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**How many pumpkins  
 can you find?**

**To Contact the City  
 465-5133**

**Dial these Extensions:**

<b>City Hall</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>EDC</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>Fire Dept.</b>	<b>4</b>		

*(Mayor, EDC & PRC will be message only)*

**City Representatives**

**City Council**

- Mayor - Mike Buchite - '12
- Council - Ross Rivard - '14
- Council - John Tangen - '12
- Council - Larry Julik-Heine - '12
- Council - Mary Murphy - '14

**Planning Commission**

- Chair - Diane Sander - '13
- Member - Irv Stolp - '14
- Member - Lee Casperson - '14
- Member - Gene Andersen - '13
- Alternate - Open Position
- Member - Ross Rivard
- Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

**Park & Rec Commission**

- Chair - Tana Havumaki - '13
- Member - Leo Nelson - '12
- Member - Rick Stafford - '12
- Member - Zara Kinnunen - '13
- Alternate - Donald Hobson
- Member - Larry Julik-Heine
- Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

**Heritage Preservation Commission**

- Chair - Julie Hildebrand - '13
- Member - Barbara Nelson - '13
- Member - Joanne Frank - '12
- Member - Bill Scott - '12
- Member - Alyssa Auten - '12
- Member - Susan Heaven - '12
- Alternate- Brian Pigott
- Member - John Tangen
- Emeritus - John Larson
- Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

**Economic Development Commission**

- Chair - Wade Vitalis - '12
- Member - John Coffey - '13
- Member - Open Position
- Member - Open Position
- Alternate - Open Position
- Member - Mary Murphy
- Mike Buchite, Ex-officio

**Library Board Members**

- President - Barb Anderson - '14
- Member - Leslie Johnson - '13
- Member - Lori Stolp - '13
- Julie Samuelson - '13
- Member - Gerald Platzer - '12
- Librarian - Diane Dedon

**City Staff**

- Jo Everson, Clerk-Treasurer
- Adam Berklund, Coordinator-Zoning Admin
- Jack Kramer, Building Official
- Mike Kriz, PW Superintendent
- Bill Neska, PW Maintenance Worker
- Kevin & Carol Schumann, Custodians
- Al Rivard, Fire Chief
- Mike Erding, Assistant Chief
- Sheldon Magnuson, Assistant Chief
- Shane Carroll, Sheriff's Corporal



# Tidbits from Taylors Falls

October 2012

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**TAYLORS FALLS ELECTIONS**



The 2012 Election will be held on November 6th. If you are not able to vote on the 6th you may request an absentee ballot from the Chisago County Auditor's Office (213-8500). In order to vote, you must be a resident of TF for 20 days, be able to prove your residency, and be at least 18 years of age.

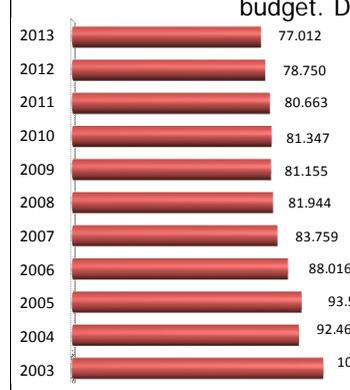
As I'm sure you have seen on TV, there are two Constitutional Amendments to be considered on the ballot. In addition there will be the Presidential Election, two Federal and two Legislative Senators and Representatives, sixteen Judicial Offices, County Commissioner, Soil & Water District Supervisors, and three of your local government offices in Taylors Falls - the Mayor position and two Council Members. Please read the election information provided elsewhere in this newsletter. Be informed and **V O T E !**

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET**

The Taylors Falls City Council will conduct its **Truth in Taxation Hearing** on **December 10th beginning at 7:05 p.m.** This is an opportunity for the taxpayer to comment on the proposed 2013 tax levy and the 2013 budget.



Despite the continuing legislative changes in the Market Value Homestead Credit program, the Council stands firm in its resolution to maintain or reduce the City's tax rate, which has been the case for nine out of the last ten years. While many other cities are seeing double-digit increases, we have found resources to sharpen budgets yet still provide the essential services to its taxpayers.

