



## For Rent

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

#### ALBANY

- 2 Bedroom \$750/month
- \$100 Deposit
- Cat ok (\$20/month Pet Rent)
- NO DOGS!

Call for Availability  
Loreen 763-238-0616

## Miscellaneous

**We pay top dollar for junk cars, trucks and late model repairables!**  
**Call 320-236-7477**

## Help Wanted

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Backes Wood Products is looking for someone to fill a full-time woodworking position. Some experience required. Good pay, paid insurance, paid vacation and holidays. Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week with no overtime. If interested please call 320-597-9663.

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## Public Notices

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**SECONDER:** District 1 Tarryl Clark

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

#### Item Pulled for Discussion

E.7. Approve 4th Amendment Agreement Extension for Framework Creative, LLC, providing HHW Marketing Services for an additional year through December 31, 2025, not-to-exceed an amount of \$150,000.

#### RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** District 2 Joe Perske

**SECONDER:** District 1 Tarryl Clark

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

#### Environmental Services

F.1. Conduct a public hearing for the consideration of adoption of Ordinance Number 687, amending Ordinance Number 188 Environmental Service Fee Ordinance.

A public hearing was held for consideration of Ordinance No. 687, Amending Ordinance Number 188: Environmental Service Fee Ordinance. Chelle Benson, Environmental Services Director, and Mark Latterell, Environmental Services Supervisor, provided a brief overview. The proposed language changes are for the removal of the annual appointment requirement and simplifying committee makeup to county staff members from multiple departments in order to reduce committee appointment burdens of the Board. Chair Bertram opened the public hearing for public comment. No one came forth to be heard therefore, Chair Bertram closed the public hearing. Mr. Latterell commented no correspondences were received. After some discussion, motion was made to enact Ordinance No. 687, Amending Ordinance Number 188: Environmental Service Fee Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 687 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STEARNS COUNTY ORDINANCE NUMBER 188 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE FEE ORDINANCE THE COUNTY BOARD OF STEARNS COUNTY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.0** That Section 8.05 of the Ordinance Establishing An Environmental Service Fee In Stearns County Number 188 as presently enacted is hereby repealed.

**Section 2.0** That the following is hereby enacted as Section 8.05 of the Ordinance Establishing An Environmental Service Fee In Stearns County Number 188:

**SECTION 8.00 APPEALS 8.05 Appeals Panel.** This panel shall consist of two representatives from the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, and one from the Assessor's Office. The purpose of this panel will be to hear and decide appeals relating to the environmental service fee. The decisions of this panel shall be final.

**Section 3.0** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as provided by law. Passed by the Stearns County Board of Commissioners this 21st day of January 2025.

#### RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** District 5 Steve Notch

**SECONDER:** District 1 Tarryl Clark

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

F.2. Consider for adoption a Resolution updating the Delinquent Refuse Account Certification and Appeals Policy

After a brief overview by Mark Latterell, Environmental Services Supervisor, motion was made to approve and adopt the Resolution 25-11 updating the Delinquent Refuse Account Certification and Appeals Policy for Stearns County.

#### RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** District 1 Tarryl Clark

**SECONDER:** District 5 Steve Notch

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

#### Administration

G.1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Minnesota

Brittany Merritt Nash, Assistant Professor of History for College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, and Michael Corey, Mapping Prejudice Technical Lead for University of Minnesota Libraries, provided a brief overview on restrictive covenants. After some discussion, motion was made to approve the MOU with the University of Minnesota.

#### RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** District 1 Tarryl Clark

**SECONDER:** District 5 Steve Notch

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** District 1 Tarryl Clark, District 2 Joe Perske, District 5 Steve Notch, District 3 Jeff Bertram, and District 4 Leigh Lenzmeier

#### Adjournment

Chair Bertram adjourned the County Board Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

#### Work Session

Meeting with the Airport Commission was held in the Board Room following adjournment of the County Board Meeting. The Work Session was open to the public.

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA STEARNS COUNTY

#### DISTRICT COURT 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 73-JV-24-10290

Case Type: CHIPS-Permanency

#### Summons and Notice Termination of Parental Rights Matter (CHP-115)

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE CHILD OF:

Stephanie Lynne Schwager (Mother)

and

Lyle Linus Gertken (Alleged Father)

and

Any Unknown Father Parent(s)

#### NOTICE TO: Any Unknown Father, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Termination of Parental Rights Petition has been filed in the Juvenile Court alleging that parental rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to the child(ren) named in the petition should be permanently severed.

2. This is your notice that this Termination of Parental Rights case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 725 Courthouse Square Room 134 St. Cloud MN 56303, on March 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

Dated: January 24, 2025  
Gina De Vilbiss-Hendry  
Registrar

Dated: January 24, 2025  
George Lock  
Court Administrator

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
Dated January 24, 2025

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### WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

All Wakefield Township residents are hereby notified that Wakefield Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:00 am. This test will be conducted at the Wakefield Town Hall located at 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota.

Two election judges will oversee this process to ensure accuracy of the voting equipment for the upcoming Township Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Wakefield Town Hall, 22295 Frostview Road, Cold Spring, Minnesota from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

This test is open to the public.

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
Heidi M. Stalboerger, Clerk

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personal health and the health of the resource.

