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Snowbowl Fun

Ham Lake's 13th annual Snowbowl was on Saturday, February 9. Because of lower-than-normal temperatures, not as many came out as we hoped. But plenty of people still came out to participate in or watch the many events.

Michael Rosemeier, 20, of Ham Lake found the 2019 Snowbowl Medallion and was awarded the \$500 prize.

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David Prom with his winning snow sculpture, "Mouse in My House"



Brett Hughes took first place in the Age 11-16 snow sculpture bracket with "World in His Palm"



First place in the Age 10-and-under bracket went to Ingrid Thune with "Mermaid Island"

Highway 65 Reduced Conflict Intersections

To improve safety and mobility in East Bethel and Ham Lake

The second year of a two-year construction project to build six Reduced Conflict Intersections on Highway 65 in Ham Lake and East Bethel begins this spring.

Two of the new intersections were built last year. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will build the four remaining RCIs this year at: 143rd Avenue NE, 153rd Avenue NE, 181st Avenue NE and Viking Boulevard. Also, some curb, gutter and sidewalk work will be completed in the median of the existing RCI at 169th Avenue NE and Highway 65.

The RCI at Viking Boulevard and Highway 65 in East Bethel will be the first signalized RCI in Minnesota. When complete, it will feature three distinct intersections, each with a signal to control traffic at Viking Boulevard and at the new U-turn intersections north and south of Viking. The signals will be coordinated so motorists will only stop once, if they stop at all.

Construction of the signalized RCI at Viking Boulevard and Highway 65 will begin this spring. The work will mean traffic restrictions as well as closing Viking Boulevard for several days over a long weekend, with traffic detoured.

Once the center median is closed, traffic will not be allowed to cross the highway. Instead, traffic will make right turns off Highway 65 onto side streets or turn right from side roads onto Highway 65.

All work on the RCIs and turn lanes will be completed by fall of 2019.



What RCIs Accomplish

Construction of RCIs and longer left turn lanes will improve safety and mobility on the Highway 65 corridor between 85th Avenue in Spring Lake Park and Sims Road in East Bethel.

Motorists approaching divided highways from a side street aren't allowed to make left turns or cross traffic. Instead, they'll turn right onto the highway and then make a U-turn at a designated median opening. This reduces potential conflict points and increases safety. Generally, the delay caused by a signal is greater than the delay caused by an RCI.

RCIs are significantly less costly and take less time to construct than traditional interchanges. Studies show a 70% reduction in fatalities and a 42% reduction in injury crashes where RCIs are used. RCIs also have significantly fewer severe right-angle (T-bone) crashes and severe crashes.

MnDot's 2018 Construction Work

During the 2018 construction season, MnDOT built RCIs at the intersection of 157th Avenue and Highway 65 in Ham Lake, and at the intersection of 187th Lane and Highway 65 in East Bethel.

The work also included lengthening left turn lanes at nine intersections between 85th Avenue in Spring Lake Park and Sims Road in East Bethel. A double left turn lane was added on the ramp from westbound Highway 10 to southbound Highway 65 in Blaine.

MnDOT has set aside additional funding in 2020 for an RCI at Highway 65 and Klondike Drive NE in East Bethel.

Get More Information

For more information on the Highway 65 RCI project and turn lane extension work, for a list of project locations, or to sign up for email updates, visit: www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy65rci. More information about RCIs is available at: www.mndot.gov/roadwork/rci.

Mark Your Calendars!

Ham Lake's Fireworks display will be on Saturday, June 29th at dusk in Lion's Park.



Articles and photos that appear in The Ham Laker, together with other useful information about the City, can be found on the City's website: www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us



(more Snowbowl photos on the back page...)

