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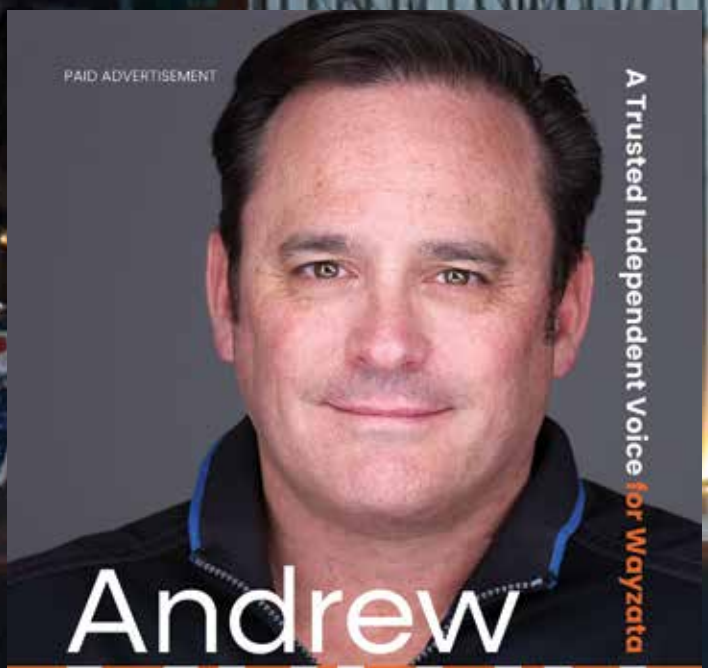
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From the Editor

Civic Engagement

'Tis the season, 'tis the month.

We're talking about a big election.

Sure, national politics take center stage, but it's the races closer to home that interest me the most. This year Wayzata residents are choosing among three mayoral candidates. There will also be a new Congressional representative for folks who live in this area. Make your voice heard and make your vote count. Civic engagement is at the heart of our democracy.

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Community Connection: Kathy Leervig

There are so many unsung heroes in the Wayzata community. City clerk Kathy Leervig is one of them. She's one of those folks at city hall who works tirelessly behind the scenes to make the community better.

One of her many superpowers is orchestrating elections. "Becoming a city clerk naturally immersed me in the political process more than I ever imagined," said Leervig. "Running elections is a critical part of the role, and it requires great attention to detail. People often think it's just a one-day event, but the work starts well in advance, from training sessions with the county or state to keeping up with new laws and processes and of course early voting for 46 days prior to each election."



Prior to working for the city of Wayzata, Leervig spent 12 years working for the city of Minnetonka as the Community Development Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk.

Leervig grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee close to the Smoky Mountains. You'll pick up a little of that drawl when you talk with her. She moved to Minnesota for college and decided to make our state her home.

"I've been married to my husband for 26 years, and we have a 24-year-old daughter who graduated from college two years ago and is now working in healthcare," said Leervig. "I'm incredibly proud of her and the young woman she's become. We share a very close bond. Family is very important to me." The bond that residents of Wayzata share is a big reason why she enjoys working in this community so much.

"I love the close-knit atmosphere in Wayzata, which fosters a strong sense of community and connection," said Leervig. "The residents are incredibly passionate about the city, and you can feel that in every interaction, especially in their drive to make Wayzata the best place to live."

Leervig says the most fulfilling aspect of her job is building relationships within the community. "I love serving the residents because they genuinely care about Wayzata," said Leervig.

So, remember this unsung hero when you go to cast your ballot. If you vote in-person during early voting or on election day, you'll witness a well-run election through Leervig's leadership.





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Fishing Report & Information:

This time of the year is prime time for Muskie fishing on Lake Minnetonka. With low water temperatures, the fish can be anywhere between 10 feet to 30 feet of water.

Schools of bait fish are best found with electronics. Find the bait fish and the bigger fish will be there too. Also, give fish a chance to strike by slowing down your presentation and using bigger baits.

Events

11/1.....Diwali
11/2.....Tonka Brew Fest, Gale Woods Farm
11/2.....Day of the Dead
11/3.....Daylight Saving Time End
11/5.....Election Day
11/6.....Wine & Dine for Hope, hopechest.com
11/11....Veterans Day
11/28...Thanksgiving Day
11/29....Light Up the Lake, Wayzata
11/29....Native American Heritage Day
11/29....Santa Claus Lane Opens, Camp Fire MN

Scan the QR Code or visit us at tonkalifestyle.com/events
Want your event listed? **Contact nate@wayzatatogether.com**









Top Image: Rufus Rand
Courtesy Lake Minnetonka Historical Society

Bottom Image: Wheelock Whitney
Courtesy Legacy.com

Wayzata will have a new mayor and a new full-term city council member next year. Let's face it, it has been a pretty exciting election year in Wayzata. A city council member stepped down. The mayor opted not to run again. And one former mayor and two former city council members are competing for the mayor's seat. This year will be yet another chapter in the long history of city elections in this community.