#### Facts about groundwater:

- The Oglalla Aquifer stretches more than 450,000 square kilometers (174,000 square miles) through parts of the U.S. states of South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, according to National Geographic. The Oglalla Aquifer holds more than 3,000 cubic kilometers (2.4 billion acre-feet) of groundwater.

- The average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Of the estimated 29 billion gallons of water used daily by households in the US, nearly 9 billion gallons, or 30 percent, is devoted to outdoor water use, according to EPA's WaterSense program. In the hot summer months, or in dry climates, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 70 percent.

- The United States uses 82.3 billion gallons per day of fresh groundwater for public supply, private supply, irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, thermoelectric power, and other purposes, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

#### Tips for practicing Groundwater Awareness Week in your home, courtesy of WellOwner.org

- Why Is a Checkup Important? A properly constructed and maintained household-supply well will provide you with many years of quality service. Routine inspection of a water well system can help ensure it is operating properly, prolong its useful life, and protect your investment. Most importantly, inspections can protect your health by discovering issues that could result in water quality problems presenting a health risk.

- Keep hazardous chemicals, such as paint, fertilizer, pesticides, and motor oil far away from your well, and maintain a "clean" zone of at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) between your well and any kennels or livestock operations. Also, always maintain proper separation between your well and buildings, waste systems, or chemical storage areas. Your professional water well contractor is familiar with the applicable local codes.

- Get your water tested anytime there is a change

in taste, odor or appearance, or anytime the system is serviced.

#### Ways to Protect and Conserve Groundwater - These tips are helpful to all, whether you have a well, or not. These practices help protect all of our drinking water!

1. **Go Native:** Use native plants in your landscape. They look great, and don't need much water or fertilizer. Also choose grass varieties for your lawn that are adapted for our region's climate, reducing the need for extensive watering or chemical applications.

2. **Reduce Chemical Use:** Use fewer chemicals around your home and yard, and make sure to dispose of them properly - don't dump them on the ground!

3. **Manage Waste:** Properly dispose of potentially toxic substances like unused chemicals, pharmaceuticals, paint, motor oil, and other substances. Many communities hold household hazardous waste collections or sites - contact your local health department to find one near you.

4. **Don't Let It Run:** Shut off the water when you brush your teeth or shaving, and don't let it run while waiting for it to get cold. Keep a pitcher of cold water in the fridge instead.

5. **Fix the Drip:** Check all the faucets, fixtures, toilets, and taps in your home for leaks and fix them right away, or install water conserving models.

6. **Wash Smarter:** Limit yourself to just a five minute shower, and challenge your family members to do the same! Also, make sure to only run full loads in the dish and clothes washer.

7. **Water Wisely:** Water the lawn and plants during the coolest parts of the day and only when they truly need it. Make sure you, your family, and your neighbors obey any watering restrictions during dry periods.

8. **Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle:** Reduce the amount of "stuff" you use and reuse what you can. Recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, aluminum and other materials.

9. **Natural Alternatives:** Use all natural/non-toxic household cleaners whenever possible. Materials such as lemon juice, baking soda, and vinegar make great cleaning products, are inexpensive, and environmentally-friendly.

**Learn and Do More!** Get involved in water education! Learn more about groundwater and share your knowledge with others.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends that private wells be tested once a year for total coli forms bacteria. Testing for nitrate is recommended every two to three years or more often if nitrate has been detected previously in the well or if an infant under the age of six months will be consuming the water. In addition, MDH recommends that every well be tested for arsenic at least once. Testing your well is up to you. Getting your well tested is a relatively simple process. The local county health department may provide or arrange for testing services. Commercial (or private) laboratories providing water testing services are usually listed in the Yellow Pages under "Laboratories - Testing." You should check to make sure the laboratory is certified to perform tests that you want. The laboratory will provide directions for collecting and submitting water samples for testing. The costs for analysis are usually in the range of \$20 to \$40 per test, depending on what is

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## Horoscopes

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, impulsiveness may cause friction with loved ones this week, so avoid rushing into decisions. Keep an open mind when others come to you with their thoughts.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, expect some clarity regarding a recent financial decision this week. You'll get the answers you need about budgeting and other investments you've been mulling over.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

This week you may be tempted to overcommit to social endeavors, Gemini. Keep your boundaries in check, especially if you are having difficulty telling other people, "no."

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, much of your to-do list this week will focus on your home life. Take a break from the hustle and spend time bringing order and balance to spaces in your home.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Your words carry a lot of weight right now, Leo. Be very careful about the opinions you offer and the stories you share. By the weekend you may be called upon for some advice.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you have been thinking about making some sweeping financial decisions, now is the time to take action. Putting things off for another day can wreck long-term plans.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Sometimes you have to give yourself a pat on the back when others are not offering the feedback you need, Libra. You are doing a great job and learning along the way.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You often keep your cards close to the vest, Scorpio. Others may be surprised to learn a project you have been working on for some time has come to fruition.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Personal ambitions are at the forefront of your mind, Sagittarius. However, you may be placing too much importance on financial matters rather than the other rewards from hard work.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You are doing quite well in your professional life right now, Capricorn. But in terms of home life, there are definitely some areas that can use improvement. Focus on those things.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you could be feeling a strong urge to declutter personal spaces, such as the garage, closets or even your home office. Find the time to start sorting through belongings.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

All it may take is a simple conversation to clear up some persistent misconceptions, Pisces. Figure out when to schedule that talk and afterwards you will feel better