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1-11-23 With Erin Haag Executive Director of the Freeborn County United Way.

Discussed the idyllic Welcome Pantry. Closed during the month of January for organization and regrouping. Working on the logistics for a permanent location for the pantry and possibility of adding a thrift store to increase revenue. Discussed the Staff Training Day in Owatonna with new ideas and operational changes that may occur. Gave updated information for those with or in food distress.

Information is available at [www.unitedwayfc.org/food](http://www.unitedwayfc.org/food). 8:08

1-18-23 With Erin Haag Executive Dir. Discussed that there will be no food distribution in the month of January. Plans are being made for Feb/ Community Impact Grants are soon to be accepted. Follow the socials and website for when applications will be made available so partner agency's can begin to apply. FCUW also has a need for a PT Marketing and Social Media person. Great position for someone who has a little time and wants to earn while they learn. Graduating seniors are encouraged to apply and e mail Erin a resume, cover letter and samples of social media skills. 8:05

1-25-23 With Erin Haag. Discussed Community Investment Committee and the need for volunteers for the upcoming grant cycle. Opening of the grant cycle in about 2 weeks for agency's looking for grant funding. Discussed how the money that is raised here stays here in the community. Decisions are made on a local level with local investors and a local board with guidance. Investment committee will meet in the evening and discussed the grant process to include the application, the presentation and the Q&A Session. 13:29

2-1-23 With Erin Haag Exec Dir. Discussed the mobile welcome pantry that will be held on Feb and Mar 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussed the ongoing developments for a permanent location. The welcome pantry will be held at the National Guard Armory. The UW is looking for volunteers to assist with the delivery of NAP's boxed food. The NAP program is a food delivery program run by Channel 1 Food Bank to assist home bound seniors with supplemental food needs. Interested parties can contact either Erin or Nichole at the Freeborn County United Way. 10:57

2-8-23 With Erin Haag Exec Dir. Discussed Community Impact Grants and announced that applications are now open for non profits to apply. Reviewed questions that applicants will be asked. Also discussed who to contact for applications and help in completing them. Info is located at [www.unitedwayfc.org](http://www.unitedwayfc.org) 7:59

2-15-23 With Erin Haag Exec Dir. Announced the Welcome Pantry will be open on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the National Guard Armory. Discussed proxy pick up for home-bound individuals. Reviewed the Community Impact Grant Applications, reviewed more questions for applicants including What is the highest localized impact, extrapolating numbers for Freeborn County and long term gains. The board is looking for evidence based numbers using local metrics. 13:34

2-22-23 With Jeff Wyant Director of Senior Services at SEMCAC. Discussed senior Dining, Meals on Wheels Program. Flash Meals that are frozen at a facility and delivered to seniors in need. Made a plea

for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors and who would have interest in helping the various food programs including the cafeteria at Senior Towers and the Meals on Wheels program. 12:07

3-01-23 With Erin Haag, Exec Dir. Discussed the community impact grants and process. What the committee is looking for in applicants. Discussed the grant deadline and informed that help with the grants was still available. Discussed the need for collaborative efforts and best practices as related to the interview and presentation portions of the grant application process. 10:37

03-08-23 With Erin Haag Exec Dir. Promoted the Welcome Pantry that will be held Mar 21<sup>st</sup> at the Nation Guard Armory in Albert Lea. Discussed the meeting times and location for the Community Investment Committee sessions for the Impact Grants. Winners of the grants will be announced in April. Discussed the Seniors United program where seniors give back to the benefit of residents by making and distributing various educational packages for area youth and residents. Discussed Spring initiatives. 12:27

03-22-23 With Erin Haag Exec Dir. Discussed the next welcome pantry that will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory in Albert Lea. Passed along that all FCUW events will be promoted on the local social media pages as well as on the website at [www.unitedwayfc.org](http://www.unitedwayfc.org) There will be no notification distribution list or reminders sent out. All events will be on either the website or social media only. Discussed in depth where to get information on events. Also discussed the Welcome Pantry for the month of May. 12:35

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City of Albert Lea Report with Cathy Malakowsky, Community Engagement and Enrichment Director.

1-6-23 Discussed major construction planned for the south side of the city. The Council will vote on the project Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>. It includes reconstructing parts of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Frank Hall Drive to include replacing all sewer and water infrastructure. The city will help businesses on the newly reconstructed part of E Main Street as City County and state plows are responsible for covering the sidewalks with plowed snow. 8:53

1-13-23 With J.D. Carlson, Public Safety Director and Fire Deputy Chief Jeff Laskowske City of Albert Lea Emergency Manager. Discussed January being Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Discussed the how and why of cancer within the ranks of firefighters and what has been done over the years nationally and locally to eliminate exposure to carcinogens that are inherent to the job. Solicited applications for paid on call firefighter positions that are available in the ALFD. With JD, we discussed winter parking, city ordinances and the ticketing/removal process. 15:29

