



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. ****Consent Agenda****
All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.
 - a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the March 3, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable (Batch # 1; Checks Numbered 24253-24274).
5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.
6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.
7. West Hennepin Public Safety – Director Matthew DuRose: Presentation of the February 2026 Activity Reports.
8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To consider the proposal to issue tax-exempt revenue obligations, in one or more series (the “Bonds”), under and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.1655, and Section 471.656, and loan the proceeds thereof to North Shore Gymnastics Association (the “Borrower”).
9. Consider Adoption of an Amendment to the City’s Surface Water Use Regulations on Lake Independence.
 - a. **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02** – Amending the Lake Independence Surface Water Use Regulations.
10. Consider Approval of Federal Funding Request Support Letters For the Following Projects:
 - a. Request for DOT Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) funding to Complete a Quiet Zone Railroad Crossing at Town Line Road and the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

- b. Request for Federal Community Project Funding Requested by Vineland National Center to Reconstruct Ihduhapi Road.

11. Open/Misc.

12. Adjourn.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2026

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brad Spencer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spencer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Spencer, Betts, Fisher, Grotting (virtual)

ABSENT: McCoy

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, Administrative Services Director Simon,
WHPS Chief DuRose

4. ****CONSENT AGENDA****

Mayor Spencer stated that the consent agenda items would be considered routine and acted on by one motion unless someone would like to remove an item for discussion. The consent agenda

- a. Approval of City Council Minutes from the February 10, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; (Batch #1 - Checks No. 24229-24252).
- c. Agriculture Preserve Enrollment – Parcel ID No. 22-118-24-21-0004
- d. Rubbish Haulers - Annual License Renewals:
 - Randy’s Sanitation/Republic Services
 - Curbside Waste
 - Waste Management
- e. Liquor License – Annual Renewals
 - Ox Yoke Inn: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License
 - Windsong Golf Club: Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday License and Tobacco License
 - Pioneer Creek Golf Club: On Sale, Sunday License

Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Fisher and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0

5. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.

Council member Fisher Attended the following meeting:

- LMCC

Council member Betts Attended the following meeting:

- None

Council member Grotting Attended the following meeting:

- None

Mayor Spencer Attended the following meeting:

- NW Hennepin League
- Bright Author Training

6. Funds Transfer Consideration

- a. **RESOLUTION No. 26-0303-01** – Consider transfer of funds from the General Fund (Fund 100) to the Road Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402).

City Administrator Kaltsas explained that the city had budgeted \$175,000 in the 2025 budget for the gravel road project. The city issued bonds for the gravel road project in addition to the budgeted amount, and they are still completing the initial phase. To ensure the earmarked money goes toward gravel road projects, they need to transfer the unused 2025 funds from the general fund to the road capital improvement fund (Fund 402).

Kaltsas noted this is standard practice when budgeted funds aren't fully expended in a given year. The city anticipates using bond proceeds and potentially some of these transferred funds on the remaining 2025 project work to be completed in 2026. Any unused funds will be applied to a new 2026 gravel road project that will go out for bid.

The Mayor asked about which roads would be worked on this summer. Kaltsas responded that Public Works Director Ben has developed a plan including Pagenkopf, Fogelman, and Post roads, though he noted some leftover work from the previous year as well. He indicated they would be bringing the full 2026 project proposal to council soon and would provide a complete list of roads to be addressed.

Motion by Fisher, seconded by Betts to approve RESOLUTION 26-0303-01 transferring \$175,000 from the General Fund to the Road Capital Improvement Fund. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Fisher and Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0

7. Consider Approval of Purchasing a GIS System/Software (Geographic Information Systems) for Documentation, Cataloging and Maintenance of the City's Utilities and Underground Infrastructure.

City Administrator Kaltsas presented the proposal for purchasing GIS software licensing to maintain a database of underground utilities, though it would also document above-ground utilities. The system would be set up initially by the city engineer to create a mapping database that could be continuously updated and used for utility locates and facility documentation.

The proposal includes an initial setup cost of approximately \$30,000 and an ongoing annual license fee of about \$1,500. Kaltsas explained they can offset these costs within the current year's budget by utilizing existing funds, resulting in no net budget change for 2026. He noted that Public Works Director Ben is enthusiastic about implementing this system, and upcoming law changes will require digital documentation for locates and underground utilities.

The system would document various infrastructure including sewer systems, storm water facilities, culverts, ponding areas, and city signage like stop signs. The Mayor asked about grain tile documentation, and Kaltsas confirmed they would incorporate known grain tile mapping and any new drain tile information discovered during future projects.

Council Member Grotting, participating via Zoom, expressed initial concern about entering into another ongoing subscription service but was reassured that all data would remain the city's property if they ever changed providers. He noted that Ben had identified a reputable provider and that lighter-weight competitors had left the market. Grotting acknowledged this is necessary work that must be done.

Motion by Spencer, seconded by Grotting to approve RESOLUTION 26-0303-02 approving the GIS system subscription and setup. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Fisher, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved. 4-0

8. Discussion Relating to Upcoming Conduit Financing Request for North Shore Gymnastics New Facility in Maple Plain.

City Administrator Kaltsas introduced this item as it will come before council at their next meeting. He noted he would not be present at that meeting, so he wanted to provide an overview. North Shore Gymnastics, located in Maple Plain for nearly 40 years, is constructing a new 48,000 square foot youth gymnastics facility in the same industrial park where they currently lease space, next to the Proto Labs building.

North Shore requested conduit financing from Maple Plain, but Maple Plain is issuing its own debt in 2026 and lacks capacity to issue debt on behalf of North Shore. Maple Plain passed a resolution allowing Independence to issue the conduit financing on their behalf. This arrangement allows the nonprofit to take advantage of tax-exempt bond issuance while the city assumes no financial liability and charges a 0.5% fee.

The proposed issuance is approximately \$8.5 million, which would generate about \$42,500 for Independence. While largely administrative, the process does require annual follow-up work for auditing purposes, including obtaining financial information from the borrower.

Kaltsas explained they will use a different attorney than in the past because Kennedy & Graven lost their entire TIF practice about a year ago. They will work with Maren McGill from Taft Law, a well-regarded municipal and bond counsel firm recommended by the city attorney.

The process will include a public hearing on March 17th (notice already published) followed by approval of approximately 150 pages of agreements. Kaltsas noted this is a standard process and described the new facility as a significant improvement that will serve their loyal following in the community.

The Mayor requested that a representative from North Shore Gymnastics attend the March 17th meeting to provide a presentation about the project for residents' information. Kaltsas agreed to contact Director Ryan Roers, who lives locally, to arrange this.

The \$8.5 million issuance would largely use up the city's annual capacity (limit of \$10 million), though the city has no other planned bond issuances for the year.

9. Open/Misc.

The Mayor reported that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is forming a 2027 advisory commission. While he had attended a setup meeting and most subsequent meetings would be during daytime hours when he couldn't attend, he recommended Joe Baker for appointment. Baker serves as the city's commissioner to the Pioneer Creek Watershed District and has been chair for ten years. Jim Whisker's committee appointed Baker to serve on the Minnehaha Creek advisory commission.

The Mayor also discussed a request for a letter of support from Rockford's mayor Mike regarding their wastewater treatment facility improvement project. The letter would support Rockford's application to Congressman Emmer for fiscal year 2027 community project funding. The Mayor explained that upgraded treatment facilities benefit regional water quality, as these plants discharge treated water into area waterways. He noted potential regional benefits including possible future collaboration between Rockford and Greenfield regarding Greenfield's failing system.

Council Member Grotting supported the letter, citing the value of the Crow River as a resource. The Mayor indicated he would submit the letter of support to Rockford's mayor.

No other council members had additional items to discuss.

10. Adjourn.

**Motion by Betts, seconded by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 6:57PM. Ayes: Spencer, Betts, Fisher, Grotting. Nays: None. Absent: McCoy. Abstain: None. Motion Approved.
4-0**

Date: March 9, 2026

To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Matt DuRose

SUBJECT: February 2026 Monthly Activity Report



I present to you the February 2026 Monthly Activity Report for West Hennepin Public Safety.

All incidents are broken down as defined in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is the accepted reporting system utilized by police agencies across the country. NIBRS provides more complete and detailed incident information because it requires reporting of every offense committed within the incident. By detailing all offenses reported to West Hennepin Public Safety, it may appear that crime statistics are higher than what they have been, but this isn't necessarily the case. In this month's report, you will see that there were 15 criminal offenses reported, but they occurred in only 7 incidents.

NIBRS is broken down in the following categories:

Group A offenses

Animal Cruelty	Drug offenses	Homicide	Prostitution
Arson	Embezzlement	Human Trafficking	Robbery
Assault	Extortion	Kidnapping	Sex Offenses
Bribery	Forgery	Larceny	Stolen Property
Burglary	Fraud	Motor Vehicle Theft	Weapon Laws
Destruction/Damage	Gambling	Obscene Material	

Group B offenses

Bad Checks	Driving Under Influence	Liquor Law Violations	All Other Offenses
Curfew	Drunkenness	Peeping Tom	
Disorderly Conduct	Family Offenses	Trespass	

In addition to reporting Group A & B offenses, this activity report includes traffic related activity and community engagement activities of West Hennepin Public Safety. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this new format with you and the community.

