



City of Howard Lake Newsletter

Winter 2023

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625 8TH AVENUE
MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:00 AM - 4:30PM
FRIDAY—8-NOON
320/543-3670



2023 is expected to be a big year for Howard Lake!

The coming year is already looking to be a very busy, big year for our small town. Here's a quick rundown of some new projects and initiatives the City of Howard Lake is undertaking in 2023.

Howard Lake Foods, shuttered since July is currently being considered by several potential operators who would re-open the store. The two most interested entities each have their own niche they would seek to fill. One is considering subdividing the store to accommodate a convenience grocery store with the option of a second retail tenant. The other entity is considering a membership based grocery store which would permit 24/7 access. Both entities are expected to provide the City with various information to help form how we move forward towards a hopeful reopening.

Terning Trails, located on the northeast of the lake off of 1st Street East, is expected to see additional development this year with the proposed addition of a 30 unit, market-rate apartment complex as well as a 100 slot childcare center slated to be built alongside the Good Samaritan Society Assisted Living Center. Both projects have been identified goals by the City for nearly a decade. Seeing these projects through to completion involves a strong partnership between private business owners and the City. Housing and childcare shortages are noted by large employers as barriers to attracting and retaining employees. Both projects are anticipated to receive various approvals in the next several months with ground breaking in the spring.



www.tomorrowleaderschildcare.com



Concept Drawing - Terning Trails Apartment Complex

Welcome Our Newest Staff Members!

Jennifer Swendsen (left) was hired summer 2022 as the City's Finance Coordinator. Previously, Jennifer was employed in a similar capacity for the City of Rockford. She is doing a great job learning our financials and managing our funds. Outside of city hall, Jennifer is passionate about growing a large variety of flowers at her home in rural Maple Lake.

Tanya Remer (right) has been employed by the City since 2021 as a part time sales clerk at Howard Lake Wine & Spirits. Several months ago she was promoted to our utility billing clerk position where she manages the 950 utility accounts. In her free time...just kidding, between working several jobs and children, she has no free time! Stop by and say 'HI!'



Reminder!

The City licenses dogs (\$5), permits chickens (\$25), licenses multi-family rental properties (\$25), issues special vehicle licenses (\$10) and requires building permits more than a year old to be renewed.

All forms are available on the City website or at City Hall.

WWW.HOWARD-LAKE.MN.US

The State of Minnesota Department of Health

Mandatory Service Line Inventory

The Minnesota Department of Health has passed a law requiring Minnesota Cities to complete a water service line inventory of all properties by 2024. The purpose of this rule is to identify any and all lead service lines inside homes and businesses. Prolonged exposure to lead may lead to detrimental health impacts or birth defects.

To do this, we are asking homeowners to send the City information about the water service line entering their home.

- Provide the City of Howard Lake a clear picture of the service line and the first valve prior to your water meter (preferably showing the side of the water valve). Be sure the picture also includes the floor, foundation, or ground in which the service makes its entry from the ground.
- If the service water line has paint, corrosion, etc., please scrape or remove such items for clear identification of the service line material prior to taking the picture.
- If material of the service line looks gray or dark gray, please use a magnet on a cleaned section of the service line. If a magnet sticks to the service line, please show this in your picture.

Please submit pictures to:

cityofhowardlake@howard-lake.mn.us

Include your home address and the best phone number to reach you if we have follow up questions.



Photos must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 15th**. The City will follow up with residents who have not submitted their photos by the deadline and may require a scheduled meeting for staff to obtain a photo.



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2022 IN REVIEW	
	1539 Police Cases
	437 Ambulance Calls
	516 Fire Department Calls
	8 Parks - Totaling 28 Acres Maintained
	61 Pet Licenses
	25 New Homes Built
	125 Total Permits Issued
	99 ATV Permits