Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It is construction season in Minnesota, and Sunfish Lake is no exception. As many of you have probably observed, there is currently road maintenance in progress on portions of Salem Church Road and Roanoke Road. This project is pursuant to the Capital Improvement Plan adopted by the City. The purpose is to optimize the life of the road, as well as maintenance costs associated with these public streets. Some citizens are being inconvenienced by this project. The Council appreciates their tolerance of the disruption. There is also inconvenience being caused by the reconstruction of Highway 110. This is a major project which adversely affects access too for some residents. Sunfish Lake and the City Engineer are working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to minimize any inconvenience.

The City and residents are also looking at improvements to Charlton Road. This is a challenging project because of the history and configuration of this street. It may also include changes to the outlet from Sunfish Lake. The City, its engineers, and the residents are looking at various options with respect to this project. The City Council is considering financing options to optimize cash flow to meet bond obligations required to complete these projects. This involves projections of future tax revenues and evaluation of alternative repayment terms on bond issues.

We have received reports of individuals doing door-to-door solicitations in Sunfish Lake. Apparently in one case, a solicitor represented possession of a solicitation permit from the City of West St. Paul. West St. Paul has not issued any solicitation permits. In Sunfish Lake, solicitation on private property is unlawful. If a solicitor comes to your home, please call the police and have the solicitors removed.

Sunfish Lake is participating in the Inver Grove Heights Cleanup Day. This event will take place on September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Inver Grove Heights Public Works Maintenance Facility located at 8168 Barbara Ave. Interested citizens can find additional information on the Sunfish Lake website which lists the categories of items eligible and the cost associated with disposal.

Best,
Mayor Richard A. Williams, Jr.
Green Living and Recycling Tips

If your waste hauler only collects recycling every other week and you need weekly pick-up, Republic Services now collects recycling every week. If you don’t have a compost bin in your yard, or you want to be able to compost more, composting is now available at Thompson Park in West Saint Paul. For more information, please call 952-891-7557 or e-mail organics@co.dakota.mn.us

If you want to learn more about recycling, please contact one of Sunfish Lake’s three Master Recyclers: Shari Hansen: sharihansen@yahoo.com Holly Divine: hldivine@outlook.com Tom Schlehueber: tomschlehupeber@hotmail.com

Would you like to become a Master Recycler and Composter? Your next opportunity is coming soon! Thursdays, Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Burnhaven Library 1101 County Road 42 West, Burnsville. Register today at dakotacounty.us and search Master Recycler, $30 course fee.

Upcoming Fix-it-Clinic Dates

Why buy what you already have? Get household items fixed for free and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It-Clinic!
Burnhaven Library – Saturday Aug. 19, noon – 3 p.m. 1101 County Rd 42 West, Burnsville
Inver Glen Library – Saturday Sept. 16, noon – 3 p.m. 8098 Blaine Avenue East, Inver Grove Heights
Heritage Library – Saturday Oct. 21, noon – 3 p.m. 20085 Heritage Drive, Lakeville
 Wentworth Library – Saturday Nov. 18, noon – 3 p.m. 199 Wentworth Avenue East, West St. Paul
Our Lady of Guadalupe – Saturday Dec. 16 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 401 Concord Street, St. Paul

Wild Parsnip in Musser Park

There is a relatively small population of wild parsnip in Musser Park, and we are making progress reducing the infestation. The sap of wild parsnip can cause severe blistering and swelling when combined with exposure to sunlight. Wild parsnip usually grows as a biennial that forms a basal rosette the first year and sends up a hollow, grooved stem topped with a flat umbel of small yellow flowers the second summer. This plant most commonly occurs along roadsides and other disturbed sites. Do not handle this plant without protective clothing including gloves, long pants and long sleeves.

Friends and Neighbors We Lost

Brent J. Baskfield, Age 74, Former Vice President of Ground Service and Customer Relations for Northwest Airlines, Executive at West Publishing and Chief Executive Officer of American Research Corporation died peacefully in the presence of his family on June 18th, 2017. Preceded in death by parents John "Jack" and Cleone and brothers Glenn and James. Survived by wife Florence of 49 years, sons Judson (Lisa) and Tyler (Heidi), grandchildren Morgan, Jack, Lizzie, Grayson and Hank. Brent was most passionate about his family and loved taking his grandchildren for jeep and pontoon rides at the family lake home in Breezy Point, Minnesota. His sense of humor and unparalleled story telling was cherished by all who knew him.

Michael A. Kampmeyer, Age 89, Michael went to be with our Lord on a beautiful sunny spring afternoon surrounded by his loving family at his home in Sunfish Lake. Preceded in death by his mother and father Ruth M. Kampmeyer & Michael A. Kampmeyer; brothers Francis and John & sister Ruth; brother-in-law David Cleary and his beloved son Patrick. He is survived by his sister Marguerite (Rich) Daly and brother Thomas (Susan); his children and their mother Patricia Mills, daughters Shawne (Rick) Bentley of Little Rock AK, Michelle (Michael) Bader, sons Michael (Kristi), Mark & Teri, Sheila (Allen) Mauldin of Tehachapi, CA, Patrick’s wife Kristin; 20 grand children, 6 great grandchild and his second wife Margaret. Michael was a devoted and loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle & son and he cherished his family above all else. Michael will always be remembered for his gentle strength, passion for life, generosity and concern for others, his captivating charm and great sense of humor.

Barbara A. Spaeth, Age 94 of St. Paul. Longtime resident of Sunfish Lake, Barbara passed away peacefully on June 8th, 2017. Preceded in death by husband, Donald O. Spaeth; parents, William and Ora Frautschi and brother, Jim Frautschi. Survived by daughter, Susan (Daniel) Spaeth Adams; son, Scott Spaeth; niece, Trudi (Gary) Harter and nephew, Chuck (Nancy) Frautschi; 1 great niece and 3 great nephews. Barbara was a loving wife, mother and a loyal friend to many, who enjoyed life, her garden, nature and painting. She will be deeply missed.