The proposed 2013 budget is available for viewing on the City's web site: <http://www.ci.taylors-falls.mn.us>.

### MAYOR'S FORUM

It's fall, which means my favorite time of year is finally here. I have always enjoyed watching the leaves turn color and especially appreciate the cooler temps. There is a lot of activity in our City, as tourists come to enjoy what we experience everyday!

Our Business Park is complete and ready for new businesses to arrive. I look forward to growth, jobs and the new revenue that comes with it. If you have yet to see our Business Park, I recommend taking a short drive on County 37 just west of City Hall. If you hear of any party interested in locating to our Business Park, please feel free to send them in my direction.



Remember - I am always available for questions, concerns or comments. Don't hesitate in calling or stopping me on the street when you see me! As always, I wish each of you Good Health and God's Blessings.

### COMMUNITY CENTER SEES NEXT PHASE

The Memorial Community Center will be busy over the next several months as it undergoes the next phases of its remodeling plans. The upper level bathroom will see a much needed update, and the kitchen will see a significant transformation. We were hoping that the bathroom would be completed prior to the holiday season, but that hope may not be realistic.

The kitchen remodeling will begin in January and should be completed by the end of February. There will be limited rentals during these months, at least none that would need kitchen facilities. Plans include new doors for the cabinets, refinishing of the existing frames, a new island and countertop, new sink, and new floor. The two existing (old) stoves will be replaced with a commercial grade oven and cook top.

The refrigerator will be moved to different location. Other recent improvements included the refinishing of the two entry door, with improved weather stripping. Watch for an open house to be held in the spring 2013 to see these wonderful new changes!



### LIBRARY TO RECEIVE GRANT

The Taylors Falls Library Board was recently notified that it has been awarded a MN Historical & Cultural Heritage Grant in the amount of \$18,011.00. The grant will help to pay for a restoration project scheduled in 2013 for the 155 year-old building. Scheduled improvements include a new shake roof, repairs to the soffits, re-glazing of windows, and a replacement of the storm door. The building will also receive a new paint job after extensive scraping and sanding, as will the drop box. The Library Board will pay up to \$7,000 of its own funds as the required matching portion of the grant.



## B-I-N-G-O

at the  
**TF Memorial Community Center**

FRIDAY, November 16th, sponsored  
by the TF Lion's Club  
6:30 pm TURKEY/HAM BINGO

SATURDAY, November 24h, sponsored by  
the Lighting Festival Committee  
6:30 pm CASH BINGO

Refreshments available.



### Help the TF Depot Railing Restoration Project

We hope that you will participate in bringing the original decorative detail to the community center fence. \$600 is needed to complete the project above what was so generously donated by the TF Women's Civic League. Won't you consider donating today?

Checks should be made out to "TFHS - TF Depot Railing Restoration Fund" and mailed to **Taylors Falls Historical Society - Railing Fund, PO Box 333, Taylors Falls, MN 55084**

Donations to the Taylors Falls Historical Society fund, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, are tax deductible.

### 2013 ANIMAL LICENSES

Animal License tags for 2013 are here. Licenses are required for all cats & dogs 6 months or older must be renewed on a yearly basis (Jan 1st to Dec 31st). Please complete the application form found elsewhere in this newsletter, attach the required fee and return it to City Hall with a copy of your vaccination record. Licenses applied for after April 1st are subject to double the license fee. Kennel licenses are required for anyone who owns or keeps 3 or more dogs or cats. A Kennel License is a one time fee of \$50.00 in addition to the annual licensing fee.

~ Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength ~

### Holiday Office Hours

- Wednesday Nov 21st closed
- Thursday Nov 22nd closed
- Friday Nov 23rd closed
- Friday Dec 21st closed
- Monday Dec 24th closed
- Tuesday Dec 25th closed
- Monday Dec 31st closed 1/2 day
- Tuesday Jan 1st closed



### COMMUNITY CENTER "LOAFER RAIL" RESTORATION PROJECT



In August 1908 an iron railing was installed along the sidewalk running from the Taylors Falls depot down to First Street, separating the pedestrian sidewalk from a timber viaduct. This railing was topped with blunt-toothed cast iron strips and "Eagle Claw" finials. These 3/4 inch high "teeth" earned them the name, and "loafer rail" hints of its purpose. They were commonly used on railings around public or private buildings to discourage people from sitting on the railings.



