



## SPOTLIGHT ON JAHN DYVIK, NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

I grew up in New York with my two brothers and our Norwegian immigrant parents. The influences of Norway were ever present in our loving home, even speaking only Norwegian

with my parents, not as a rule but because it felt natural. I attended the California Institute of Technology for my bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and then moved to Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota for graduate school, earning a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1985. I've worked for the same defense contracting company for 29 years, BAE Systems (formerly United Defense, formerly FMC). I'm currently a Project Engineering Manager at BAE, directing large programs in the development of advanced US Army and US Navy weapon systems.

My wife, Amy, and I have 4 small children, ages 7 and under. We moved to Long Lake from Chanhassen in 2012. We're thrilled to be living in Long Lake and look forward to raising our kids here. We love the small town feel, the people, the schools, and the lake. Amy and I are avid water skiers, so we've enjoyed being able to pursue that hobby on the lake. The kids are enjoying all kinds of water activities as well, in both liquid and frozen forms. I look forward to getting to know more of our residents as we work together to strengthen our city economically, encourage sound residential and commercial development, create a more pedestrian friendly and safe downtown and improve the health of our lake.



## SPOTLIGHT ON MARTY SCHNEIDER, NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

I am very honored to have been elected to a 4-year term on the Long Lake City Council, and look forward to serving our citizens. I was born in St. Paul to German immigrants. I grew up in Mexico City during the 1960s. I

returned to Minnesota in my teen years and received my economics degree from Carleton College. In 1983 I began my financial management career in Wayzata with Morgan Stanley (then Dean Witter) and moved into an abandoned dairy farm in Medina. I became a proud resident of Long Lake in 2000 when I married my best friend Janet Schaefer. I have past property development experience in Orono, Medina and Plymouth that should serve well to help evaluate new and existing projects in our town. I enjoy community service as 26 year Rotarian and have been a past board member of the Minnetonka Art Center & The Ordway. I have also been a ski instructor for Courage Center and have taught reading for Hammer residences. My hobbies include wrenching on old cars, hockey, tennis and boating on Long Lake.

I'm very "Long Lake Proud" - it is a true privilege for me to represent Long Lake's citizens and families. I will make sure everyone has a voice and clear understanding of what is happening in our city at all times. I look forward to being a part of making Long Lake a good town for our business community as well. I will always work hard for you to enhance Long Lake's wonderful small town feel. I welcome your comments and concerns at any time.

## OPEN BOOK MEETING TO REVIEW PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION AND VALUATION QUESTIONS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Traditionally the City Council has annually met as the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization, or "Board of Review", to address objections made by home and business owners to their property class and/or the market value placed on their property.

New for 2015, Long Lake will be hosting an "Open Book" meeting instead of the City Council meeting as the Board of Review. During an "Open Book" meeting, City assessor (Southwest Assessing) and Hennepin County assessor staff are available to meet on a one-on-one basis with property owners to discuss property valuation and classification issues. This type of meeting allows property owners to meet with assessment staff in a much more informal setting to review questions about their property, ask questions about their assessed value, and privately present property appraisals, examples of comparable sales, and their arguments for why their assessed value may warrant a change. Assessing staff can verify the accuracy of data and examples provided with the owner, and due to the informal nature of this type of meeting, the property owner can also schedule an appointment for the City assessor to view the property if needed. The process is efficient because concerns and questions can often be resolved immediately, and it is likely property owners will find the "Open Book" style of meeting to be less intimidating, easier and more private than presenting appeals more formally before a Board.

Minnesota law requires that property owners must be provided with a procedure for reviewing their assessments - in other words, an Open Book meeting - prior to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting, which takes place annually in June for Hennepin County. Following the Open Book meeting, any property owners with unresolved claims are able to address the County Board of Appeal and Equalization to request further action.