1-20-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community engagement and enrichment director. Discussed free skate rentals at some of the local city outdoor rinks and warming house hours. Discussed the need for community help in keeping the ODR's in good condition by asking for help in keeping off the ice surfaces when warmer temps arrive to reduce damage to the ice surfaces. Discussed the upcoming city council meeting that will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussed the 275 miles of snowmobile trails that are available in Freeborn County. Also promoted a vintage snowmobile ride what is being hosted by the Freeborn County Snowmobile Trail Association on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at Good Shots Golf with Registration at 10 and the ride starting at 11. 12:22

1-27-23 With Cathy Malakowsky. Discussed a pilot project to save buildings in poor condition and return them to the private market. The latest building to be saved was sold to a developer for 18,000.00 and will be used for housing veterans. Because the city obtained the property through tax forfeiture, it can not make a profit on the building. The purpose of the demo diversion program is to remove blight while expanding housing options in the city. Discussed a trip to the capital that was made by a few city councilors to visit with state representatives over local concerns such as the waste water treatment plant. Promoted the weekends Hockey Day in Minnesota. 9 teams will be in town for the day long event at the City Arena. There will be a skills competition on Friday folled by over 12 hours of hockey games on Saturday. 9:10

2-3-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community engagement and enrichment director. Discussed how the community Utility Line Protection Program is going. It is much like insurance for your water and sewer lines to eliminate a huge bill to homeowners should a line break from freezing and tree root damage. The program has paid a total of \$143,658.00 on

101 claims since Aug 1 of 2022. Put out a call for local chili makers to raise funds for the all inclusive playground at Edgewater Park. Discussed an indoor and outdoor skating event for Valentines day. The indoor event is Feb 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 at the City Arena. The outdoor event is scheduled to be held Tues Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Park. 8:36

2-10-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community engagement and enrichment director. Gave a reminder on the Valentines skating events. Discussed the City Council plan to consider street construction that will be talked about and voted on at the City Council meeting on Monday. Additional construction for resurfacing would be the Figure 8 loop at the Blazing Star Trail, Cedar Ave to Masse Street, and Eddie Cochran St from Frank Hall to the North end of the Street. New pavement curb and gutter projects include Clark St. from East Main to Washington Ave. Newton Ave from Clark St to East Main. And Washington Ave from Fountain St to West Main. Discussed a New Logo for Albert Lea. Concepts will come out Friday afternoon. It will be up to the Council to decide to proceed with more discussion and possible adaptation. 8:01

2-16-23 With JD Carlson Dir of Public Safety. Discussed snow event parking and what residents must do in a snow event as well as how the police department handles warnings and tows in and after a major snow event. 6:28

2-23-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community Engagement and Enrichment Director. Discussed city events taking place at the Albert Lea city arena. Numerous hockey events, many tournaments and space for baseball players to start getting ready for their season. New Sound system is now operational. Discussed the upcoming City Council meeting and agenda. 7:22

3-10-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community Engagement and Enrichment Director. Discussed a new and updated community comprehensive plan to guide future growth and housing options. The new plan is set to be a guide to present vision for 2040. The plan encompasses all aspects of local government to make a vision reality, Announced that the City of Albert Lea has openings for a full time firefighter, patrol officer and library clerk. Announced the planning for summer help including park workers, recreation programs and aquatic center. Instructed residents as to where to find applications. Announced that Dock Permits will be available beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>. 9:30

3-24-23 With Cathy Malakowski, Community Engagement and Enrichment Director. Discussed Pet Licenses for both dogs and cats. Renewals can be done at the City Finance Department. Residents are instructed to bring proof of vaccination and spaying or neutering. The fee is 10.00 for altered animals and 75.00 for unaltered animals. Licenses are good for a period of 3 years. Discussed the City Council decision to replace bleachers at the City Arenas Colstrup Rink. Originally estimated to be 440,000 dollars the bid came in at 284,225. If approved, the contractor will remove the old bleachers and install the new ones this summer. Promoted the 60<sup>th</sup> Albert Lea Figure Skating Diamond Jubilee show. 8:41

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1-5-23 With Holly Babcock Director of the CVB and Main Street Project of Albert Lea Minnesota. Discussed Needles and Pins program held at the AL Public Library. Recreation activities Outdoor Rinks are open, Warming Houses are open. Hockey events at the City Arena along with open skates. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Bridal Show at Wedgewood Cove, Adult Craft Night at the library on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Previewed Dueling Pianos fundraiser Feb 10 at Wedgewood Cove also a Rugby fundraiser comedy show Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Previewed The Big Freeze event that will be held Feb 11<sup>th</sup> for the entire community. 13:02

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1-12-23 With Holly, discussed the public skates at the City Arena, The opening and hours of the warming houses at the outdoor rinks. Outdoor Rinks are now offering free skate rental on a first come first serve basis. Fountain Lake Readers meeting, Friday is the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Freeborn County Historical Library, Museum and Village. Night of Sharing for teens at Grace Christian Church with food, games and contests. Sunday is the Bridal Showcase at Wedgewood Cove from noon to 2:30. Previewed the AL Rugby Club comedian fundraiser at Wedgewood cove on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Albert Lea Community Theater will be hosting auditions for their next play. Previewed the Big Freeze community celebration coming up later in Feb. 17:25

