remained unimpressed.) Seattle Weekly reported that a similar incident had occurred several months earlier. [Seattle Weekly, 1-4-2011]

Robert Michelson was arrested in Farmington, Conn., in February, after calling a 911 operator to inquire about the lawfulness of the marijuana plant he was growing. The operator informed him that it was illegal. (All 911 calls are automatically traced, and Michelson was soon arrested.) [WTNH-TV (New Haven, Conn.), 2-4-2011]

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 MAY 1 SCHEDULE POSTER NIGHT
 MAY 8 BRING MOM TO THE PARK NIGHT (MOTHER'S DAY)

APRIL

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time | Promotion/Event (as of Apr. 1) |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------|---|
| Sun, Apr 17 | River Falls Fighting Fish | Home | 6:05 p.m. | KYMN Pocket Schedule Night - KYMN |
| Mon, Apr 25 | Stewartville-Racine | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Firehouse Liquor Magnet Schedule Night - KYMN |

MAY

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time | Promotion/Event |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Sun, May 1 | Randolph Railcats* | Home | 2 p.m. | Schedule Poster Night |
| Mon, May 2 | Pine Island Pioneers | Home | 7:30 p.m. | - KYMN |
| Sun, May 8 | Hastings Hawks* | Home | 6:05 p.m. | Bring Mom to the Park Night - KYMN |
| Wed, May 11 | Minneapolis Angels | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Community Resource Bank Orange Night - KYMN |
| Fri, May 13 | Shakopee Indians | Home | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Sun, May 15 | Hampton Cardinals* | Hampton, Minn. | 2 p.m. | |
| Wed, May 18 | Albert's Gators | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Northfield Golf Club Ugly Golf Outfit Night |
| Fri, May 20 | Anoka Bucs | Home | 7:30 p.m. | LudMedia Business Casual Night |
| Sun, May 22 | Red Wing Aces* | Red Wing, Minn. | 2 p.m. | |
| Wed, May 25 | Austin Greyhounds | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Prom Night - KYMN |
| Fri, May 27 | Highland Park | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Dawn's Corner Bar Minnesota Music Night |
| Sun, May 29 | Cannon Falls Bears* | Home | 6:05 p.m. | Fireside Lounge Comfort Food Night - KYMN |
| Mon, May 30 | Northfield Knights* | Northfield, Minn. | 2 p.m. | |

JUNE

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time | Promotion/Event |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|---|
| Fri, Jun 3 | Highland Park | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Dundas Invitational Tournament |
| Sat, Jun 4 | St. Louis Park | Home | 7 p.m. | Dundas Invitational Tournament |
| Sun, Jun 5 | Tourn. Championship | Home | 3 p.m. | Dundas Invitational Tournament |
| Wed, Jun 8 | Owatonna Aces | Home | 7:30 p.m. | La Noche de Herencia Latina |
| Fri, Jun 10 | Lake City Serpents* | Home | 7:30 p.m. | ServiceMaster by Ayotte Hawai'ian Night |
| Sun, Jun 12 | Wanamingo Jacks* | Wanamingo, Minn. | 2 p.m. | |
| Mon, Jun 13 | Lyon's Pub Warriors | Home | 7:30 p.m. | - KYMN |
| Wed, Jun 15 | Savage Outlaws | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Fireside Lounge Classic Car Night |
| Fri, Jun 17 | Elko Express | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Streitz Heating and Cooling Number 72 Night |
| Sun, Jun 19 | Randolph Railcats* | Randolph, Minn. | 2 p.m. | |
| Mon, Jun 20 | St. Paul Capitals | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Ladies Night - KYMN |
| Wed, Jun 22 | Hastings Hawks* | Hastings, Minn. | 7:30 p.m. | 80's Movie Night |
| Fri, Jun 24 | Peaksill (N.Y.) Tides | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Countryside Animal Hospital Pet Night |
| Sat, Jun 25 | Eau Claire Cavaliers | Austin, Minn. | 12 p.m. | SPAMTown Challenge - Pool Play |
| Sat, Jun 25 | Cold Spring Springers | Austin, Minn. | 2:30 p.m. | *Dukes Kids Clinic - 5:30 p.m. |
| Sun, Jun 26 | SPAMtown Semifinals | Austin, Minn. | TBD | SPAMTown Challenge - Pool Play |
| Sun, Jun 26 | SPAMtown Final | Austin, Minn. | TBD | SPAMTown Challenge - Semifinals |
| Wed, Jun 29 | St. Louis Park | Home | 7:30 p.m. | SPAMTown Challenge - Championship |

JULY

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time | Promotion/Event |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Sun, Jul 3 | Hampton Cardinals* | Home | 2 p.m. | Just Food Co-op Get Healthy Day |
| Mon, Jul 4 | Northfield Knights* | Home | 2 p.m. | Armed Services Day |
| Thu, Jul 7 | Hayfield Heat | Home | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Fri, Jul 8 | Edina E-Sox | Home | 7:30 p.m. | LudMedia Social Media Night |
| Sun, Jul 10 | Red Wing Aces* | Home | 6:05 p.m. | - KYMN |
| Wed, Jul 13 | Rosemount Black Sox | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Dukes Defeat Hunger Night - KYMN |
| Fri, Jul 15 | Cannon Falls Bears* | Cannon Falls, Minn. | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Sun, Jul 17 | Miesville Mudhens* | Miesville, Minn. | 2 p.m. | Bud Light Beach Day |
| Tue, Jul 19 | Prescott Pirates | Home | 7:30 p.m. | Mustache Night |
| Fri, Jul 22 | Lake City Sepents* | Lake City, Minn. | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Sun, Jul 24 | Wanamingo Jacks* | Home | 6:05 p.m. | Farm Animal Night - KYMN |
| Thu, Jul 28 | Minnetonka Millers | Minnetonka, Minn. | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Fri, Jul 29 | Rochester Royals | Rochester, Minn. | 7:30 p.m. | Budweiser 2nd Annual Dukes Bus Cruise |
| Sun, Jul 31 | Miesville Mudhens* | Home | 2 p.m. | Nerstrand Meats Fan Appreciation Day |

AUGUST

| Date | Opponent | Location | Time | Promotion/Event |
|------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Mon, Aug 1 | So. Minn. Redlegs | Home | 7:30 pm. | |
| Wed, Aug 3 | Rochester Royals | Home | 7:30 p.m. | |

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