In 1994 the City removed the 86-year-old railing due to new code requirements, and it was cut up for scrap. Community



volunteers removed and rescued the finials and loafer rails from the pipe rails and stored them for future restoration. Special thanks to Bill Scott, and Clayton Rivard for their work and historic restoration vision. Nearly all finials were rescued intact as were most of

the loafer rails.

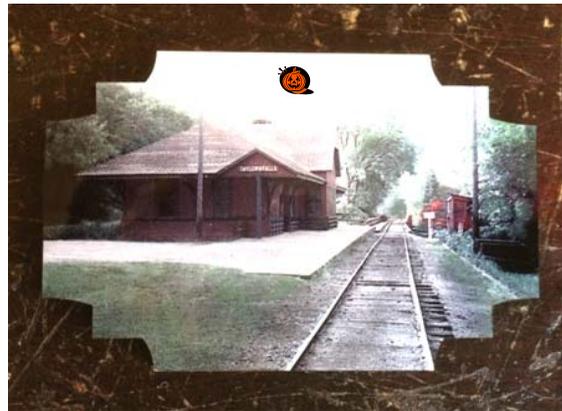
A volunteer steering committee has formed to oversee the restoration project. They are Joanne Frank, Susan Heaven, and Clarence Nelson. The City Council recently approved to allow the loafer rails and finials reinstalled onto the top of the current railing. To date, the broken loafer rails have been welded together and they are being rethreaded in preparation for mounting. The railing itself must also be sanded and painted. With cold weather just around the corner, the installation will most likely need to wait until spring, but this weather delay will allow time for fundraising.

One of the commitments made by the steering committee was that no tax moneys would be used towards the project. The Women's Civic League, as one of its final actions before disbanding to make a donation to this project. The additional funding of \$600 must come from the community and public at large.

When the railroad depot closed, it was converted into our community center with the financial assistance and hard work of nearly every man, woman and child in Taylors Falls. With this same spirit and tradition of working together to improve our community, we hope that you will consider donating to this very special restoration project.

### 2012 Limited Edition Lighting Festival Ornament

This lovely tinted photo ornament is number 3 in Series Two that features historic places. The 2012 - \$10 ornaments will be at: RiverView Station, Barb's Family Hair Care, Coffee Talk, General Store, Newbery House, TF Bead Store, Rocky River Bakery, She Shop, Shelley's Yarn & Fiber Shoppe, and TF Family Chiropractic. 2010 & 2011 ornaments are available only at the She Shop if you'd like the complete set.



### ELECTION 2012

#### MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES ON-LINE TOOL

Secretary of State Mark Ritchy announced the launch of a new online tool to assist voters to become better acquainted with the candidates and questions they will see on their November 6th General Election ballot. The initiative named **My Ballot** not only allows users to view a list of what will be on their ballot, but also provides links to other sites allowing voters to access information about the candidates. The site is located at: <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>.

#### WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MINNESOTA STATE CONSTITUTION?

##### ROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 (Minnesota Session Laws 2011, Chapter 88)

UNDERLINED TEXT IS WHAT IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION: Article XIII, Sec. 13. Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota.

#### WHAT MINNESOTANS WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT



AMENDMENT 1 RECOGNITION OF MARRIAGE SOLELY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN	
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?	
<input type="radio"/>	YES
<input type="radio"/>	NO



##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 (Minnesota Session Laws 2012, Chapter 167)

UNDERLINED TEXT IS WHAT IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION: Article VII, Section 1. (a) Every person 18 years of age or more who has been a citizen of the United States for three months and who has resided in the precinct for 30 days next preceding an election shall be entitled to vote in that precinct. The place of voting by one otherwise qualified who has changed his residence within 30 days preceding the election shall be prescribed by law. The following persons shall not be entitled or permitted to vote at any election in this state: A person not meeting the above requirements; a person who has been convicted of treason or felony, unless restored to civil rights; a person under guardianship, or a person who is insane or not mentally competent.