The first mayor of Wayzata was Rufus Rand in 1929. As Shaver Park and the beach were being developed, he donated funds for a new municipal bathhouse. Through the years, the mayor's seat was filled with some familiar Wayzata names: Shaver, Dickey, and Kallestad to name just a few. Arguably the most famous mayor of Wayzata was Wheelock Whitney (1963-1968). Whitney was a prominent businessman who ran for U.S. Senate in 1964 and Minnesota governor in 1982.

Wayzata History: City Council Through The Years



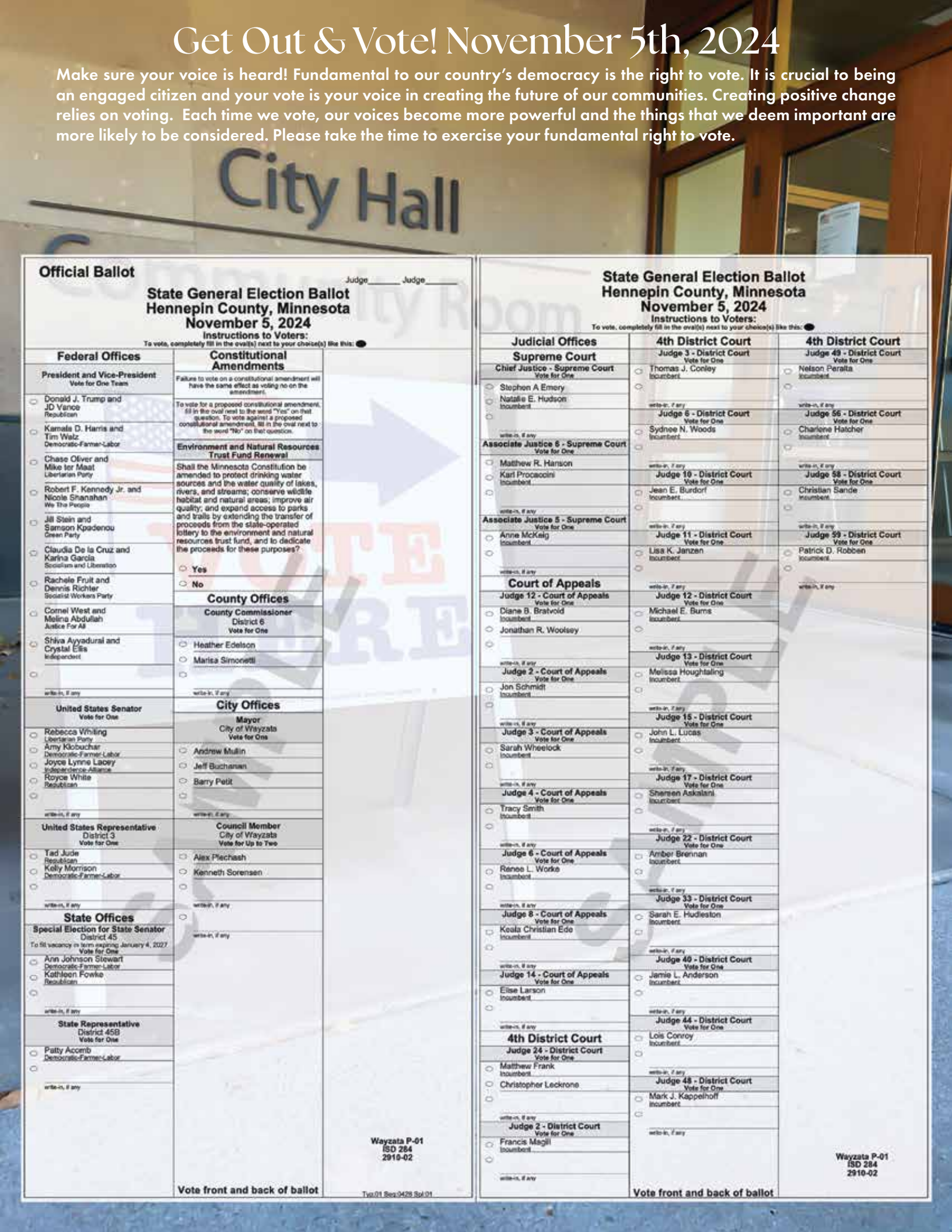
There were those who didn't serve as mayor but filled a pivotal role as city councilmembers. The man who brought a movie theater to Wayzata, Lyle Carisch, served on the city council from 1936 to 1950. That replica movie marquee on Lake Street is an ode to the Carisch family. Meanwhile, Ed Klapprich, the man who built Klapprich Park served on the council from 1950-1952. And more recently, Bob Ambrose served on the council from 1989 to 2004.