If anyone would like more detailed data, please contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

West Hennepin Public Safety Monthly Activity Report

February 2026



February 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
123 (29.1%)

Total Calls for Service
423

Calls for Service
Independence
262 (61.9%)

Traffic
Offenses
51

DWIs
1

Traffic
Offenses
137

DWIs
2

Crashes
1

Arrests
4

Aid Other
Agency
38 (9%)

Crashes
13

Arrests
3

Group A
Offenses
4

Group B
Offenses
5

Group A
Offenses
2

Group B
Offenses
4

*Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings



Year to Date 2026 Overview

Calls for Service
Maple Plain
249 (30.8%)

Total Calls for Service
809
(2025 YTD: 799)

Calls for Service
Independence
484 (59.8%)

Traffic
Offenses
99

DWIs
2

Traffic
Offenses
230

DWIs
2

Crashes
3

Arrests
8

Aid Other
Agency
76 (9.4%)

Crashes
31

Arrests
3

Group A
Offenses
14

Group B
Offenses
13

Group A
Offenses
7

Group B
Offenses
5

*Traffic Offenses include citations, parking tickets, written and verbal warnings



Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
21

Alarms
17

Traffic
Complaints
10

Suspicious
Activity
8

Disturbance
4

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
11

Record Checks
& Permits
38

Animal Calls
6

*Medicals & Lift Assists/Falls include all medical emergencies

*Alarms include home, business, fire, CO2 alarms

*Disturbance includes fights, harassment, and disorderly situations.



Year to Date Calls for Service: Non-Criminal

Medicals & Lift
Assists/Falls
48

Alarms
33

Traffic
Complaints
17

Suspicious
Activity
16

Disturbance
6

Welfare Check
& Mental Health
18

Record Checks
& Permits
75

Animal Calls
9

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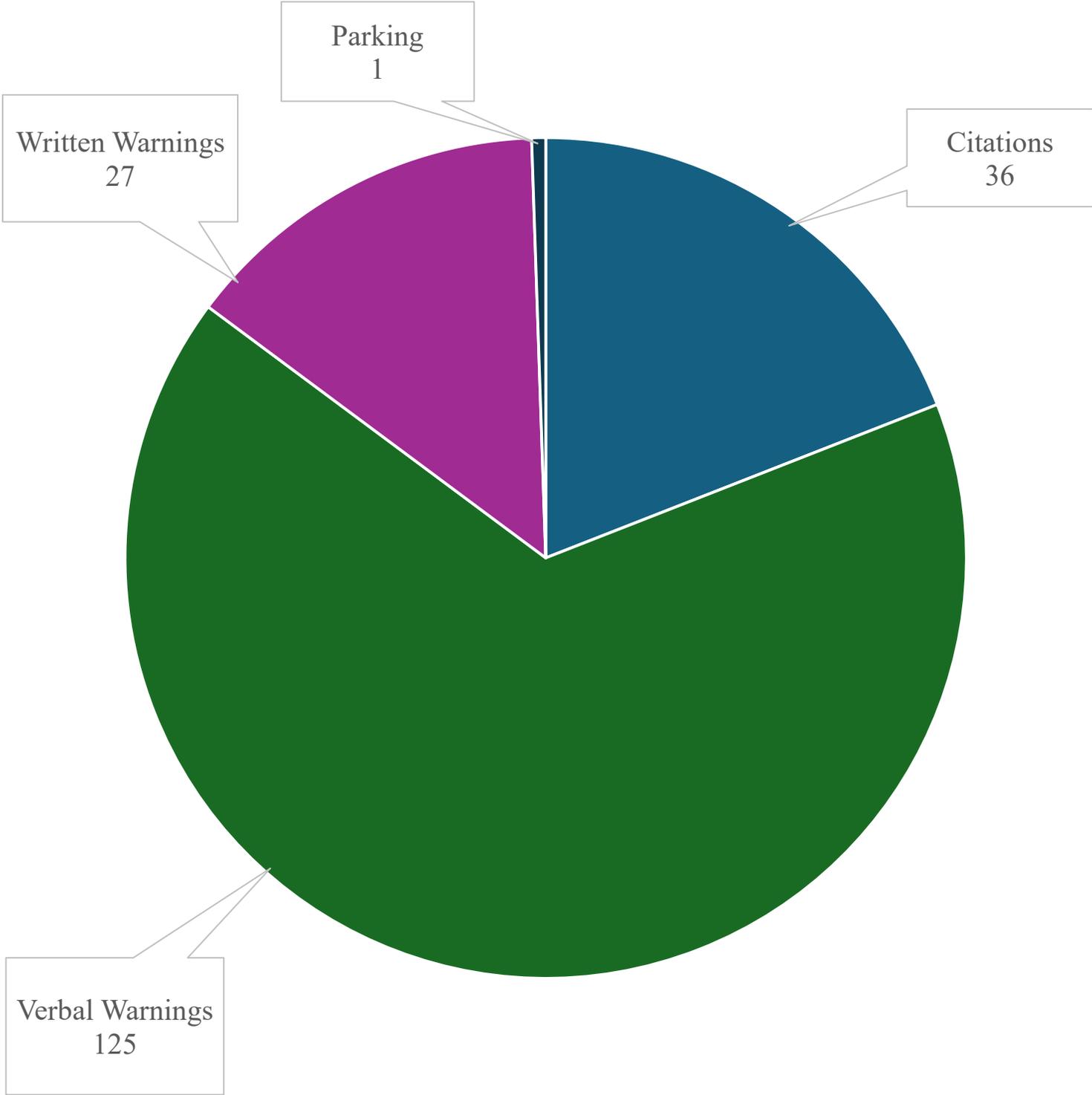


Notable Calls for Service

- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000423:** Highway 12/Halgren Road, Maple Plain. Officer was on routine patrol and observed a male sitting on the guardrail. Officer spoke to the male who advised he had walked from Mound to get away from an argument with his girlfriend. He advised he was trying to get to a gas station to contact family for transportation. Officer provided him with a ride to the nearest gas station.
- **Traffic, ICR 26000514:** County Road 92/1st Ave, Independence. Officer was monitoring speed where we frequently get complaints. Officer observed a vehicle driving 62-MPH in a 30-MPH zone. Officer stopped and spoke to the driver who displayed signs of impairment. Officer observed multiple open containers of alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests were performed and Officer determined there was no probable cause for a DWI arrest. Driver was issued a citation for speed and possession of an open bottle.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000554:** 5000 block Independence Street, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check on a subject who seemed confused. Reporting party advised the subject was sitting on the curb outside of their house in the snow. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the subject who appeared disoriented, confused, and under the influence of alcohol. Subject refused a PBT and denied consuming alcohol. The subject was placed on an emergency evaluation hold and transported to the hospital.
- **Welfare Check, ICR 26000668:** 5200 block of Bryantwood Drive, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to check the welfare of an individual who had fallen and appeared disoriented. Officer spoke to the patient who was in emotional distress, speaking rapidly, and exhibiting disorganized thought patterns. Patient admitted to alcohol use and stated they take their prescribed mental health medications. A social worker referral was submitted for follow up.

