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MILLE LACS COUNTY PARKING UPDATE

As you may be aware, Mille Lacs County is preparing for construction of a new Justice Center building to be located on the current Courthouse campus. As we get ready to break ground, we will need to limit parking around the construction site for public safety and construction accessibility. Therefore, the existing parking lots around the Courthouse will be closed to parking, as they will be used for construction purposes or removed during this process. This will take place effective September 2, 2008.

Public parking for the Courthouse will be available on 2nd Street SE directly in front of the Courthouse and along 6th Avenue to the west and 7th Avenue to the east. The Courthouse Square parking lot has designated public parking spaces as well. You are also welcome to park in our new lot, to the west on 5th Avenue SE. Please be respectful of the neighboring residents when parking on the streets.

Due to safety concerns and construction activities, we will also be limiting access to the rear entrance of the Courthouse during construction. We ask that you access the Courthouse building using the main entrance that faces 2nd Street SE. Elevator access will still be available at the rear of the building for use as necessary. There will also be two designated handicap parking spaces on 2nd Street SE in addition to those in the Courthouse Square parking lot.

We thank you for your patience during this major construction project. At this time, we are projecting construction to be completed sometime in February 2010. As the project moves forward, updates and progress reports will be posted on our website at www.co.mille-lacs.mn.us. If you have any questions about the project, please call the Coordinator's Office at 320-983-8218.

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