

Dan Hoffman ([00:05](#)):

Hello, and welcome to another edition of the Rouss Review. I'm your City Manager, Dan Hoffman. And with me is Amy Simmons, Communications Director extraordinaire.

Amy Simmons ([00:12](#)):

<Laugh>. Thank you for that.

Dan Hoffman ([00:13](#)):

Thank you. How's your week? How's your weekend? I should say.

Amy Simmons ([00:18](#)):

The weekend was fine, but it was the week before that, that was very exciting.

Dan Hoffman ([00:22](#)):

Why was it exciting?

Amy Simmons ([00:23](#)):

Because my son won the district championship in tennis.

Dan Hoffman ([00:26](#)):

Wow. Very exciting. So where does he go from here?

Amy Simmons ([00:30](#)):

He goes to regionals. Yeah. It was the first time in Millbrook school history that someone on the tennis team, the boys' tennis team, won district championship.

Dan Hoffman ([00:42](#)):

So he can safely say he's the greatest tennis player in Millbrook high school history.

Amy Simmons ([00:48](#)):

Technically not, but yeah.

Dan Hoffman ([00:50](#)):

Why not? He's the only one to ever get this far.

Amy Simmons ([00:54](#)):

At Millbrook. Yes.

Dan Hoffman ([00:55](#)):

At Millbrook. Yeah.

Amy Simmons ([00:56](#)):

Yes. So he'll go with the history books as the first one to ever do it.

Dan Hoffman ([00:58](#)):

He's the greatest tennis player in Millbrook history.

Amy Simmons ([01:01](#)):

That's right.

Dan Hoffman ([01:01](#)):

There you go.

Amy Simmons ([01:02](#)):

I wouldn't go that far, but just things worked out and his <laugh> to his benefit.

Dan Hoffman ([01:06](#)):

Things worked out. You make it sound like it was an accident that he won.

Amy Simmons ([01:09](#)):

No, it wasn't an accident. He fought hard and nobody ever beats Handley in tennis and it was a big honor for him to pull that out.

Dan Hoffman ([01:16](#)):

Yeah. Well, Handley, we'll get back on top.

Amy Simmons ([01:19](#)):

Oh gosh. Yes. <laugh> Every year.

Dan Hoffman ([01:22](#)):

All right. So we got a meeting tomorrow night. I'm gonna be quick with my normal rundown of what's happening in the meeting. The big thing is the budget. So we've got a second reading for the budget. There's a couple other second readings on there. Kind of minor, smaller issues, but the budget's the big one. We finally landed on a budget that doesn't increase any of our tax rates. So everything is flat. We're pretty pleased to finally get this done. It's a good budget. And if you're interested in it, please check out any of the recordings or minutes from the last 12 meetings where we talked about it. We're happy to be the finish line for that one.

Amy Simmons ([02:06](#)):

And then we'll post it on the website as soon as it's approved.

Dan Hoffman ([02:09](#)):

Yeah, absolutely. And then a few other odds and ins in there. A new resolution that just came out of the Public Health and Safety Committee and oh, we're lowering the speed limits on some streets. So make sure you check that out.

Amy Simmons ([02:25](#)):

Interesting. And there's no Work Session.

Dan Hoffman ([02:28](#)):

No Work Session. So it should be a pretty good length. What you got?

Amy Simmons ([02:36](#)):

Okay. Announcements for this week and next. We have the annual Employer Expo Hiring and Career Fair this Wednesday, May 25th from two to six. And that is at the Jim Barnett Park Rec Center. As I mentioned before, they'll have over 50 companies participating and there'll be free workshops, covering job applications, resume writing soft skills, and mock interview training. So if you need some practice on that, you can go there, participate for free, and be entered into a drawing for a thousand dollar scholarship. On May 28th, that's Saturday at 8:00 AM, we'll be doing our next Community Cleanup. That will be at Friendship Park again and Legge Boulevard, picking up litter there. We would love to have some volunteers come out. Winchester Parks and Rec's, Summer Activity Guide has arrived. It was mailed to all city residents and is now available for pickup at the rec center. If you didn't get one, it's also posted online. So you can go check that out right now. The Park also recently launched a new registration platform that is called Community Pass. And it's a lot more user friendly we're hoping than the last one. The last one was a pain, but the only temporary drawback is that everyone has to create a new account before registering.

Dan Hoffman ([03:50](#)):

Minor discomfort for a much easier system.

Amy Simmons ([03:52](#)):

Exactly. The Jim Barnett Park outdoor pool will open for the 2022 season this Saturday on May 28th.

Dan Hoffman ([04:03](#)):

I should christen it with a big cannonball jumping into the pool.

Amy Simmons ([04:06](#)):

You should. You should be the first one in.

Dan Hoffman ([04:07](#)):

I should do that.

Amy Simmons ([04:08](#)):

And we're excited to announce there are new lower fees. Believe you had something to do with that.

Dan Hoffman ([04:12](#)):

I did.

Amy Simmons ([04:13](#)):

So we hope that everybody comes out and enjoy the pools the summer. The pool is also included in the park membership. So if you'd rather just have access to literally everything, including some drop in

programs and fitness classes, then you can just get a park membership and come as many times as you want.

Dan Hoffman ([04:27](#)):

It's a good deal

Amy Simmons ([04:28](#)):

Yep. Then, Counselors Rodriguez and Milstead are hosting a community conversation on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 AM. The forum will be held at Shawnee Volunteer Fire Station and focus on current and future projects happening in the fourth ward specifically. Cause that's the Ward they represent. We'll have some staff there as well. And if you wanna come by and learn more about those projects and also discuss any needs or concerns that you have for that ward, stop by and we'll be happy to help.

Dan Hoffman ([04:57](#)):

Awesome.

Amy Simmons ([04:58](#)):

That's it.

Dan Hoffman ([04:59](#)):

So that's gonna wrap up part one of the Rouss Review. Now we're gonna get into part two--the City Works portion of our program. We talk to Donnie Johnston over at Utilities about how the water gets from the plant to your house. So stick around for part two.