Ham Lake City Council News

At its January 22, 2019 meeting, the City Council took the following actions:

- Approved the items on the Consent Agenda. These included:
 - Resolution No. 19-03 accepting the low bid for the 2019 Bituminous Overlay Project
 - Plans and Specifications for the reconstruction of Soderville Drive NE and authorization to advertise for bids
 - Exempt Permit for Andover Boys Lacrosse Booster to hold a raffle on April 6, 2019 at Majestic Oaks Golf Club
 - Appointment of Dawnette Shimek as Deputy City Clerk and Jennifer Bohr as Building Clerk/Zoning Official
 - Reappointment of Dave Ringler and Brian Pogalz as Planning Commissioners
- Approved Park & Tree Commission recommendation to accept money in lieu of parkland for the Sketch Plan of Catchers Creek of Ham Lake
- Approved Park & Tree Commission recommendation to accept the Arbor Day Proclamation for Saturday, May 4, 2019

Visit the City's website to view Council meeting videos on-demand and agenda minutes of City Council, Planning Commission and Park & Tree Commission meetings: www.ci.ham-lake.mn.us.

At its February 4, 2019 meeting, the City Council took the following actions:

- Approved the items on the Consent Agenda. These included:
 - Findings of Fact Resolution 19-05 declaring the dangerous dog classification for Moby the dog (owner Jerry Dymanyk)
 - Resolution 19-06 for Advancement of Municipal State Aid (MSA) Funds
 - Resolution 19-07 requiring "No Parking" on 155th Avenue NE from Naples Street NE to Lexington Avenue NE
 - Resolution 19-08 requiring "No Parking" on Aberdeen Street NE from 144th Avenue NE to 145th Avenue NE
 - Resolution 19-09 accepting the low bid for the 2019 Tree Removal Project at 155th Avenue NE from Naples Street NE to Lexington Avenue NE, Soderville Drive NE
 - Excluded Bingo on four dates for Blaine Central Alano, 13536 Highway 65 NE
 - Reappointment of Al Stauffacher, Tim Donnay and Doug Miller as Park & Tree Commissioners
 - Hiring a part-time Audio Video Operator
 - Agreement with Northern Lighter Pyrotechnics for fireworks display on Saturday, June 29
 - Scheduling the Citywide Recycling Days for Saturday, May 4 and September 14

Ham Lake Pet Clinic

April 13th • Fire Station #1

Ham Lake's annual pet clinic will be held on April 13th from 9:00 am - noon at Fire Station #1. Watch for more information in the April issue.



No Oak Tree Cutting Between April 1 and July 15

The City would like to remind residents of the approaching "no-cut" period for oak trees from April 1-July 15 (Article 11.1400.4 of the City Code).

If you must cut an oak tree during the no-cut period, you need to get a permit from the City first. Please contact a City tree inspector with your questions at 763-235-1662 or email trees@ci.ham-lake.mn.us.

Charter Commission • March 27

The next meeting of the Ham Lake Charter Commission will be Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm at Ham Lake City Hall.

If you have items you'd like on the agenda for consideration, or if you'd like to appear before the Commission to discuss a subject pertaining to the City Charter, submit these to Ham Lake City Hall by March 18 at 4:30 pm:

- Email to info@ci.ham-lake.mn.us (please list "Charter Commission" in the subject line)
- Fax to the attention of "Charter Commission" at 763-434-9599

Sheriff's Report

Thefts & Damage to Property

- 01.04 175xx Hwy 65 NE—catalytic converter stolen off a vehicle
- 01.07 138xx Johnson St NE—several vehicles broken into at the location
- 01.14 13xx Andover Blvd NE—gas siphoned from a vehicle on the property
- 01.22 5xx Bunker Lake Blvd NE—unsecure vehicle; clothing, electronic cord
- 02.01 155xx Baltimore St NE—copper wire stolen from a sign at the location
- 02.05 38xx 149 Ave NE—license plate stolen off a vehicle
- 02.06 176xx Central Ave NE—vehicle door forced open; iPad
- 02.06 15xx 157 Ave NE—vehicle window smashed; electronics, backpack
- 02.06 15xx 157 Ave NE—unsecure vehicle; backpack
- 02.06 176xx Central Ave NE—vehicle window smashed; work bag

Burglaries

- 01.12 171xx Lincoln St NE—business; window smashed; nothing of value was stolen

Arrests/Incidents

- 01.04 28xx 179 Ave NE—House Fire; Ham Lake Fire department extinguished the fire. No injuries.