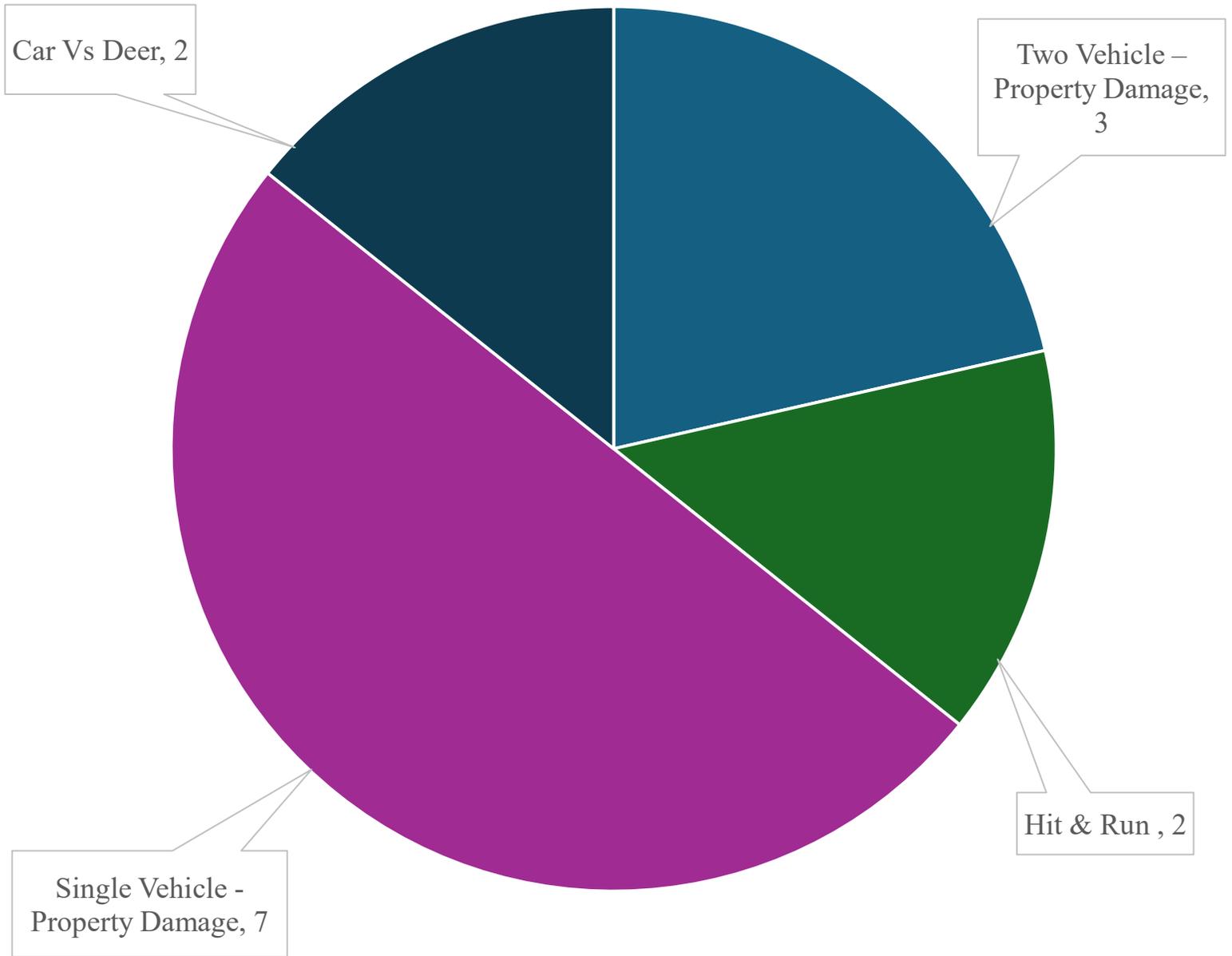


Traffic Offense Data



Crash Statistics

Crashes by Type



Criminal Offenses

Domestic Assault

Ind - 1

Possession of
Controlled
Substance

Ind - 1

Theft
MP - 3

DWI
MP - 5
Ind - 4

Weapons
Ind - 1

* 15 total reportable criminal offenses to the State/FBI in 7 separate incidents



Notable Criminal Offenses

- **4th Degree DWI, ICR 26000600:** County Road 6/Townline Road, Independence. Officer was dispatched to a person slumped over the steering wheel. Officer spoke to the driver who was acting irrationally and speaking incoherently. She later admitted to using marijuana and ecstasy. She was ultimately arrested for suspicion of DWI. A search warrant was granted and executed for a blood test. She was released to a sober party pending results and charges.
- **3rd Degree DWI & Narcotics Arrest, ICR 26000645:** 4800 block of Gateway Boulevard, Maple Plain. Officer was dispatched to a welfare check of a male sleeping in a vehicle. Officer arrived on scene and spoke to the driver and passenger and noted the smell of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The driver displayed signs of impairment and was ultimately arrested for suspicion of DUI. During a search of the vehicle, illegally packaged marijuana and suspected narcotic pills were located which were found to belong to the passenger. The passenger was arrested for 5th degree drug possession. The driver was brought to the hospital to execute a blood draw warrant and released to a sober party pending results.
- **Domestic Assault/Weapons Violation, ICR: 26000704:** 6000 block Wood Hill Ln, Independence. Officers responded to a domestic assault in progress. Upon speaking with all parties, the suspect admitted to punching his father during a verbal argument and having a handgun in possession without a permit to carry. Suspect was arrested, booked, and transported to Hennepin County Jail for charging.
- **4th Degree DWI, ICR: 26000337:** Highway 12/Howard Avenue, Maple Plain. Officer initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for burned out brake lights, dark tint, and lane violations. While speaking with the driver, signs of impairment were observed and the driver admitted consuming alcohol. Field Sobriety Tests showed signs of impairment. Driver was placed under arrest and transported to the police department where she provided an evidentiary breath sample of 0.11. After the booking process was completed, the driver was cited for 4th degree DWI and released to a relative.



Community Engagement

- **February 2** WHPS hosted a Recognition Ceremony where Sgt Ebeling and Ofcs Vorderbruggen, Lueth, and Freeman had their formal oaths of office. A 2025 year in review was also provided.
- **February 5** Chief DuRose attended the regularly scheduled meeting for Delano Safe Schools at Delano High School
- **February 9** Detective Anderson hosted a Cub Scout group for a tour and safety talk at the WHPS office.
- **February 10** Chief DuRose attended the monthly business meeting for West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce.
- **February 24** Chief DuRose attended the monthly board meeting for West Hennepin Chamber of Commerce



City of Independence

Conduit Financing – Northshore Gymnastics (Maple Plain)

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Discussion:

North Shore Gymnastics Association (Maple Plain), a Minnesota 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is requesting that the City of Independence act as a conduit issuer for up to \$8,500,000 in tax-exempt revenue bonds. The proceeds will be loaned to North Shore so it can acquire land and construct a new 48,000-square-foot youth gymnastics facility in the City of Maple Plain. A public hearing is required under Minnesota law before the City may consider issuing the bonds (will be held at the March 17th City Council Meeting).

What the Project Involves:

- Purchase approximately 6.35 acres of land on Pioneer Creek Drive in Maple Plain.
- Construct and equip a 48,000 sq. ft. gymnastics and training facility.
- Use a portion of the bond proceeds for capitalized interest and issuance costs.

Why the City of Independence Is Being Asked to Issue the Bonds:

This financing would be done under Minnesota’s Municipal Industrial Development Act, which allows cities to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds for qualifying nonprofit projects. This is conduit financing: the City is not borrowing money, not responsible for repayment, and assumes no financial risk.

Maple Plain cannot issue the bonds because it is already issuing its own municipal debt and cannot issue these bonds on behalf of North Shore. The City has no financial liability. The bonds are payable solely by North Shore Gymnastics.

The City will receive an issuance fee of 0.5%, totaling \$42,500. Independence has historically had great success with issuing conduit bonds, and the proposed issuance allows the City to support a nonprofit organization at no cost or risk to the City while receiving \$42,500 in revenue.

City Council Action:

NOTE: It was originally anticipated that the City Council would be asked to consider approval of the conduit financing at this Meeting; however, details relating to the actual bond amounts have not been finalized. As a result, City Council is being asked to hold the public hearing at this Council Meeting due to it being noticed and then consider the formal approval of the financing at a future meeting. The proposed plans are attached to this report and a representative from North Shore Gymnastics will be at the City Council Meeting to present their project.



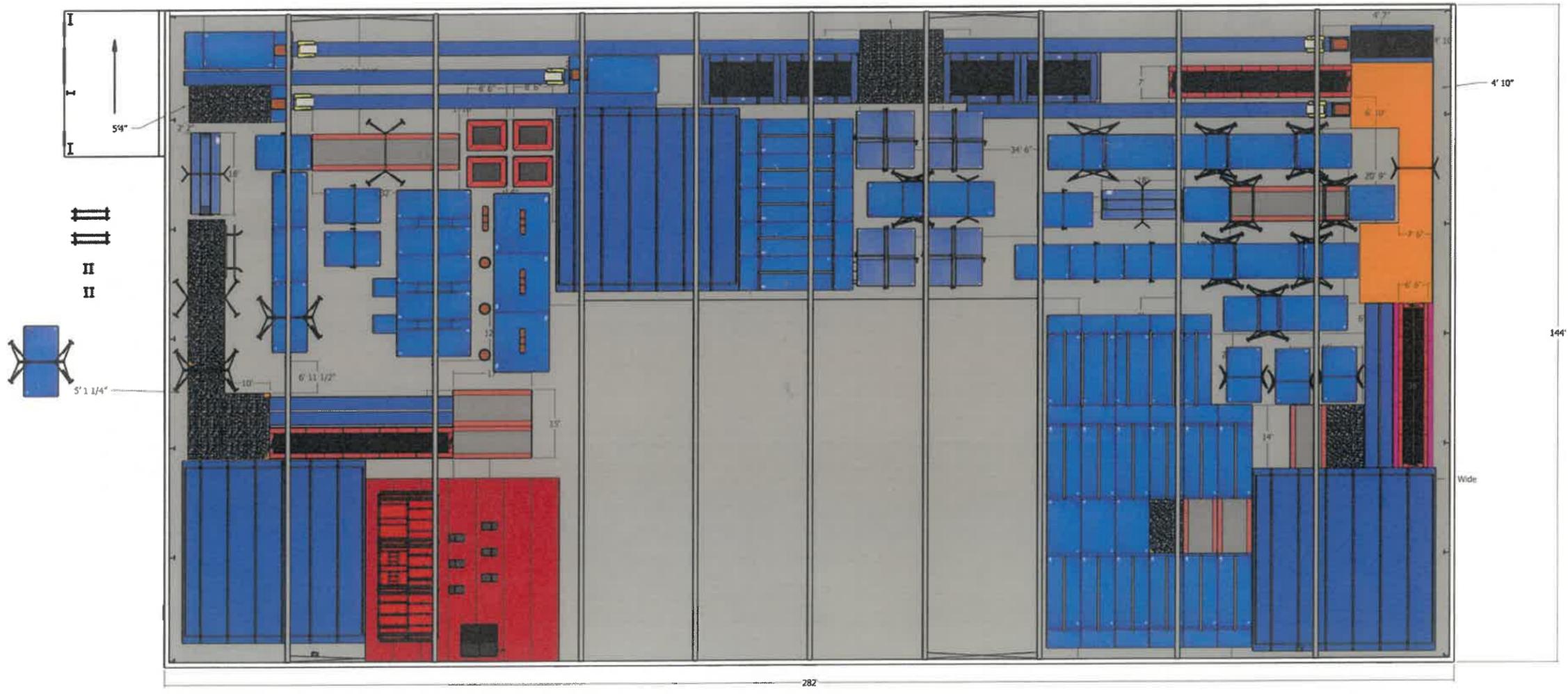
N NORTH SHORE
GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION



Depth Chart

- 96"
- 48"
- + 5"
- 21"
- 18"
- 24"
- 72"

****MEASUREMENTS PULLED FROM THE EDGE OF THE SLAB****





BUILDING A BALANCED COMMUNITY



Spotting the Next Generation
of North Shore Gymnastics





OUR STORY

North Shore Gymnastics is a private non-profit gym serving all children and their families from preschool through high school. What began 50 years ago by a group of parents in the wake of Title IX has grown into a nationally recognized, non-profit gymnastics training facility that has serviced more than 24,000 families and growing.