Come 2025, a former mayor or one of two former city council members will carry the torch forward. Things look a lot different than when Rufus Rand was elected, but some fundamental principles remain. Civic engagement is crucial to our democracy and every vote counts. Wayzata has historically had a terrific voter turnout. Let's keep that tradition going!

Find historical Wayzata election results and the names of those who led our city dating back to the 1920s at WayzataTogether.com/election-2024. You can also use this QR code.

Get Out & Vote! November 5th, 2024

Make sure your voice is heard! Fundamental to our country's democracy is the right to vote. It is crucial to being an engaged citizen and your vote is your voice in creating the future of our communities. Creating positive change relies on voting. Each time we vote, our voices become more powerful and the things that we deem important are more likely to be considered. Please take the time to exercise your fundamental right to vote.



Official Ballot

Judge_____ Judge_____

State General Election Ballot
Hennepin County, Minnesota
November 5, 2024

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

Federal Offices

President and Vice-President
Vote for One Team

- Donald J. Trump and JD Vance — Republican
- Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz — Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat — Libertarian Party
- Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Nicole Shanahan — We The People
- Jill Stein and Samson Kpadenou — Green Party
- Claudia De la Cruz and Karina Garcia — Socialism and Liberation
- Rachele Fruit and Dennis Richter — Socialist Workers Party
- Cornel West and Melina Abdullah — Justice For All
- Shiva Ayyadurai and Crystal Ellis — Independent
- write-in, if any

United States Senator
Vote for One

- Rebecca Whiting — Libertarian Party
- Amy Klobuchar — Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- Joyce Lynne Lacey — Independence Alliance
- Royce White — Republican
- write-in, if any

United States Representative
District 3
Vote for One

- Tad Jude — Republican
- Kelly Morrison — Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- write-in, if any

State Offices

Special Election for State Senator
District 45
To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2027
Vote for One

- Ann Johnson Stewart — Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- Kathleen Fowke — Republican
- write-in, if any

State Representative
District 45B
Vote for One

- Patty Acomb — Democratic-Farmer-Labor
- write-in, if any

Constitutional Amendments

Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams; conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas; improve air quality; and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the state-operated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes?

- Yes
- No

County Offices

County Commissioner
District 6
Vote for One

- Heather Edelson
- Marisa Simonetti
- write-in, if any

City Offices

Mayor
City of Wayzata
Vote for One

- Andrew Mullin
- Jeff Buchanan
- Barry Petit
- write-in, if any

Council Member
City of Wayzata
Vote for Up to Two

- Alex Plechash
- Kenneth Sorensen
- write-in, if any
- write-in, if any

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Vote front and back of ballot

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Judicial Offices

Supreme Court

Chief Justice - Supreme Court
Vote for One

- Stephen A Emery
- Natalie E. Hudson — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Associate Justice 6 - Supreme Court
Vote for One

- Matthew R. Hanson
- Karl Procaccini — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Associate Justice 5 - Supreme Court
Vote for One

- Anne McKeig — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Court of Appeals

Judge 12 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Diane B. Bratvold — Incumbent
- Jonathan R. Woolsey
- write-in, if any

Judge 2 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Jon Schmidt — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 3 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Sarah Wheelock — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 4 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Tracy Smith — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 6 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Renee L. Worke — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 8 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Keala Christian Ede — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 14 - Court of Appeals
Vote for One

- Elise Larson — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

4th District Court

Judge 24 - District Court
Vote for One

- Matthew Frank — Incumbent
- Christopher Leckrone
- write-in, if any

Judge 2 - District Court
Vote for One

- Francis Magill — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

4th District Court

Judge 3 - District Court
Vote for One

- Thomas J. Conley — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 6 - District Court
Vote for One

- Sydnee N. Woods — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 10 - District Court
Vote for One

- Jean E. Burdorf — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 11 - District Court
Vote for One

- Lisa K. Janzen — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 12 - District Court
Vote for One

- Michael E. Burns — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 13 - District Court
Vote for One

- Melissa Houghtaling — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 15 - District Court
Vote for One

- John L. Lucas — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 17 - District Court
Vote for One

- Sherren Askalani — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 22 - District Court
Vote for One

