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Thank you Denny very nice!!!

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From: Oberembt, Anne
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Good afternoon City of Chanhassen!

Mayor Laufenburger wrote a very touching thank you letter in response to Prince's passing; it was published in today's issue of the Chanhassen Villager. He wanted to make sure you all had the opportunity to see his letter so I am sending it out to everyone.

LETTER

Thanks for showing true colors

"We are never ready, but always prepared."

I used these words over the last month to describe the plans and activities that the city of Chanhassen employees exhibited during the events following the untimely death of our neighbor, Prince Rogers Nelson.

From the moment I received "The Phone Call" from City Manager Todd Gerhardt, on Thursday morning, April 21, I observed the well-orchestrated mechanics of "City Hall professionals" working diligently and courteously to withstand the scrutiny and thriving under the spotlight of fans and media from around the state, the nation and the world. I was quietly beaming with civic pride.

As I stood at the memorial and

met Chanhassen residents, many commented on how pleased they were with the city's response to all the attention. And they were also proud of their own "Prince Encounter" stories. I repeatedly heard that our citizens treated Prince with respect, dignity and distance. We didn't abuse the fact that this international artist and icon lived amongst us. Perhaps that may be a significant reason he chose to stay here.

Additionally, I was so pleased that the businesses of Chanhassen saw a meaningful uptick in business. And again, stories emerged of how gracious and helpful those businesses were to our visitors.

You have often heard me talk about the goodness that abounds in Chanhassen. That goodness was and will continue to be on full display as our community begins a "new normal." Regardless of

what happens to Paisley Park ... studio, museum, both or something else ... Chanhassen will be forever connected to the artist, his music and his amazing impact on the entertainment industry.

Thank you, employees and residents of Chanhassen, for once again showing the world our true colors ... and on this occasion, tinted with purple.

Denny Laufenburger
Chanhassen mayor

Cheers!

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