1974
FOUNDED

24k
FAMILIES
SERVED

900
CURRENT
ATHLETES



STATEMENT OF NEED



North Shore Gymnastics is Association (NSGA) the choice of families because of the care, connection and community we build with gymnasts and their families. Our coaches and staff live our values everyday as they prove you can have high-quality gymnastics AND a fun, fulfilling, individualized gymnastics experience that the community can rely on.

With a growing appreciation for the holistic benefits of gymnastics, the industry has exploded in popularity. North Shore Gymnastics reputation has put it at the epicenter of this growth in the Twin Cities metro and has grown to the point that a new, larger facility is critical to accommodate the

many needs of its customers. The new space will provide:

- Additional **SPACE, EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMS** so we will no longer have to turn away potential participants due to lack of space.
- Continue to **MEET THE NEED OF YOUTH** and families with more programs, teams and ancillary programming such as birthday parties, camps, SONIC and open gyms.
- A **WORK ENVIRONMENT** that will help North Shore achieve its goal to become a premier destination for coaches and employees.

- Space and equipment to train our high-level athletes in a **SAFE, STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING FACILITY.**
- Grow to be able to **PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS** for those who cannot afford gymnastics.

It is just as important today as it was in 1974 that ALL children have a place to experience the beauty, power and benefits of gymnastics. To continue building a balanced community, we need your support to meet the needs of this and the next generation of gymnasts with a new, larger, state-of-the-art training facility.



WHY SUPPORT GYMNASTICS?

Invest in North Shore Gymnastics Association and you invest in the future!

NSGA builds on the strong foundation of the sport with a holistic approach that brings out the best in every child at all levels of physical ability, potential and growth while promoting well-being, self-discipline, sportsmanship and belonging.

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** NSGA is one of the few competitive gyms to have teams for those with invisible and/or intellectual disabilities.
- **BOYS PROGRAM** In many parts of the country it can be difficult to find a gym that has boys' equipment and a

boys' coach. NSGA has a robust, highly successful boys program.

- **SCHOLARSHIPS** NSGA is launching a scholarship program to provide the many benefits of gymnastics to children and their families who may struggle to afford it.
- **LOCAL AND REGIONAL REACH** NSGA sits at the intersection of Wright, Carver, Mcleod and Hennepin counties and is one of the only gymnastics clubs in the western suburbs. We even have students come from as far away as Hutchinson and Brainerd.



FITNESS FOR LIFE

Gymnastics classes are full of activities that will make your child more fit and help keep them healthy for life.

SELF ESTEEM

Gymnastics is a sport that can adjust to the skill level of each gymnast, it is amazingly easy to feel almost immediate sense of pride.

WORK ETHIC

The structure of gymnastics requires commitment and concentration, teaching children how hard work and dedication pays off.

SOCIAL SKILLS

Kids can put away their phones and communicate with people their own age, work within a team and engage safely with adults.

DISCIPLINE & RESPECT

Codes of conduct in gymnastics help children learn the importance of rules for safety and teach respect towards others.

GOAL SETTING

Learn to set short- and long-term goals, and break them down into smaller, more manageable steps to steadily progress to the next level.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

652

CURRENT FAMILIES

900

CURRENT ATHLETES

4:1

GIRL/BOY RATIO

16-18

Months Years

ATHLETE AGE RANGE

OUR COACHES

34%

ARE NSGA ALUMNI

73%

WERE GYMNASTS

8.5

AVERAGE YEARS COACHING AT NSGA

11.5

AVERAGE YEARS OF COACHING

OUR COMPETITIONS

5

ANNUAL HOSTED COMPETITIONS

3,000

COMPETING ATHLETES

8,000

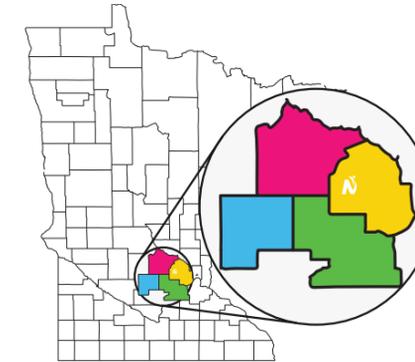
SPECTATORS

2,000

ATHLETES AT STATE/ REGIONAL HOSTED MEETS



NSGA BY THE NUMBERS



LOCAL ROOTS

NSGA sits at the intersection of Wright, Carver, McLeod and Hennepin counties and is one of the only private gymnastics clubs in the western suburbs.



FORECAST FOR OUR NEW FACILITY FORECAST

NSGA typically serves 850-950 students per session and has a lengthy waiting list. With the new facility, we anticipate 25% growth within the first year with incremental growth in the years following.





SOCIAL DATA



2024 ANALYTICS

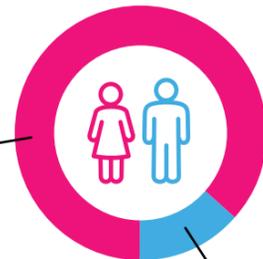
1,441 Followers	918 Followers
18.4K Reach	67% External Link Taps*
6.5 Visits	2,036 Profile Visits*
1.6K Interactions	9,414 Impressions*

*Oct - Dec 2024

10,000

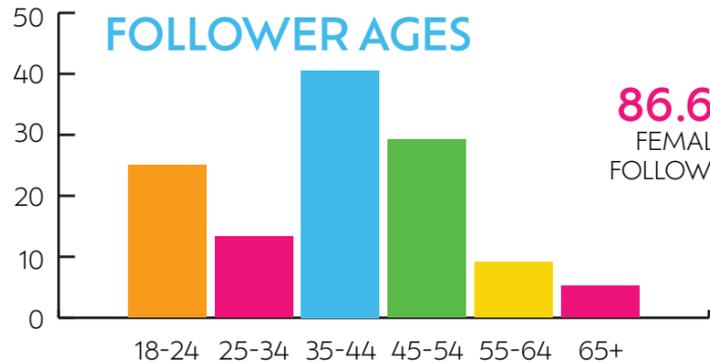
LOCAL DATABASE CONTACTS

FOLLOWER GENDER



13.4% MALE FOLLOWERS

FOLLOWER AGES



REVIEWS

4.7 ★★★★★ ON GOOGLE REVIEWS

AMY M

"I have nothing but good things to say about North Shore Gymnastics Association. The quality of the coaches are superb! The staff is extremely friendly and always willing to help. My two children look forward to going to gymnastics to learn new skills in a safe and fun environment where they can hang out with friends."

KATIE M

"North Shore is our home away from home for our competitive team gymnast, and now our two preschool aged gymnasts! The coaches are encouraging, positive and make each practice fun at any level. They care about each gymnast's personal growth as well as their development in the sport. We would highly recommend NSGA!"

CHARIZAR D

"An excellent place for gymnastics! You can flip out!"

SARAH R

"An excellent place for gymnastics! You can flip out! We love the Ninja classes for our son. He gets to run, jump, climb, flip. They work on strength and flexibility. He hopes to be on Ninja warrior someday!"



AMAYA H., AGE 20

"When I was looking for new gym and I came to North Shore, it took me one day of practice to decide that I wanted to stay here and that was because of the dedication I saw from the coaches and my teammates. I didn't feel super welcome at my old gym and on the first day it was already like you guys were my family. And now you are my family!"