- Amber Brennan — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 33 - District Court
Vote for One

- Sarah E. Hudleston — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 40 - District Court
Vote for One

- Jamie L. Anderson — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 44 - District Court
Vote for One

- Lois Conroy — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 48 - District Court
Vote for One

- Mark J. Kappelhoff — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

4th District Court

Judge 49 - District Court
Vote for One

- Nelson Peralta — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 56 - District Court
Vote for One

- Charlene Hatcher — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 58 - District Court
Vote for One

- Christian Sande — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

Judge 59 - District Court
Vote for One

- Patrick D. Robben — Incumbent
- write-in, if any

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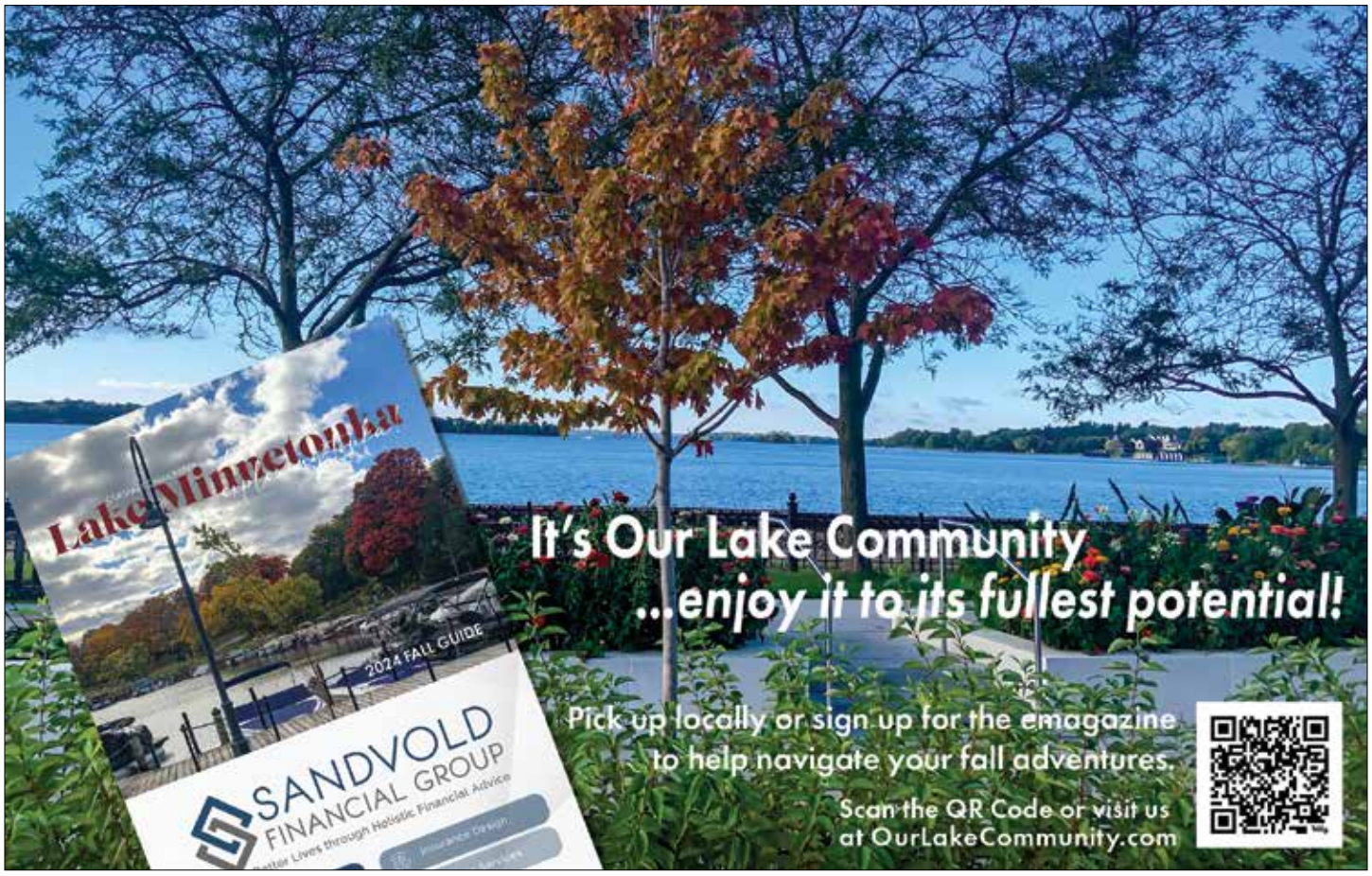
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