1-19-23 With Holly Babcock Director ALCVB and Main Street Project. Warming houses are open with skate rental and 4 parks. Movement and Music takes place at the Library this morning. Friday is the Fundraiser for the AL Rugby Club with a comedian at the Wedgewood Cove. Saturday Melissa Schultz, singer, Pianist will play a show at Bleachers from 3-6 pm. Todd Jamison will also play a 2 hour show at the 112 on Broadway from 8-10. Next week the Albert Lea Community Theater will hold auditions for their next upcoming show “Almost Main” There will be an Ice Fishing Tourny sponsored by the Fountain Lake Sportsmans Club and Albert Lea Anglers. Discussed upcoming events planned for The Big Freeze event Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Including an ice fishing tournament, A visit with Elsa at Whimsy Toys, Chili Cookoff, a 3 on 3 hockey Tourny, a pancake breakfast at the Moose Club, Coffee and Krispy Cream at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, a Medallion hunt and a concert at the 112 on Broadway featuring 507 Country. 16:15

1-26-23 With Holly Babcock Exec Dir. ALCVB. Discussed Music and movement happening at 10 am at the library. Open skating session along with free skate rentals at some of the area ODR's. Discussed events on Saturday. Hockey Day in Albert Lea with boys boys and girls hockey teams participating, 8 pm concert with Jeff Humphress at the 112 on Broadway. Promoted next weeks Toy and collectible show at the Northbridge Mall on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Discussed the Paper Machete Heart Craft project held at the Library and on the 7<sup>th</sup> will be a Tech Tuesday at the AL Senior Center. 13:33

02-09-23 With Holly Babcock. Exec Dir. Discussed all upcoming events for the week Thurs, Music and movement at the AL Public Library, Scandinavian Basket Making Program. Refugees Resettlement Experience at the Freeborn County historical Museum Library and Village. Dueling Pianos fundraising show at Wedgewood Cove on Friday night. Public Skate at the City Arena. Also discussed the Big Freeze weekend that is upcoming. Some of the events include a pancake breakfast, Krispy Kreme Sale. Chili cookoff, 3 on 3 ice hockey tournament. Ice fishing contest and the Buff Party hosted by the 112 on Broadway. 14:47

2-16-23 With Holly Babcock Exec Dir. Discussed all events for the week including Thurs, Music and movement at the AL Public Library, Kissed by Marion Ross at the historic Museum Library and Village. Vision Board making put on the Community Education. Friday, Bounce House Fridays at the Albert Lea Family Y. SAFER Event for teen hosted by Grace Christina Church. Saturday is the Candle Light Walk at the State Park, Sun United Methodist will host BINGO. And promoted upcoming events. Mar-2 and 3 Sip and Paint at the AL Legion and a Meatball Feed fundraiser hosted by the AL Moose. 13:27

2-23-23 With Holly Babcock. Discussed all upcoming events for the week including Music and movement at the AL Public Library, Sip Paint and Socialize on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at the AL Legion., Meatball Supper at the AL Moose on Friday night. Skate with the Albert Lea Police Department at the City Arena on Sunday. On the 5<sup>th</sup> the Albert Lea Public Library will host Author David Shannon. March 9<sup>th</sup> Almost Main will open for its run at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center. Also discussed free promotion for area events by sending digital fliers to [explorealbertlea.org](http://explorealbertlea.org) 13:47

3-02-23 With Holly Babcock. Discussed all upcoming events for the week including Music and movement at the AL Public Library, Also Needles and Pins program. The Hive will host a decorative Sign Painting class at 6 pm. Bounce house Friday will be at the AL Family Y on Friday. The Freeborn County Historical Museum, Library and Village will host an Open House on Saturday. Sun the AL Public Library will host Author David Shannon from 11 to 2. Discussed an upcoming Polka Party that will be held at the Edgewater Bay event room on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 12:38

3-08-23 With Holly Babcock. Discussed all upcoming events for the week including Fountain Lake Readers the AL Public Library, Also the Senior Center Readers. The Freeborn County Arts Initiative will host The Comets Core exhibition. Almost Main performances will be at the Albert Lea Community Theater. Discussed future events such as the Polka Party, The AL Legion will be hosting a craft show. IV Play will play a concert at The Golden Bubble in Wells MN. Trivia Night at the 112 on Broadway. Girls Night Out Male Revue at the Golden Bubble on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Night at the Museum will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup>. 14:50

3-23-23 With Holly Babcock. Discussed all upcoming events for the week including Music and movement at the AL Public Library. At the Comets Core will be put on by the Freeborn County Arts Initiative on Saturday. Girls Night Out at the Golden Bubble in Wells. AL High School will host Tigers Roar, the yearly talent show put on by ALHS students on Thurs Fri and Sat nights. Unquiet Night will be held at the Freeborn Co Arts Initiative on Friday night. Saturday will be a craft show and bake sale at the AL Legion. Sat and Sun the Albert Lea Figure skating Club will put on their spring show. The Golden Bubble in Wells will host a Bridal Expo on Sunday and the Albert Lea Moose will host BINGO. 12:25