#### KOKK PROGRAMS AND ISSUES January, February, March 01 2024

- 1. We continue to make announcements issued by the PD and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
- 2. Many community announcements when time permits during the news. This includes news on services (especially those that cater to older area residents), meeting announcements for the Park Rapids City Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation, traffic advisories, safety news from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Crime Alerts.
- 3. Missing people and Silver Alerts when they are in our listening area.
- 4. In the winter we announce school closings and other schedule changes due to weather.
- 5. Regional and local news in our morning live time.

We keep our listeners up to date on health, employment, outdoor safety and traffic safety issues by reading Press Releases from MN Deed, MN Dot, Public Safety and Department of Human Services.

### Additional information on public service announcements

### **Community Programs and Issues on the Air KQKK**

1/23/24 Local Race Postponed 1/27/24 MN Dot Open House 1/30/24 Property Tax Correction 2/13/24 – 2/27/24 Caucus Call 2/26/24 Prescribed Burns 3/8/24 United Way Grants 3/12/24 – 3/13/24 Missing Teen

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# **Heartland 200 Snowmobile Race Postponed**

Park Rapids, MN – January 22, 2024 – The Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce announced today the Heartland 200 snowmobile race has been postponed. In cooperation with Cor PowerSports and the Hubbard County Sheriff's Office, the local organizing committee has determined there is insufficient ice conditions to safely host the race as initially scheduled.

Cor PowerSports and the local organizing committee are in the process of determining another weekend in February to host the Heartland 200. Additional details will be announced as soon as the dates are finalized.

"Safety is our number one priority in hosting this event, and there just isn't enough ice to confidently host this event safely with the number of large trucks and trailers involved in it." said Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, Derek Ricke. "We will continue to do everything in our power to host the event in February as we know it has a significant impact on our community."

To stay up to date on the Heartland 200 schedule and race details, visit parkrapids.com.

Presenting sponsors of the 2024 Heartland 200 snowmobile race include the Park Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau, Hugo's Family Marketplace, Paul Bunyan Communications, and De La Hunt Media.

Subject: MnDOT to host Feb 8 public open house for 2024 Hwy 34 Osage to Park Rapids project

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# **News Release**

Jan. 25, 2024

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# MnDOT to host Feb 8 public open house for 2024 Hwy 34 Osage to Park Rapids project

**BEMIDJI, Minn.**—The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to an open house on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., to get more information about the upcoming shoulder-widening project on Highway 34 between County Road 47 near Osage to Western Avenue in Park Rapids. The open house will be held at Northwoods Bank of Minnesota, 1200 First Street East in Park Rapids.

Residents, business owners, and area visitors and commuters are encouraged to attend. There will be no formal presentation. Please stop in whenever it is convenient. Project staff will be available to share information and answer questions about the upcoming work, detours and construction plans.

Construction on Highway 34 between Osage and Park Rapids is currently scheduled to begin in May, and will address pavement concerns, shoulder widening, culvert replacements, snow fence installation and some sidewalk improvements in Osage. For more information about the project, visit <a href="mailto:mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy34osage">mndot.gov/d4/projects/hwy34osage</a>.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. If you need a reasonable accommodation in order to fully participate in this event, such as an ASL or spoken language interpreter, or need documents in an alternate format, such as braille or large print, please contact Janet Miller at 651-366-4720 or email <a href="mailto:ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us">ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us</a> as soon as possible.

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# Press release

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2024 Property Taxes will include correction for 2023 collections for cross-county school districts.

Property owners in Bemidji, Cass Lake-Bena, Walker, and Menahga School districts will see a correction to their 2023 taxes on their 2024 tax statement distributed in March 2024. The property tax rates collected in 2023 were not updated with the correct tax rates, leaving a shortfall in the levies these school districts approved in 2022.

The preliminary tax estimates sent in November of 2023 for proposed taxes in 2024 showed a correction to these rates that unfortunately collected tax based on 2023 values often resulting in excess increases.

The 2024 rates have been corrected, and the actual shortfall from 2023 will show up on 2024 tax statements as a separate line item "2023 school tax correction" and will be based on 2022 values. In most cases, the taxes assessed for school district levies will be less than what appeared on the preliminary statements received in November.

Please contact the Hubbard County Auditor with specific questions.

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The Mission of Hubbard County is to provide high-quality, cost-effective public service.

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Subject: Prescribed burns planned for Feb. 26 on Highway 10 near Perham, New York Mills

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# Prescribed burns planned for Feb. 26 on Highway 10 near Perham, New York Mills

**DETROIT LAKES, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Transportation will be conducting prescribed burns along Highway 10 in areas east of Perham and near New York Mills on Monday, Feb. 26, weather permitting.

Traffic will be directed to slow down in the area, but all roads will remain open. Motorists will encounter signs as they approach the burn areas warning of the potential of smoke. Motorists should be attentive, obey traffic control and watch for the burn crews, who are monitoring these efforts.

Prescribed burns are scheduled during optimal weather conditions to ensure safety and effectiveness. There is no need to report fires that are attended by a burn crew or when "Controlled Burn Ahead" signs are placed beside the road.

Healthy roadside vegetation is necessary to prevent weed infestations, control erosion, protect water quality and keep roadways safe. Fire is an important aspect of vegetation management because it enhances native plant communities and stimulates growth. For more information on MnDOT's prescribed fire vegetation management program, visit www.mndot.gov/roadsides/vegetation/fire.html.

MnDOT urges motorists to always be attentive, drive with caution, slowdown in <u>work zones</u> and never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit <a href="www.511mn.org">www.511mn.org</a> or get the free smartphone app at <a href="Google Play">Google Play</a> or the <a href="App Store">App Store</a>.

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