MAREK D., AGE 16

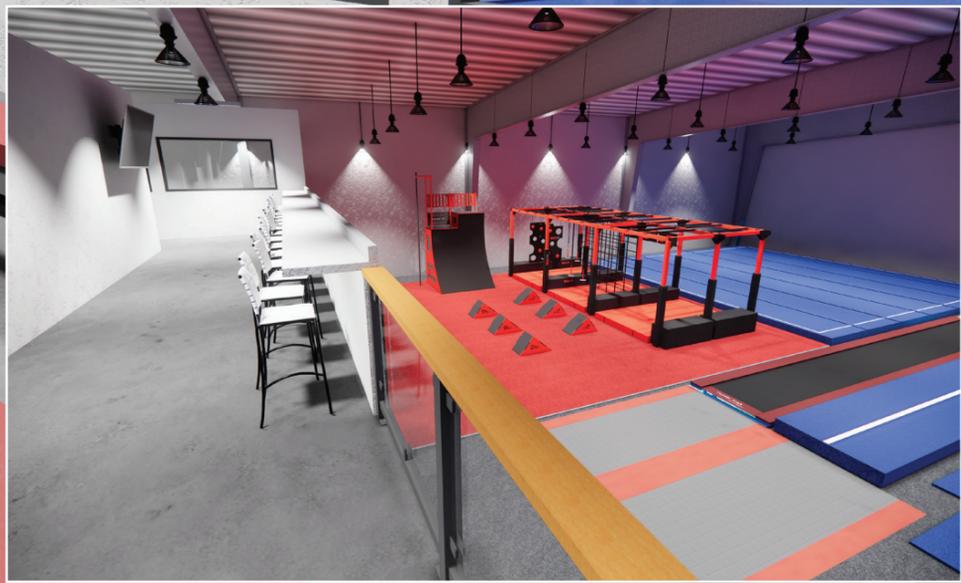
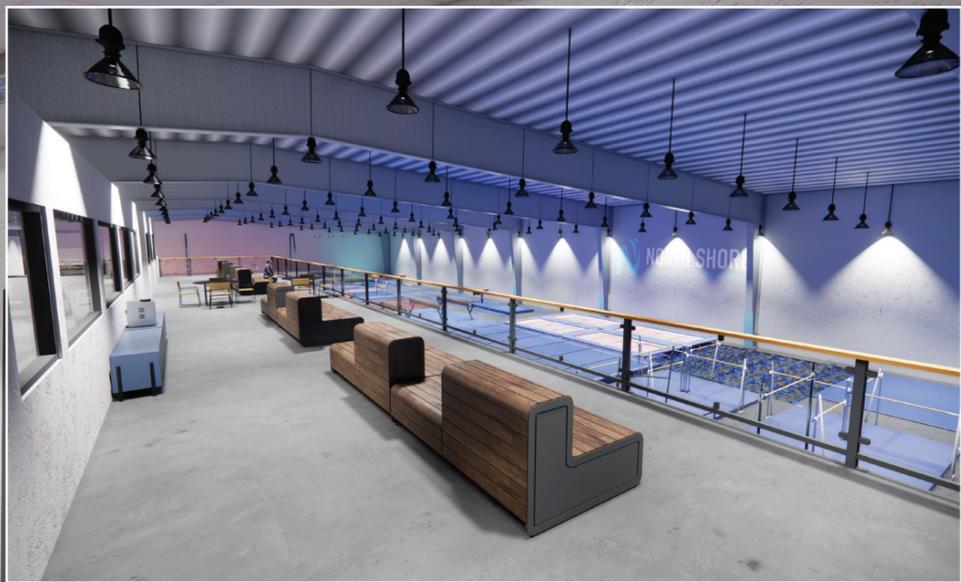
"I've been part of North Shore for the past 13 years, beginning in the preschool room when I was just three years old. This gym has truly been like a second home to me. Their incredible staff has guided me through every stage of my gymnastics journey, always pushing me to reach my full potential."



MADDIE M., AGE 14

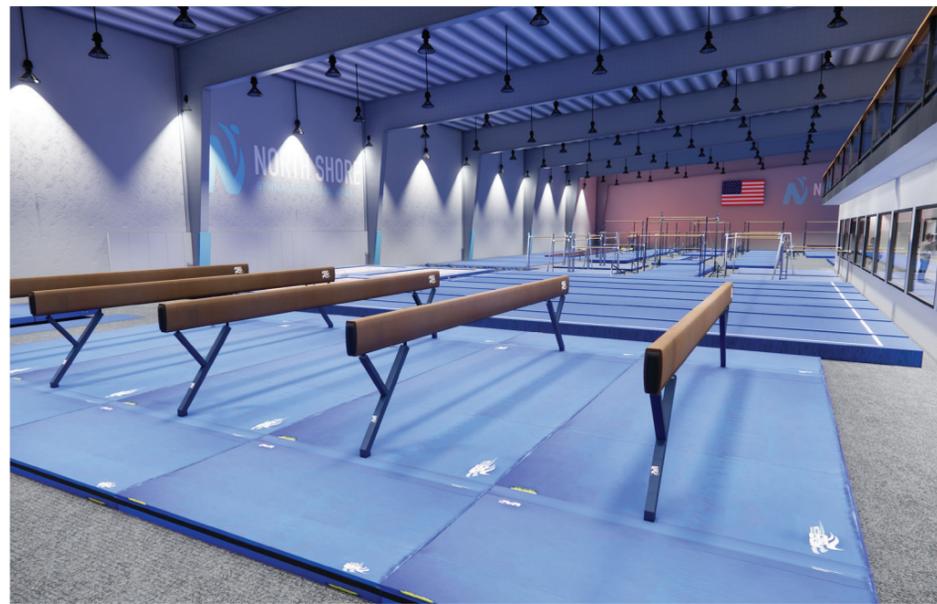
"Being a gymnast at North Shore is one of the best experiences. The coaches are so dedicated and kind. It is such a welcoming community, and everyone is like family. I have improved so much throughout my time here. I couldn't imagine a better place to do the sport I'm most passionate about."

OUR NEW FACILITY

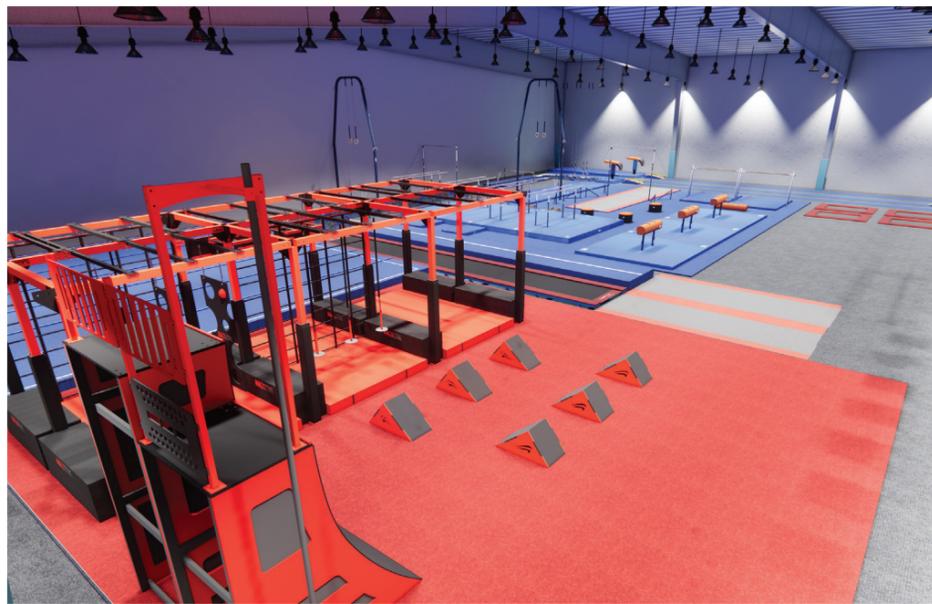




1 LOWER LOBBY Lower lobby with viewing area. Upper viewing area with work stations and 270° gym viewing.



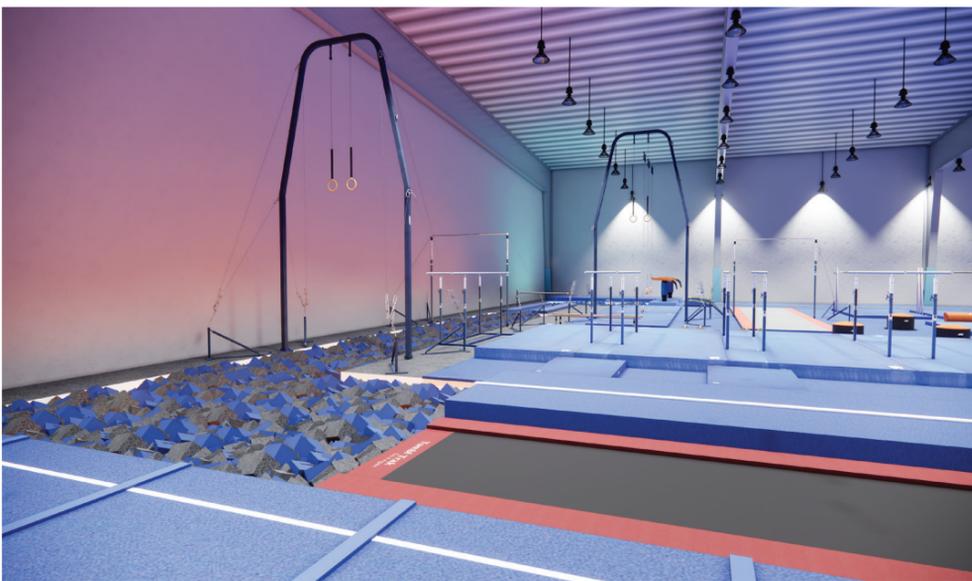
2 RECREATIONAL BALANCE BEAM Recreational balance beam area — capacity for 2 classes at a time.