- 01.06 17xx 143 Ave NE—Domestic Assault; mother and son domestic. The male was arrested.
- 01.13 Van Buren St NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE—4th Degree DWI; male driver stopped for poor driving conduct. Field sobriety tests were failed.
- 01.19 70xx Ivy Ln NE—Terroristic Threats; attempted assault between two males. One of the males was arrested.
- 01.22 23xx 147 Ln NE—Garage Fire; Ham Lake Fire Department along with the surrounding fire departments extinguished the fire. No injuries.
- 01.23 34xx 149 Ave NE—HRO Violation: harassment restraining order violation. The male was out of town but agreed to turn himself in immediately.
- 01.26 14000 Block of Hwy 65 NE—4th Degree DWI; vehicle in the ditch; the male driver appeared intoxicated. He failed field sobriety tests.
- 01.26 35xx Interlachen Dr NE—Domestic Assault; deputies responded to a father and son domestic. The son was arrested.
- 02.03 177 Ave NE/Hwy 65 NE—DAC-IPS; driver failed to stop at a red light. The male driver did not have a valid driver's license.
- 02.04 Hwy 65 NE/Bunker Lake Blvd NE—3rd Degree DWI; male driver heading north in the south-bound lane of traffic. Failed field sobriety tests.

We have seen a huge increase in vehicles being stolen while warming up. We know it's cold, but please don't leave your vehicles unattended!

Fire Department Calls

The Ham Lake Fire Department responded to 54 calls during January: 30 during the day and 24 at night. These included 11 structure calls (1 House, 1 Garage, 2 Smoke Scare, 3 Water Flow Alarms, 1 CO detector, 3 Fire Alarms), 5 rescue calls, 28 medical calls, 5 mutual aid, and 5 misc. calls. The department spent 36 hours on calls with total personnel time adding up to 421 hours. Year-to-date, the department has answered 54 calls, compared with 45 calls at the same time last year.

January 2019 Permits

The City of Ham Lake issued 52 permits in January with a valuation of \$1,089,512.00. The issued permits are as follows: one commercial addition, three commercial miscellaneous, two new construction homes, one residential remodel, one residential basement finish, one residential siding, and one residential pool. Other permits include: 25 mechanical, 13 plumbing, and four septic installations.

April Issue Deadline: Wednesday, March 13

Please send all Ham Laker correspondence, articles and ideas to:

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What's Happening at the Senior Center

Senior Center phone: 763-434-0455

Senior Center hours: Open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Senior Center is located on the west-side lower level of City Hall at 15544 Central Ave. NE.

Weekly Events

Senior Dining at noon on Mondays and Wednesdays (\$5.00 for those 55 and older and \$8.00 for those younger). **Reservations Needed!**

Activities at the Senior Center: fitness class, pinochle, cribbage, wood carving, bingo and cards (500 and Hand & Foot).

Watch for **upcoming trips** to the Casino (open to the public), **Jam Sessions** (open to the public) during the day and evening, health insurance counseling, scheduled shopping trips for those who need transportation, free blood pressure checks and a birthday lunch.

Call the Senior Center, at the number listed above to find out dates, times and details of these and other special events!

Special Upcoming Events Open to the Public

Jam Session—Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

Jam Session—Tuesday, March 19 at 1:00 pm

Senior Dance—2nd Friday of each month. Live music and refreshments. March 8 will feature Michael Elsenpeter from 1:00-4:00 pm. Come dance or just listen to the music! **\$6 per person.**

MHSRC Defensive Driving Courses for Ages 55+

Upcoming Defensive Driving courses for 2019 are now being held by MHSRC (Minnesota Highway Safety Research Center) for those 55 and older.

Registration is required!