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# ELECTION 2012

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(b) All voters voting in person must present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot. The state must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section. A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner provided by law.

(c) All voters, including those not voting in person, must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted.

### WHAT MINNESOTANS WILL SEE ON THE BALLOT

AMENDMENT 2	
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?	
○	YES
○	NO



### Impact of Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Elections

The proposed amendment will make changes in how we vote, who gets to vote, and in the cost of elections. It is not a simple yes or no... there are consequences that will cost \$\$ to a local election.

1. "All voters voting in person must present valid government-issued photographic identification before receiving a ballot."
2. "The state must issue photographic identification at no charge to an eligible voter who does not have a form of identification meeting the requirements of this section."
3. "A voter unable to present government-issued photographic identification must be permitted to submit a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot must only be counted if the voter certifies the provisional ballot in the manner provided by law."
4. "All voters, including those not voting in person, must be subject to substantially equivalent identity and eligibility verification prior to a ballot being cast or counted."

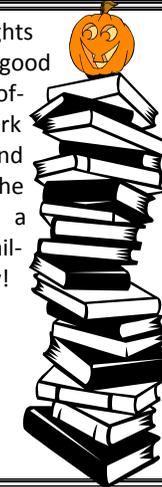
Check out the following web sites for more information

- \* <http://tinyurl.com/75ws6qm>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/75o5msr>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/7fsqxb7>, pg. 16
- \* <http://www.ceimn.org/proposed-amendment>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/7abw9k5>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/7fsqxb7>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/d94gjm7>
- \* <http://tinyurl.com/ct6wy9l>

# LIBRARY NEWS

The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting longer. Time to have a good book to read. New books arrive often and many are on the New York Times Bestsellers List. Come in and check to see what we have on the shelves. Magazines and access to a high-speed computer are available. Hope to see you at the Library!

**HOURS:**  
**Wednesdays**  
 2 pm - 5 pm  
 & 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Saturdays**  
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm



# DISASTER DRILL VOLUNTEERS

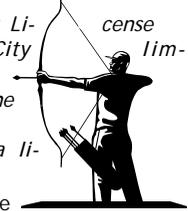
Training is underway for the new Taylors Falls Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) This nationwide network of concerned residents will be trained to assist in a variety of emergency situations, such as severe storms, tornadoes, fires and flooding. The CERT members would assist emergency personnel by helping with crowd control, first aid, comforting victims and other situations. Part of the training is to participate in a disaster simulation drill. We are looking for volunteers willing to be "victims" on Saturday, November 17th from 1 pm - 4 pm. Please contact Coordinator Adam Berklund for more information. 465-5133 ext 22 or tfzoningad-min@frontiernet.net.



# ARCHERY DEER HUNT

The City is once again offering the City-wide archery hunt until December 31st. The following conditions must be met:

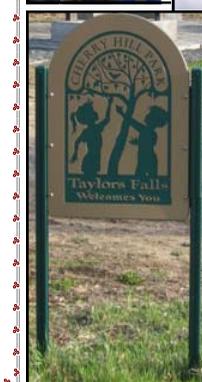
- ⊙ The hunter must be 18 years of older
- ⊙ Hunting will be allowed on privately owned properties **BY WRITTEN PERMISSION ONLY** - forms available at City Hall or on the City's web site
- ⊙ Hunting must be from a minimum 10' raised platform
- ⊙ No hunting within 100' of any neighboring structure
- ⊙ Must provide a copy of MBRB sharpshooter qualification
- ⊙ Must provide copy of MN Archery License
- ⊙ Deer cannot be eviscerated within City limits
- ⊙ All hunters assume liability, the property owner does not
- ⊙ All deer must be registered at a licensed DNR site AND at City Hall



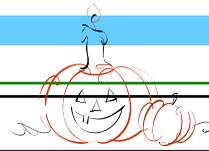
More information about the hunt may be obtained on the City's web site or at City Hall during normal business hours.



