

Community UPDATES

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Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP) was selected by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to receive financial assistance for a new senior housing project in North Branch that we hope will be under construction sometime in 2021, but may not start until 2022.

Construction of the new fixed wireless internet network is ongoing with equipment being installed right away on the two water towers east of the freeway and on the MnDOT tower on the west side of the freeway. Three new towers will be erected to complete the network and the contractor expects to have the network fully functioning by the end of next month (February). The network will provide internet service to the entire city at speeds of up to 100 mbps download/20 mbps upload. Service will be provided by Genesis Wireless.

For the young at heart, the City maintained ice rinks at 95/Grand (Main) and the rink at Wildridge are open for skating. Under current executive orders the warming houses can not be open. The city will be providing extra benches and tables near the rinks for skaters to sit and change into their skates. Portable toilets will also be provided. The City is working with the North Branch Area School District and North Branch Area Hockey Association to get the outdoor hockey rink at the High School up and running. The Main and Wildridge rinks are dedicated for open skating and the rink at the High School will be dedicated for Hockey. The city will continue to monitor any changes in public health guidelines that could potentially allow warming houses to open later in the season.



Pine Technical Community College is excited to announce a new Early Childhood Opportunity!

Beginning in March, PTCC will be offering a 20 credit Accelerated Early Childhood Certificate which is designed for working adults. Classes will be offered online on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Students do not need to be working in an Early Childhood Program to qualify.

To register or request additional information, visit www.pine.edu

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