Call: 1-888-234-1294

4-Hour Refresher Course • \$22—Needs to be taken every 3 years—are you current?

- Friday, March 22 from 1:00-5:00 pm
- Friday, April 5 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Friday, May 24 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

8-Hour Course • \$26—Required for “First Timers”—none scheduled at this time.

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 55 years or older, state law requires your insurance company to give you a 10% discount if you take an 8-hour Defensive Driving Course and attend a 4-hour refresher course every 3 years.

We Need Your “Eyes”!

Help Us Locate Creek Obstructions

With spring snow melt coming, we need your help in reporting creek obstructions.

Look for blockages of water flow in creeks or culverts that may be from trash, sticks & leaves or winter ice.

What To Do

If water is overflowing the banks of a creek or ditch, please call or email the Coon Creek Watershed District at: 763-755-0975 • info@cooncreekwd.org.

If you're able to take a photo or two of the obstruction and email to us, it'll help us prioritize it.



Ham Lake is Open to Business

Ham Lake's Open To Business program offers free, one-on-one, confidential consulting to help entrepreneurs grow or launch their business. Offered in partnership with the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, the program offers business owners help with accounting, business plans, networking, marketing, cash flow, planning, loan packaging and more.

To learn more, contact Kathleen DuChene at 763-438-7315 or kduchene@mccdmn.org. Visit the Open To Business website at www.opentobusinessmn.org.

Have You Tested Your Smoke Alarms Lately?

Smoke alarms show you care about your family's safety. But you have to test them to make sure they work. It takes just a minute, and you'll sleep better after you do. Here is how:

1. Push the test button on the alarm (on most alarms it's the only button).
2. Do you hear a loud noise?

Yes? It works. No? Change the battery or get a new smoke alarm.

It is pretty simple. Test your alarms every month. It's an easy way to show your love.

Recycling Day • March 23

Residents may drop off recyclable items at Green Lights Recycling (10040 Davenport Street NE in Blaine) on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Two items can be recycled for free by presenting the coupon on this page.

For a list of accepted items go to www.glrnow.com and click *We Recycle*.

NOTE: Please use the entrance on 99th Lane NE (From Highway 65, turn east onto 99th Avenue N).

Contact Green Lights Recycling at 763-785-0456 or the City of Ham Lake Recycling Coordinator at 763-434-9555 with any questions.

Do You “Wish Cycle”?

Wish cycling is tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled!

Some items that are tempting to throw in your recycling bin cause big problems at recycling facilities. Big culprits are film plastics, bubble wrap, tarps and plastic bags.

These items catch in the screens, wrap around equipment and can shut down the recycling process for hours at a time!

Don't Recycle Bags Curbside!

And please don't place your recyclable items in plastic bags. They should be placed loose in your cart, with no plastic bags in the bin.

Recycle Plastic Bags at Drop-off Locations

Most grocery stores, co-ops and large retailers like Cub, Best Buy, Target and Wal-Mart accept plastic bags for recycling. Look for kiosks or recycling bins in the front of the store.

Be sure these bags are dry and clear of food residue. Remove string and plastic handles.

An advertisement for Ham Lake Liquors. It features a bottle of wine and a glass of red wine. The text says "HAM LAKE LIQUORS" and "\$1.50 OFF Your next purchase of \$10 or more." It also includes contact information: "Great Selection! Best Customer Service! 763-434-9700 • info@hamlakeliqors.com" and a Facebook logo.

Acorn Academy Fall Registration Open

Acorn Academy (1555 Constance Blvd NE in Ham Lake) is currently accepting preschool registrations for the 2019-2020 school year.

Acorn offers small class sizes, experienced and qualified teachers, and morning and extended-day options for preschool classes.

Our play-based learning philosophy prepares children for kindergarten while having fun. We offer a fenced-in playground and full-size gym, weekly chapels with engaging teachings and fun worship, weekly Spanish and music lessons, and several field trips each year.

Parents enjoy our small community feel and are encouraged to meet and socialize by the Keurig in our parent room. Families also connect over a free family dinner in the fall, coffee conversations in the parent room, and special holiday programs and parties.