The PRC had a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly completed Cherry Hill Park.



Pavilion at Cherry Hill Park



by Jack Liljenberg

### STUMBLIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE



Marguerite Knight

The first classes in the 1951 Taylors Falls Public School on West Street were held on Wednesday, January 9, 1952. Nine days later the new flag staff and flag in front of the new school were dedicated to a well-loved, former Taylors Falls teacher, Miss Marguerite Knight.

The program including that dedication ceremony began at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, January 18. The program's audience was comprised mainly of the school's teachers and the entire student body of the first through twelfth grades. Also present were several adult community members, including Marguerite's brother and sister, Frank and Patience.

The program started with the audience singing *America*, under the direction of E. Holger Moberg who was the director of the school's a cappella chorus. A brief history of the U. S. flag was then given by Miss Annette Sedlund who was a member of the junior class. Byron Grandstrand, chairman of the local school board, then gave a brief dedication address.

The flag was then raised by Roger Holz, a seventh-grader, who was a member of the local Boy Scout Troop 155 and the oldest son of the school's superintendent, Arnold J. Holz. The flag-raising was followed by the recitation of *The Pledge of Allegiance* by the audience. The program concluded when, under the direction of Mr. Moberg, the audience sang *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Only the flag staff and flag were dedicated to Marguerite. The school building itself was dedicated [to no one] a few weeks later, on Monday evening, February 11, 1952.

Albert S. Knight, Marguerite's father, was largely of Welsh heritage and came from Maine to Chisago County, Minnesota Territory in 1856 and settled on a farm at Goose Creek Crossing near Sunrise. In 1870 Albert moved to Taylors Falls where in 1882 he married Miss Estelle Seavey whose parents had also come from Maine. Albert and Estelle had three children, Frank, Patience and Marguerite, who were all born and raised in Taylors Falls. Marguerite was born March 17, 1888. Albert was a merchant who dealt in confections, tobaccos and novelties. He also served as the Taylors Falls postmaster from 1901 to 1914. All three of the Knight children remained unmarried and are buried with their parents in Kahbakong Cemetery at Taylors Falls.

Marguerite taught school in three of the rural school districts near Taylors Falls before she attended and graduated from the Winona Normal School. She then taught school at Brainerd, Grand Rapids, Mahnomen, Mora and Pine City, Minnesota. In 1924 she began teaching the first grade in Taylors Falls and continued teaching that grade until she became ill at school on Friday, February 2, 1945. She died nine days later, on Sunday, February 11, at only 56 years of age. She died of a heart attack at the Saint John's Hospital in Saint Paul, which is where she had been hospitalized due to influenza and pneumonia.

The accompanying photo of Marguerite, which was probably taken about 1910, appeared in the Taylors Falls High School's 1952 yearbook, *The Dedicator*. May Miss Knight always be fondly remembered, even by those who did not personally know her.



### WINTER REMINDERS

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Winter parking regulations will take effect beginning Nov 1st ~ April 15th. There will be no parking of any cars, equipment or structures (including garbage cans & children's sporting equipment) on any street or alley between the hours of **2:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m.** Parking is allowed during all other hours of the day **only** if it does not interfere with snow plowing. Violators may be ticketed & towed by order of the Chisago County Sheriff's Department.

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Remember that all sidewalks must be shoveled clean of snow & ice within 24 hours after a snowfall subsides. If it is a 2-day snowstorm, the 24 hours begins at the end of the storm. The City reserves the right to hire someone to remove any snow or ice if it is not cleared after that time period. You should also take steps to eliminate slippery sidewalks by using sand and/or salt. If sidewalks are cleaned by the City, the property owner will be billed \$100.00.