3 NINJA AREA New ninja area with 2x equipment and 2 warped walls.



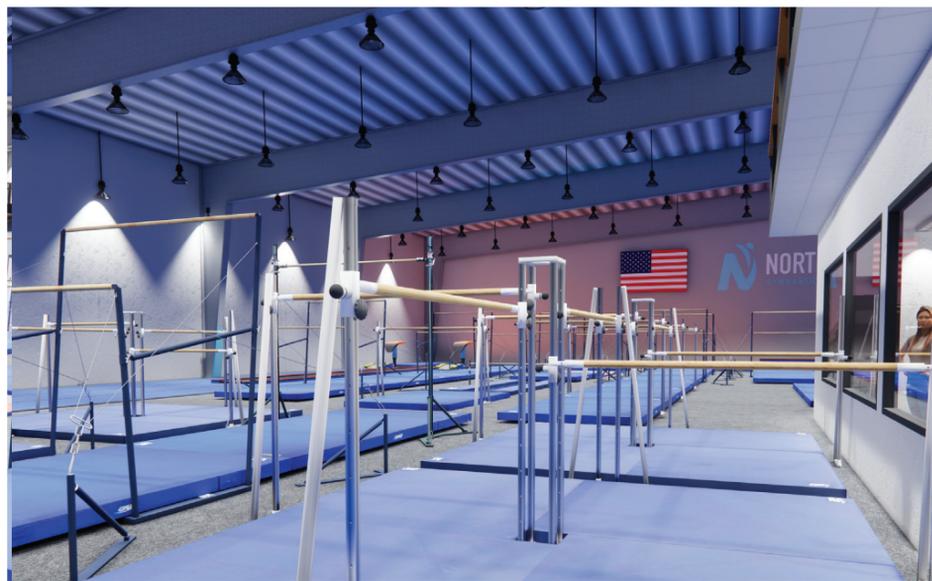
4 MEN'S EQUIPMENT 2x men's equipment.



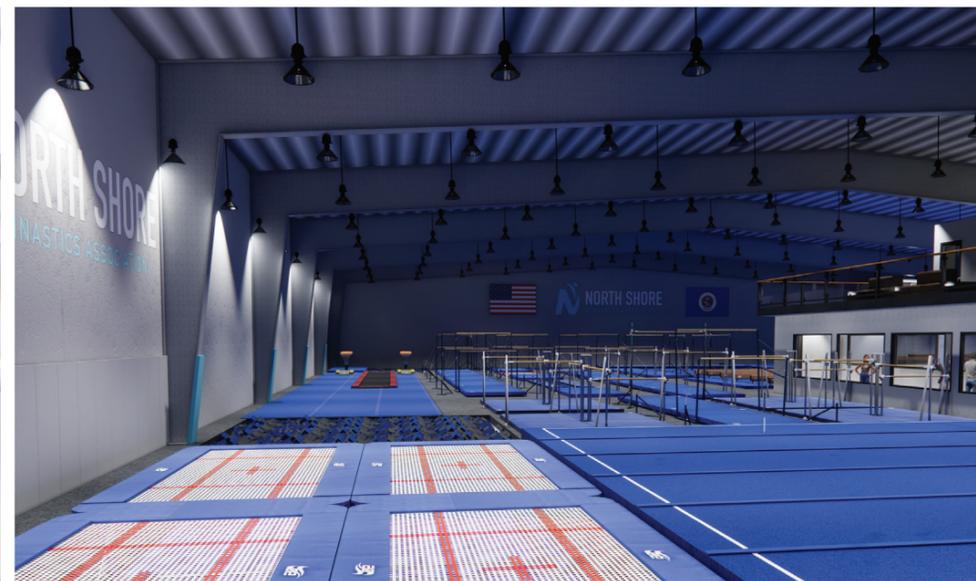
5 MEN'S EQUIPMENT Dedicated space for men's equipment with loose foam pits.



6 WOMEN'S EQUIPMENT Dedicated women's equipment for all 4 events.



7 RECREATIONAL BARS 3x recreational bars — capacity for 3 classes at a time.



8 FOUR IN-GROUND TRAMPOLINES 4 in-ground trampolines! Additional planned.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

NSGA wants all children to enjoy the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle and of course we believe gymnastics is an ideal way to do so while bringing the best out in every child regardless of physical ability. Our new scholarship program provides a pathway to gymnastics for those who may otherwise be unable to afford to participate in our programs. We are offering 5 full scholarships annually to qualifying families through an application process.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

UP TO **60**
MONTHS OF FREE
GYMNASTICS/YEAR

12K
SPONSORSHIP
VALUE

<47%
STATE MEDIAN
INCOME

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Benefits	\$50,000 (2 Available)	\$25,000 (4 Available)	\$10,000 (8 Available)
Tax Deductible Contribution	90%	90%	90%
Scholarship Naming Rights	✓ Sonic Program or Gym	✗	✗
Gymnast Scholarship	✓ 3 gymnasts for 3 years	✓ 2 gymnasts for 2 years	✓ 2 gymnasts for 1 year
Meet Naming Rights & Award Sponsor Recognition	✗	✓ 1 meet in 2025 or 2026	✗
Room Sponsor	✗	✗	✓ 2 year room sponsor
Banner in the Gym	✓ X-large Banner in the gym for 5 years	✓ Large Banner in the gym for 3 years	✓ Medium banner in the gym for 2 years
Construction Site Signage	✓ Prominent logo size on signage	✓ Logo on signage	✗
Website Recognition	✓ Pop-up advertisement during registration and logo linked to website	✓ Logo linked to website	✓ Logo linked to website
Groundbreaking Recognition	✓ Opportunity to speak	✓ Mentioned in speech	✗
Bench Plaque	✓ Gold	✓ Silver	✓ Bronze
Laker Pioneer Advertisement	✓ Prominent Logo	✓ Logo	✓ Listed
Logo on Apparel	✓ Gymnast warm ups for 5 years	✓ Practice leotard for 3 years	✓ Staff shirt for 2 years
Prominence on Donor Wall, Beam Signing & Newsletter Recognition			



SONIC PROGRAM

SONIC is NSGA's adaptive gymnastics program for children from 18 months to 18 years of age with physical and/or developmental disabilities. The SONIC program brings out the best in every child with an approach tailored to their strengths and goals at each stage of development. The SONIC program promotes the building of physical endurance, flexibility, agility, balance, coordination, power and speed and social-skill and relationship building as well as cognitive and emotional growth.

OFFERINGS

ONE-ON-ONE PRIVATE LESSONS
At their own pace to each child's individual needs

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS
Peer based groups, but adapted to each child's ability

INCLUSIVE SESSIONS
Integrated into general classes with modified movements under supervision

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PREMIUM SPONSORS

Benefits	\$5,000 (15 Available)	\$1,000 (25 Available)	\$750 (30 Available)	\$500 (50 Available)	\$250	\$100
Tax Deductable Contribution	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Newsletter Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donor Wall Recognition	✓ Medium Individual Equipment Plaque	✓ Small Individual Equipment Plaque	✓ Listed	✓ Listed	✓ Listed	✗
Brick	✓ Large	✓ Medium	✓ Small	✓ Small	✗	✗
Beam Signing	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Social Media Recognition	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Banner in the Gym	✓ Small banner in the gym for 2 years	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
On-screen Advertisement in NSGA lobby	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Website Recognition	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗



SUPPORT GYMNASTS

50 years ago, a group of dedicated parents began a non-profit gym to provide a safe place for their daughters to experience the power, beauty and benefit of gymnastics. We know that it is just as vital today as it was in 1974 for **ALL children have a safe place to move, succeed, connect and grow through sport.**

Help us spot the next generation of gymnasts with a new, larger, state-of-the-art training facility and support the continuation of North Shore's balanced community with the gift of sponsorship today!

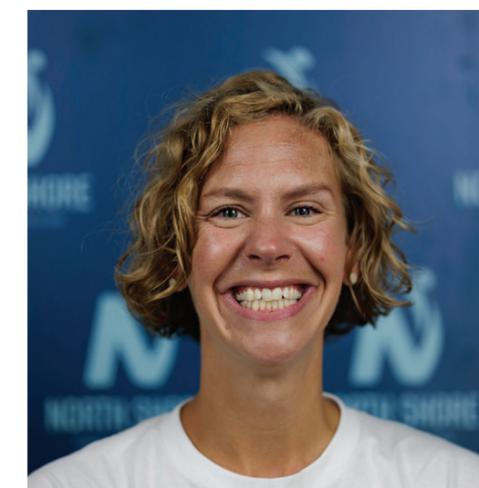


Together, we can build a balanced community.

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A non-profit gym serving all children and their families from preschool through high school.



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City of Independence

Consideration of an Ordinance Amendment to Ordinance No. 915.19 - Slow no wake zone on Lake Independence

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Background

In December 2025, following a public hearing held in August 2025, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Lake Independence no-wake regulations. As required, the ordinance was then forwarded to the City of Medina for consideration, with the understanding that both cities must adopt consistent regulations for any changes to take effect.

After review, the City of Medina declined to adopt the Independence ordinance and instead enacted a different version. Because the two cities did not adopt identical regulations, no changes can be implemented at this time, and the existing no-wake ordinance remains in force.