Please call 763-413-9037 to schedule a tour, or register online at www.AcornAcademyPreschool.com.

Is Your Septic System Inspection Current?

Every Sub-Surface Treatment System (SSTS or septic system) in Ham Lake must be inspected at least every three years, and pumped if needed.

The pumper must complete a pumping report on forms supplied by the City and turn them into the Building Department. Forms are available at City Hall and also online. The City of Ham Lake does not require a permit or charge a fee for maintaining pumping records.

An improperly-maintained SSTS can have very serious health consequences for the entire neighborhood. For this reason, failure or refusal to inspect, pump and maintain an SSTS constitutes a misdemeanor.

More information about proper maintenance of your septic system is available from the Minnesota Extension Service (www.extension.umn.edu) or call Ham Lake City Hall at 763-434-9555.

RECYCLE 2 ITEMS FREE

This coupon entitles the bearer to recycle two (2) items free on:

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at:

Green Lights Recycling, Inc.
10040 Davenport Street NE
Blaine, MN 55449-4423
Phone: 763-785-0456

Drop off hours are
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This coupon must be presented at the time the items are recycled and bearer must provide a driver's license or some form of identification showing he/she is a resident of Ham Lake.

Re-use is Always Best

Instead of using and recycling plastic shopping bags, consider bringing your own bag to the store.

An advertisement for HomeTown Plumbing, Inc. It features a baby sitting in a bathtub. The text says "Plumbing for Everyone" and "HOME TOWN PLUMBING, INC." It also includes the phone number "763-755-6886" and the website "HomeTownPlumbing.net".

More Snowbowl Photos and Contest Results...

Snowbowl is a great reason for your whole family to get outside in our Minnesota winter. There are activities for all ages to participate in, and contests and races to watch. A large heated tent hosted many area businesses, a Silent Auction and food vendors Acapulco and Route 65 Pub & Grub.

The Snow Sculpture Contest was one of the premier events, as well as the 2nd annual Fat Tire Bike Race, Kids Pro Ice snowmobile races (new this year), broomball tournament, ice fishing contest and a craft sale (in a heated building). Other activities included a sledding hill and other outdoor kids games.

Snow Sculpture Winners

Adult

- 1st Place: David Prom—*Mouse in My House*
- 2nd Place: Dan Ross & Bill Wegwerth—*(Big Horn's) Final Stand*
- 3rd Place: Jason—*Ham: First Ape in Space*

Ages 11-16

- 1st Place: Brett Hughes—*World in His Palm*
- 2nd Place: Sophia Hughes & Sophia Larson—*Free Hugs*

Ages 10 and under

- 1st Place: Ingrid Thune—*Mermaid Island*
- 2nd Place: Brooke Hilliard—*Snowball the Cat*

Broomball Champions

- Women's Division: Ice Fairies
- Men's Division: Met X
- Co-Rec Division: Fab 5

Fat Tire Bike Race Winners

15K Race—40+ Male

- 1st Place: Chris Gibbs
- 2nd Place: Chris Skeen
- 3rd Place: Mike Schwalbe

15K Race—40+ Female

- 1st Place: Michele Schwalbe
- 2nd Place: Angela Melzark

25K Race—39 and under

- 1st Place: Lee Zettler
- 2nd Place: Matthew Himes
- 3rd Place: John Zelinski

25K Race—40+ Male

- 1st Place: Dave Kjaer



Michael Rosemeier found the Snowbowl Medallion. He received his \$500 prize from Shana Schmitz, Ham Lake Chamber's Executive Director.



Community Calendar

MARCH 2019

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- Mar 4: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Mar 11: Planning Commission meeting, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Mar 13: Ham Laker deadline for April issue
- Mar 18: City Council mtg, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Mar 20: Park & Tree Commissions meeting, City Hall 6:00 pm
- Mar 25: Planning Commission meeting, City Hall 6:00 pm



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