At their January 20 meeting, the City Council approved scheduling an Open Book meeting to take place on Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Long Lake City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue. Should you have questions regarding the Open Book meeting process, please don't hesitate to call Jeanette at 952.473.6961 x1, or contact the City assessor (Southwest Assessing) at 763.473.3978.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MAYOR CHILLSTROM

City Council member Donny Chillstrom was elected to the office of Mayor at the November 2014 State General Election, and was sworn in to take his seat on January 6, 2015. Please join us in congratulating Mayor Chillstrom as he begins his Mayoral term. We look forward to working with him (and our new City Council members!), and wish him the best in his new position.



## HOLBROOK PARK SKATING RINKS AND WARMING HOUSE OPEN FOR WINTER

The skating rinks at Holbrook Park are open for the winter skating season. While skaters are welcome to skate on the rinks at any time, please be advised that staff supervision is only available when the Warming House is also open. Warming House open hours are Monday through Friday, 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm; and weekends from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. The Warming House does close when weather conditions (snow storms, severe cold or windchill temperatures) do not permit safe skating.

## SNOWMOBILES IN LONG LAKE

Operating snowmobiles on City streets, public sidewalks or bicycle trails, City park property, or across the private property of another without specific permission of the owner is prohibited in Long Lake. Snowmobiles may be operated on ditch bottoms or the outside bank of State and County highways where the highway configuration allows within City limits. Also, please note that per the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR), snowmobiling on the Luce Line Trail is only allowed beginning west of Stubbs Bay Road in Orono; however, a permit is required to do so. For more information or to obtain a Snowmobile State Trail Sticker, call the MnDNR info center at 1.800.MINNDNR or visit their website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).



## KEEPING FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW

Looking for a convenient way to be active in the well-being of the community? The Long Lake Fire Department and Public Works Department are seeking your help to keep fire hydrants in your

neighborhood clear of snow during the winter months. A six-foot clear space around the circumference of a hydrant will help reduce the time it takes firefighters to hook up hoses if a fire occurs in your neighborhood. The best time to shovel out a hydrant is after the streets are plowed, before snow accumulates and freezes. To all those who grab a shovel and help keep fire hydrants clear this winter, please know your efforts and your commitment to neighborhood safety are very much appreciated!



## HELP KEEP WINTER SALT AND SAND OUT OF LOCAL WATERWAYS

At your home, you can help prevent pollution to Long Lake and waters that feed it by limiting the amount of salt and deicers you use on your driveways and sidewalks. One teaspoon of salt can contaminate five gallons of water! As a rule of thumb, if there's a layer of salt on your driveway after the ice melts, you used too much salt. If you do have excess sand or salt, sweep it up and throw it away so that it is not washed into the storm sewer or a nearby lake. Also, please remember that the earlier you shovel after a snowfall, the less likely you are to need salt.

## Changes coming to FORMER BILLY'S LIGHTHOUSE SITE

Birch's Restaurant has joined forces with a brew master to create a new brewpub/restaurant experience at the former Billy's Lighthouse site, to become "Birch's on the Lake". The Planning Commission met with the applicant at their January 13 meeting and recommended approval of a rezoning of the site, preliminary and final plats re-platting the site to return to a business use, and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow outdoor seating, all subject to conditions. At their meeting on February 10, the Planning Commission will be holding required public hearings and reviewing two variance applications - one for bluff impact zone encroachment and one for impervious surface coverage of over 30%. Staff is anticipating that the rezoning, preliminary and final plats, CUP, and variance applications will all be presented to the City Council for action at their February 17, 2015 meeting. Pending Council action on the applications above, and upon completion of renovations to the former Billy's Lighthouse restaurant building, the new Birch's on the Lake would be split into two levels. The upstairs would be a supper club featuring cuisine similar to the current Birch's menu, including a full bar. The brewhouse downstairs would be a more casual brewery / bar serving a simplified menu.

## OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS CSAH 112 Turnback Project DESIGN UPDATES

Long Lake City Council members and City staff will be holding an Open House for any individuals interested in learning more about progress on Hennepin County's design plans for and the construction of improvements along CSAH 112 (Wayzata Boulevard W) through Long Lake. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm in the Council Chambers at Long Lake City Hall, 450 Virginia Avenue. Public questions and comments will be welcome! For more background and general information, please visit Hennepin County's website for the project - [www.csa112.com](http://www.csa112.com).

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