### COLD WEATHER RULE

Bills can pile up just like snow. The MIN Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills during winter months. The Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15th through April 15th. The rule means that

 you are allowed an additional 10 days to pay your utility bill. If you'd like further information,

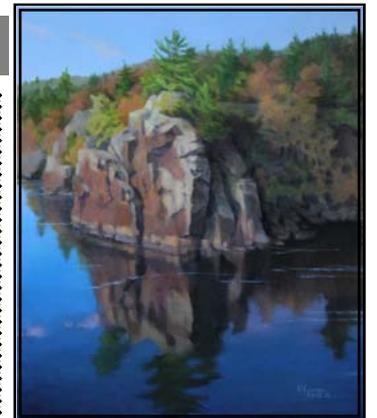
### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



The Economic Development Commission is seeking two new members. \*The Commission was created to "study and recommend policies and actions to the City Council concerning economic and community development, housing and transportation, parks and recreation, and any other matter which aids the economic well-being of the City." Contact Chair Wade Vitalis, or Council Member Mary Murphy if you are interested in joining the EDC.

### ANGLE ROCK PAINTING

*Local artist Barbara Young, has placed her painting titled "Angle Rock" on loan at City Hall for one year. It was accepted to the 2012 Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit and received the Honorable Mention ribbon. This juried art show gets about 2,000 entries for the 165 spots allocated to the oil/acrylic/watercolor category. This is the second time one of her paintings has been accepted for the Minnesota State Fair show.*





### YOUR CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



We continue to make progress in our City! We now have a Business Park that is ready for development and we own the former MnDot property. Our biggest tax challenge will be growing our commercial and industrial tax base. To do so we will need to continue our efforts at the State Capitol for inclusion in Minnesota's Border Cities Development Zone. This will provide access to State tax breaks and incentives enjoyed by other border communities, such as Moorhead.

*My promise to you is: I will continue to work hard to find additional ways to cut costs and add new revenues.*

I would like to continue to be your Mayor. I am asking for your vote on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, call me at City Hall, my home office (651-465-0505), or e-mail me at [bucky@scc.net](mailto:bucky@scc.net)

**Mike Buchite**



### YOUR CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS (VOTE FOR 2) ↓ →



Since being appointed to the City Council in 1999, I have felt the job of any elected official is to do the best job he can do to be a benefit to the citizens of the community he serves. If re-elected I will continue along that path, working with the Council to continue lowering taxes, seeking grants for our Fire Department, our Parks, our Commissions and other useful endeavors that enhance our City. Always mindful of the person that matters most. Each and every citizen. You are the reason we choose to serve. Thank you for your support!



**John Tangen**



I am running for re-election to the Taylors Falls City Council and am asking for your vote.

The reason I want a third term is very simple, I love living here. My sidekick Oscar and I walk around town a lot. I love waving to the people who drive by. We're all friends. I love the summer night when we all gather as a family at Romaynes and celebrate Wannigan Days. I love the Holiday kick-off Lighting Festival parade. I love stopping at Coffee Talk. There is always a friend there to chat-up. Root beer floats, cheese curds at the Drive Inn, ice cream at Schoony's, doesn't get any better than that! I love walking by Cherry Hill Park knowing that the "Friends of Cherry Hill Park" are making a nice contribution to the City. Boat rides on the St Croix, Wild Mountain, and canoe trips, hiking the Interstate State Park all contribute to making Taylors Falls a place that gives so much to me

**Larry Julik-Heine**



I want to continue giving something back. Thanks friends!



I have been a Taylors Falls resident for 11 years, living in our beautiful downtown, and have been grateful to live here and work with the City. I teach at a local college and with community education, and have worked with all the City Commissions, including the Planning Commission for 3 years, prior to being elected as a Council Member. While on the PC, I was a member of the Comprehensive Planning Committee. While I was a City Council member, I served as Council liaison with the Heritage Preservation Commission for 2 years, and the Economic Development Commission for 2 years. I also served as Council liaison to the Chisago County Sheriff's Department for 4 years. I am currently a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. I am running again for City Council because I care so much for this City, and have the experience of working with all of our City Commissions and the City Council. I enjoyed the work as a Council Member for Taylors Falls, and again have skills to offer our City. Please vote for me and allow me to once again serve our community as a City Council member. Thank you very much!

**Zara Kivi Kinnunen**