Discussion

The City of Independence has reviewed the ordinance adopted by Medina and has identified several areas of disagreement. In response, Independence has drafted a revised ordinance that attempts to balance the differing approaches and provide clarity through the use of a second trigger elevation.

The primary point of difference between the two cities concerns Medina’s proposal to establish an additional “extra-high water” trigger that would place the entire lake under no-wake restrictions. Independence’s original ordinance did not include such a trigger. Instead, it relied on the most credible data available at the time—including shoreline setback characteristics, lake bathymetry, and scientific studies related to wake energy and shoreline impacts. Based on this information, Independence determined that establishing an additional trigger elevation was not supported by the evidence and would not provide measurable benefit to shoreline protection or water quality.

To address Medina’s request while maintaining a science-based approach, Independence’s revised ordinance introduces a second trigger elevation but anchors it to a recognized benchmark rather than an arbitrary water level. Under the proposal, the second trigger would be set at 0.1 foot below the 100-year flood elevation, which mirrors the basis used to establish whole-lake no-wake conditions on Lake Sarah. This approach provides:

- A consistent and technically defensible standard
- Alignment of no-wake policy across both lakes within Independence
- A clear, measurable elevation tied to hydrologic data and risk thresholds

This method ensures that both the science and regional consistency guide the regulation rather than subjective or non-standard water level selections.

Recommendation

The City Council is asked to consider adoption of **Ordinance 2026-02**, amending the no-wake regulations for Lake Independence. Adoption by the City of Independence is contingent upon the City of Medina adopting the same ordinance language, as consistent ordinances between the two jurisdictions are required for implementation.

ATTACHMENTS: **Ordinance 2026-02**
City of Medina Proposed Ordinance
600' Buffer Map

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING INDEPENDENCE CITY CODE REGARDING
REGULATION OF LAKE INDEPENDENCE SURFACE USE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. The Independence City Code Chapter IX - Public Safety, Section 915.19 Slow no-wake zone on Lake Independence, is hereby amended by adding the underlined material and deleting the ~~stricken~~ material as follows:

Section 915.19. – Slow no-wake zone on Lake Independence.

- Subd. 1. *Slow no-wake at high water level.* Whenever the waters of Lake Independence reach or exceed 958.2 feet above sea level for a period of three consecutive days or more, as measured by the water level gauge set by the Minnesota department of natural resources on Lake Independence, the city administrator-~~clerk~~ or designee, upon notifying the Hennepin county sheriff, shall establish a slow no-wake zone on those portions of the lake within Independence which are less than 600 feet from the shoreline. No person shall operate a watercraft, including aircraft except during landings and take-offs, in excess of a slow-no wake speed (five miles per hour) slow no-wake speed on the entire lake within the designated slow-no wake zone (600 feet) of any shoreline on Lake Independence when the high water slow no-wake restrictions are in effect. Both the implementation and removal of these restrictions must be done in coordination with action by the city of Medina.
- Subd. 2. *Entire Lake Slow no-wake at extra high-water level. Whenever the waters of Lake Independence reach or exceed 959.4 feet above sea level for a period of three consecutive days, as measured by the water level gauge set by the Minnesota department of natural resources on Lake Independence, the city administrator or designee, shall establish a slow no-wake zone on those portions of the lake within Independence. No person shall operate a watercraft, including aircraft except during landings and take-offs, in excess of slow no-wake speed on the entire lake when the extra-high water slow no-wake restrictions are in effect. Both the implementation and removal of these restrictions must be done in coordination with action by the city of Independence.*

Subd. ~~2.3~~. *Effective date of no-wake regulation.* A slow no-wake restriction shall become effective upon the date specified by the city administrator-~~clerk~~ and shall remain in effect until the water level for the lake has receded below ~~958.2 feet above sea level~~ the relevant triggering elevation for at least three consecutive days.

915.21. Notification.

The ~~city administrator of the City of Medina-clerk~~ shall notify the Hennepin County Sheriff, Three Rivers Park District, Lake Independence Citizens Association and post or cause to be posted the ~~posting the~~ restriction at all public lake access points on Lake Independence ~~within the city~~ prior to and during the time the restriction is in place. ~~The city administrator of Independence shall~~ posting the restriction at the Independence eCity hHall, and by such other means as the city administrator-~~clerk~~ determines to be reasonable.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publications as required by law and following adoption of a similar ordinance by the City of Medina.

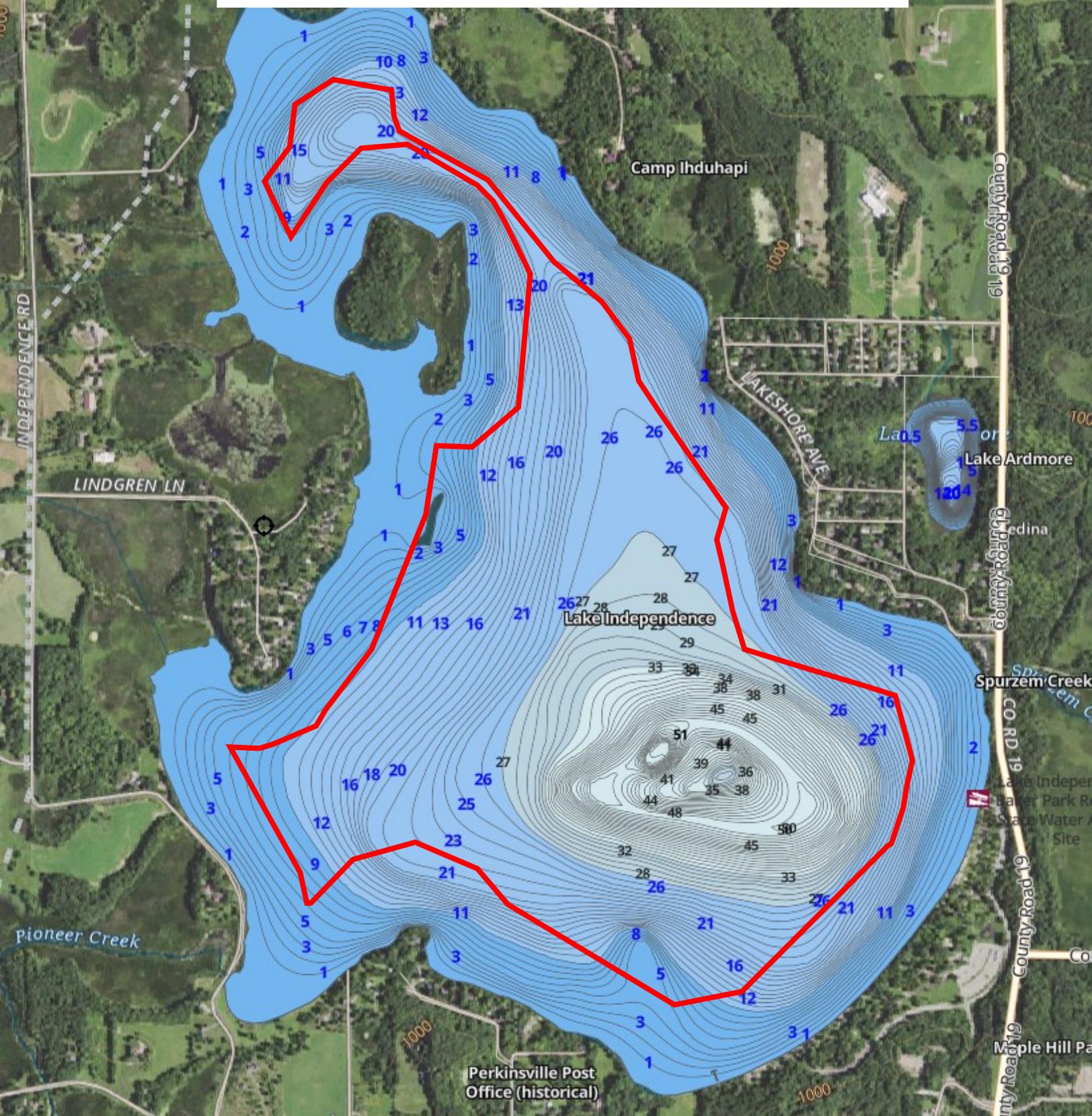
Adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence this 17th day of March 2026

Brad Spencer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

600' Setback from Shoreline



CITY OF MEDINA

ORDINANCE NO. ###

**An Ordinance Amending Section 512 of the Code of Ordinances
Regarding Surface Use of Lake Independence**

The city council of the city of Medina ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Section 512 of the code of ordinances is amended by adding the underlined material and deleting the ~~stricken~~ material as follows:

Section 512.01. Authority to regulate water surface use. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 459.20, 471.59 and 86B.205, Medina has entered into a joint powers agreement with the city of Independence for the purpose of regulating the surface use of the body of water known as Lake Independence. This ordinance shall be effective after adoption and publication of this ordinance and after adoption of a similar ordinance by Independence. This ordinance shall remain in effect until repealed or until the joint powers agreement is terminated.

Section 512.03. Definitions.

Subd. 1. The terms used in this ordinance related to boating, including “slow no-wake,” shall have the meanings given to them in Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.005.

Subd. 2. “Lake Independence” means that body of water located in section 24, township 118, range 24, Hennepin County, Minnesota and designated by the Minnesota department of natural resources as lake #27-176.

