

### Red Wing Meeting

The first Wednesday every month at noon.

#### Next Meeting:

**March 7, 2007**

**12:00 PM: Meeting starts**

**1:00 PM: Meeting ends**

*(Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Tom Wolff.)*

**Fairview Red Wing Professional & Community Center  
1407 West 4th Street  
Red Wing, MN**

The old hospital building.

### Zumbrota Meeting

The second Thursday evening every month.

#### Next Meeting:

**March 8, 2007**

**7:00 PM: Meeting starts**

**8:30 PM: Meeting ends**

**Zumbrota Public Library  
100 West Avenue  
Zumbrota, MN**

West Avenue is one block west of Main Street (State Highway 58).

### Cannon Falls Meeting

The third Thursday evening every month.

#### Next Meeting:

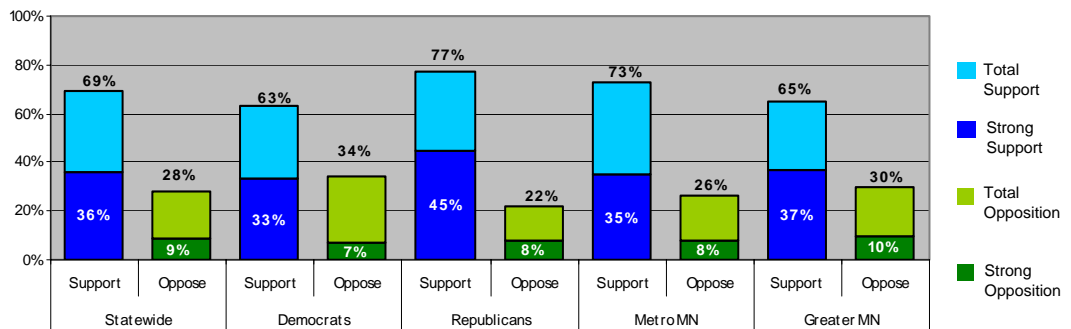
**February 15, 2007**

**6:30 PM: Meeting starts**

**8:00 PM: Meeting ends**

**Cannon Falls Public Library  
306 West Mill Street  
Cannon Falls, MN**

## Overwhelming Support for Statewide Law



Eight hundred randomly selected voters from the 2006 election across the State of Minnesota were interviewed by telephone by Decision Resources Ltd. of Minneapolis from December 5-12, 2006. The results of the study are projectable to all adult Minnesota residents within  $\pm 3.5\%$  in 95 out of 100 cases.

A December 2006 survey found that 69 percent of Minnesotans support a comprehensive statewide smoke-free law that includes bars and restaurants. They responded to the question:

“Would you favor or oppose a statewide law in Minnesota that would prohibit smoking in most public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars? Do you feel strongly that way?”

The survey was sponsored by ClearWay Minnesota and the American Cancer Society. For details visit: [www.clearwaymn.org](http://www.clearwaymn.org)

## Hutchinson Smoke-free

On December 26, 2006 the City Council of Hutchinson, MN passed a smoke-free law. The vote was 4 to 0 in favor, with one council member absent for medical reasons.

The new law takes effect June 1, 2007. Every workplace,

including bars, bowling centers, private clubs, shared work vehicles, and hotel/motel rooms will be smoke-free. The law also restricts smoking on outdoor patios and within 15 feet of outdoor patios, business entrances, windows and ventilation intakes.



Smoke Free Minnesota - Day at the Capitol. Claire Bradley, age 10 with Rep. Wollschlager. (See story on page 2)

## Olmsted County Strengthens Smoke-free Law

Over 500 people attended a public hearing on January 23, 2007 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN. The Olmsted County Board of

Commissioners heard four hours of testimony on a proposal to strengthen their current law to make bars, bowling alleys and all other

workplaces smoke-free. The Commissioners voted 5 to 2 to pass the new law. It takes effect August 1, 2007.

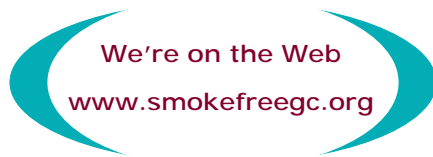
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## Smoke Free Day at the State Capitol



On January 30, 2007 over 800 concerned citizens from all over the state went to St. Paul to show their support for the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007. Twenty-six members of Citizens for a Smoke-free Goodhue County participated in the Smoke Free Minnesota - Day at the Capitol.

We met with Senator Murphy, and with Representatives Wollschlager and Sviggum. The group did an excellent job advocating for smoke-free workplaces for everyone.

## Freedom to Breathe Act: Local Advocates Show the Way

The Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007 has been introduced in the Minnesota Senate and House. The proposed law will prohibit smoking in public places, places of employment, public transportation, and public meetings. Smoking will not be permitted in day care premises when the children are present or in health care facilities and clinics.

The law will not apply to smoking that is part of a scientific study or a traditional Native American ceremony. It will not apply to tobacco products shops, hotel or motel sleeping rooms, or private homes or private vehicles (unless in use as a place of employment).

About 40 percent of Minnesotans are protected from secondhand smoke by city or county laws that are stronger than our current state law. Many more counties and cities, including Goodhue County, have local coalitions working hard to pass comprehensive smoke-free laws for their communities.

The current intense interest in the state legislature would not be there if local advocates had not worked tirelessly in their communities to educate the public about the danger of secondhand smoke. The 11 cities and 6 counties that have passed smoke-free laws have taken a leadership role. The state legislature is following

their example. It is critical that cities and counties continue to provide this leadership.

What can *you* do to help the statewide effort to pass the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007?

1. Write, e-mail, or call Senator Murphy, and Representative Wollschlager or Sviggum. Let them know how you feel about having all workplaces and public places smoke-free.
2. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper advocating for smoke-free workplaces for everyone.

### Senator Steve Murphy

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Use e-mail form on Senate website:  
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