Section 512.05. Slow no-wake zone on Lake Independence.

Subd. 1. Slow no-wake at high water level. Whenever the waters of Lake Independence reach or exceed 958.2 feet above sea level for a period of three consecutive days, as measured by the water level gauge set by the Minnesota department of natural resources on Lake Independence, the city administrator or designee, upon notifying the Hennepin county sheriff, shall establish a slow no-wake zone on those portions of the lake within Medina which are less than 600 feet from the shoreline. No person shall operate a water craft, including aircraft except during landings and take-offs, in excess of slow no-wake speed ~~on the entire lakewithin 600 feet of the shoreline~~ when the high water slow no-wake restrictions are in effect. Both the implementation and removal of these restrictions must be done in coordination with action by the city of Independence.

Subd. 2. Entire Lake Slow No-Wake at Extreme Water Level. Whenever the waters of Lake Independence reach or exceed 958.9 feet above sea level for a period of three consecutive days, as measured by the water level gauge set by the Minnesota department of natural resources on Lake Independence, the city administrator or designee, upon notifying the Hennepin county sheriff, shall establish a slow no-wake zone on those portions of the lake within Medina. No person shall operate a water craft, including

aircraft except during landings and take-offs, in excess of slow no-wake speed on the entire lake when the extreme water level slow no-wake restrictions are in effect. Both the implementation and removal of these restrictions must be done in coordination with action by the city of Independence.

Subd. 3. Effective date of no-wake regulation. A slow no-wake restriction shall become effective upon the date specified by the city administrator and shall remain in effect until the water level for the lake has receded below ~~958.2 feet above sea level~~ the relevant triggering elevation for at least three consecutive days.

Section 512.07 Subd. 4. Notification. The city administrator shall notify the public of both the implementation and removal of the no-wake restriction by publishing a notice in the city's official newspaper, posting the restriction at all public lake access points within the city prior to and during the time the restriction is in place, posting the restriction at city hall, and by such other means as the city administrator determines to be reasonable.

Section 512.09 Subd. 5. Exemption. Enforcement, resource management and emergency personnel, while in the performance of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 512.1107. Penalties. Any person convicted of violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a maximum fine or a maximum period of imprisonment, or both, as specified by Minnesota Statutes, section 609.03.

Section 512.1309. Enforcement. The Hennepin county sheriff's department and special deputies appointed and sworn by the sheriff have primary responsibility for enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, but nothing herein shall preclude other licensed peace officers from enforcing this ordinance.

SECTION II. The City Clerk is directed to publish this ordinance only following adoption of a similar ordinance by the City Council of the City of Independence and approval of the ordinance by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, adoption of a similar ordinance by the City Council of Independence, approval by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and upon its subsequent publication.

Adopted by the city council of the city of Medina this ____ day of _____, _____.

Todd Albers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caitlyn Walker, City Clerk

Published in the South Crow River News this ____ day of _____, _____.

Ordinance No. ###
DATE

City of Independence

Letters of Support for Funding Requests

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: March 17, 2026

Discussion:

The City of Independence has prepared three federal funding support letters for FY2027 Congressional and Committee consideration. These letters request federal support for priority local infrastructure and public safety improvements directly benefiting Independence residents and regional service providers. Each letter is tailored to the appropriate federal office and program and has been drafted for signature by the Mayor and City Council. Council authorization is required prior to submitting these letters to federal offices.

Summary of Proposed Support Letters

- Ihduhapi Road Safety & Access Improvement Project

Requested Support: **\$1,000,000 in Community Project Funding**

Recipients:

- Senator Amy Klobuchar and Senator Tina Smith
- Congressman Tom Emmer
- Congresswoman Kelly Morrison

These letters request federal funding for a proposed Ihduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement Project, which provides the primary access route to Vinland National Center. Vinland serves individuals with substance use disorders, cognitive disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries, drawing patients from across Minnesota and the Upper Midwest. Improvements are needed to enhance roadway safety, ensure emergency access, and support long-term operational reliability for this essential treatment facility.

- Railroad Quiet Zone & Crossing Safety Improvements

Requested Support: **FY2027 CRISI Program Funding**

Recipient:

- Congresswoman Dr. Kelly Morrison

This letter requests federal support for completion of the final crossing improvement needed to establish a continuous railroad quiet zone serving Independence, Medina, and nearby communities. The project includes modernized rail safety infrastructure, reduced train horn noise, and noise-related health benefits for residents. The improvements also build on existing state bonding contributions, requiring only a modest supplemental federal investment to finalize the project.

These projects directly advance the City's goals related to transportation safety, public health, emergency response reliability, and protection of community quality of life. Submitting these support letters positions the City to secure FY2027 federal funding for improvements that provide both local and regional benefits.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize submission of the following support letters:

1. City of Independence CDS FY2027 Letter to Senators Klobuchar and Smith supporting the Ihduhapi Road Safety & Access Improvement Project.
2. City of Independence CPF FY2027 Letter to Congressman Emmer supporting the Ihduhapi Road Safety & Access Improvement Project.
3. City of Independence CPF FY2027 Letter to Congresswoman Dr. Kelly Morrison supporting the Ihduhapi Road Safety & Access Improvement Project.
4. City of Independence Quiet Zone Support Letter to Congresswoman Dr. Kelly Morrison supporting CRISI funding for railroad crossing safety and quiet zone completion.

Upon approval, these letters will be finalized and submitted by staff on behalf of the Mayor and City Council.



March 12, 2026

Congresswoman Dr. Kelly Morrison
Washington, D.C. Office
1205 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for Community Project Funding - DOT Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) for the City of Independence – Quiet Zone Completion & Railroad Crossing Safety

Honorable Congresswoman Dr. Kelly Morrison:

On behalf of the City of Independence, Mayor Brad Spencer and the Independence City Council are writing to express our strong support for critical railroad safety and quiet-zone improvements serving our community and neighboring cities. This project represents the final essential crossing improvement needed to complete a safe, continuous quiet zone corridor through our region.

The proposed upgrades will address multiple long-standing safety concerns at this crossing, including high train speeds, limited site lines, and increasing vehicle traffic volumes. Modernized infrastructure; including updated signaling, improved gates, and advanced safety technology, will significantly reduce the likelihood of vehicle-train conflicts and improve protection for motorists, pedestrians, and first responders traveling throughout Independence and the surrounding communities.

Completion of these safety measures will also allow this location to meet all federal requirements necessary to establish a designated quiet zone. This is especially important for Independence residents who are directly affected by frequent horn noise during overnight and early-morning hours. Reducing or eliminating routine train horn use will provide meaningful improvements to public health.

Furthermore, this project represents the final remaining crossing in the quiet-zone sequence for this corridor. Completing this last segment will create consistent safety and noise-reduction benefits across all impacted communities, ensuring that the substantial investments already made at adjacent crossings can fully achieve their intended regional impact.

The State of Minnesota has already demonstrated strong support for this project by awarding state bonding dollars to fund the majority of the improvements. With these resources in place, the project requires only a relatively small amount of additional federal investment to be fully

completed. This final contribution would allow the cities to finish the last remaining crossing needed for a continuous quiet zone and ensure that all safety enhancements are installed to federal standards.

We respectfully request your support for FY2027 Community Project Funding through the DOT Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. This investment will enhance safety, improve quality of life, and complete a long-planned multi-city rail improvement initiative.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on behalf of our communities.

Sincerely,

Brad Spencer
Mayor, City of Independence

Independence City Council Members
[Council Members Ray McCoy, Brad Fisher, Steve Grotting and Lynn Betts]



March 12, 2026

Congressman Tom Emmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Congressman Emmer,

The City of Independence respectfully requests your support for **\$1,000,000 in federal Community Project Funding for the Ihduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement Project** serving the Vinland National Center campus in Independence, Minnesota.

Ihduhapi Road provides the primary transportation access to Vinland National Center, a nonprofit residential treatment campus that serves individuals with substance use disorders and cognitive disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries. Patients and families travel from throughout Minnesota and neighboring states to receive specialized treatment services at the campus.

Ensuring safe and reliable access to this facility is critically important for patient transportation, staff commuting, and emergency response. Improvements to Ihduhapi Road will enhance roadway safety, strengthen transportation access, and support the continued operation of one of the region's most important treatment facilities serving vulnerable populations.

The City of Independence is proud to partner with Vinland National Center to improve this roadway and support the continued delivery of essential treatment services. Federal Community Project Funding will help ensure that patients and healthcare providers can safely access the campus year-round.

We respectfully request your support for the **\$1,000,000 federal funding request for the Ihduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement Project** in the FY2027 appropriations process.

Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of Minnesota communities.

Sincerely,

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This roadway is essential for patients, staff, and families traveling to the campus and is critical for ensuring reliable access for emergency medical services and public safety vehicles. Improvements to Ihduhapi Road will enhance safety, strengthen year-round accessibility, and ensure that this vital healthcare facility can continue serving vulnerable populations across our state.

The City of Independence is committed to partnering with Vinland National Center to modernize this important access corridor and ensure safe transportation access to the campus for decades to come. Federal Community Project Funding will help advance this important infrastructure improvement while supporting access to life-saving treatment services.

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