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Medina Message

City Calendar

- ▶ **3rd** Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **10th** Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- ▶ **17th** Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **18th** Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

June

- ▶ **1st** Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **4th** Fri—City Offices Closed—Holiday
- ▶ **8th** Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- ▶ **15th** Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **16th** Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

July

- ▶ **5th** Tues—National Night Out
- ▶ **6th** Wed—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **12th** Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- ▶ **19th** Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- ▶ **20th** Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

August

- ▶ All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Meeting agendas on web site when available.

2009 Budget Planning Open House

An open house is being planned for August to provide an overview and solicit public input on the 2009 budget planning process. The exact date and time will be scheduled in coming weeks and will be printed in the summer newsletter, prior to the open house being held. The City must approve and certify a preliminary tax levy to Hennepin County by September 15th.

Medina Celebration Day Saturday, September 27, 2008

The City is seeking residents or local business representatives to serve on a committee to organize and promote this year's Medina Celebration Day. The event will again be held at the Community Building site in Hamel Legion Park.

City staff will be available to provide support to the committee as needed. If you are available and interested, please contact Linda Lane at City Hall by phone or e-mail at Linda.lane@ci.medina.mn.us.

City of Medina Begins Comprehensive Plan Zoning District Revisions

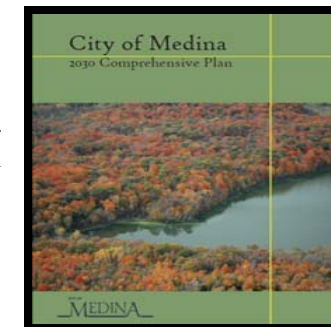
The Medina City Council has approved a DRAFT update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Plan guides development, growth, and land use within the City for the next 20 years.

In order to implement the Comprehensive Plan, the City is conducting a major overhauling of the existing land-use and zoning ordinances. Every property regulation will be open for review as well as possible changes.

If you wish to remain updated, please visit the City's website. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on the homepage. Also,

the City sends out electronic versions of the agenda before each meeting. Contact City Hall (763) 473-4643 or city@ci.medina.mn.us to be added to this list.

For additional information on this process contact the Planning Department or visit the Comprehensive Plan page on the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.



Storm Water Utility Established

A Storm Water Utility (SWU) was officially established by the City Council on May 20th. The first bill to parcel owners in the City will be distributed in July. For residents who receive a water and sewer utility bill, a new line item for the storm water utility charge will be included on the July bill.

The purpose for creating the SWU is to provide an alternative source of funding from general property taxes to support storm water mandates and needs. Storm water mandates include the improvement to local impaired bodies of water (Lake Independence, Lake Sarah, Spurzem Lake, Holy Name Lake, Elm Creek, etc.) as well as the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP). Other needs include annual maintenance to City storm water ponds, culverts, erosion control and general enforcement.

The SWU will more equitably distribute charges for storm water improvements to property owners compared to general property taxes because the focus of a SWU is to better charge those who are contributing to storm water problems, rather than through property taxes which is based on your market value. Non-tax paying entities such as governments, churches, etc. will receive a SWU charge and bill. Some exemptions for parks, etc. and credits for wetland areas, as well as suitable conservation and buffer easements will apply.

Details of the SWU were included in a brochure mailed to all parcel owners in April. The City also conducted an Open House on May 1. The City's website also has a link to specific details about the SWU ordinance, fee schedule and budget.



City Hall Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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City Council Meetings

First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Jeff Pederson, Chair
 Charles Nolan
 Mary Verbick
 Robin Reid
 Michele Litts
 Victoria Reid
 Jim Simons

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission

Ann Thies, Chair
 Ben Benson
 Madeleine Linck
 Brian Kingsley
 Galen Bruer
 Beth Nielsen
 Peter Lecy

Park Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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Parks & Public Works

Holy Name Park Restoration & Temporary Closing

Holy Name Park will be closed as soon as June 1st for a restoration project, funded in part by a grant from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and City park dedication funds. The park will be closed indefinitely until it is completed. The project will consist of the following:

- Eliminate gravel access down to the lake
- New parking lot and trail, with a portion of each permeable
- Mobile infiltration swale
- Rain garden with native plants
- Erosion control measures along shoreline
- Picnic area and signage
- Grand Opening celebration
- Possible fishing dock in 2009 (with grant money from the DNR)

Hamel Legion Park Improvements

A large new playground structure was constructed last fall at Hamel Legion Park. This \$150,000 project was made possible because of a donation made by the Hamel Lions in the amount of \$37,500. The remaining funds for the project came from park dedication money. A basketball court was also completed this spring at Hamel Legion Park from park dedication funds.



2008 Annual Clean Up Day

Thank you to all the dedicated Medina Clean Up Day volunteers. This event could not of happened without you!



Volunteers unload trailer after trailer of garbage.

Associate Planner Dusty Finke working the electronic recyclables.

Council Member Liz Weir, Planning Commissioners Michele Litts, Jeff Pederson, & Robin Reid, along with Building Official Loren Kohnen, and Medina Resident Chloe Litts plant trees donated from Highway 55 Rental and Metro West Inspection Services at Hamel Legion Park.

Thank You

ATTN: Residents with individual septic systems!!!



Last fall, you received notice that you had a year to have your septic system pumped and inspected.

If you have not done so already, please remember that the deadline to submit your inspection record to City Hall is **August 1, 2008!**

Questions? Contact Dusty Finke at City Hall: (763) 473-4643 or dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us

Hamel Road Reconstruction Project

Road work has already begin for the Uptown Hamel road reconstruction project. The project will consist of a total reconstruction of Hamel Road from Hunter Drive to Brockton Lane. Work will be phased throughout the summer beginning west of Sioux Drive to Hunter Drive. The project will also include sidewalks on both sides of the road, decorative street lights, and burial of all utility lines. The substantial work on the project is expected to be completed by the end of September 2008.

Call our information hot line at 651-967-4508 to receive daily updates, including location and type of work scheduled, road closures and potential utility interruptions. You can also check the city's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us for project updates such as road closures and detour maps.

General Information

2008 Election Updates on Website

The latest information on Medina's 2008 elections can now be found on the city's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us. You will be able to find detailed information on important election dates, Medina's election precinct division, voting locations, absentee voting, serving as an election judge, and filing for municipal office.

All election questions can be directed to Election Coordinator Jodi Wunsch at 763-473-4643 or jodi.wunsch@ci.medina.mn.us



West Hennepin Dial-A-Ride Transit Service

The Dial-A-Ride program is an advance reservation, share-ride, curb-to-curb transit service that now services the City of Medina. Anyone can use it and it is only \$2 cash per person per one way ride, but appointments need to be made one day in advance. Service hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no service on Saturdays, Sundays, or major holidays.

For additional information or to schedule a ride, contact West Hennepin Dial-A-Ride at 763-235-2200.

Utility Billing Moves to a Monthly Cycle

Currently, utility bills are sent on a quarterly basis. July 1, 2008 will be the last billing cycle containing multiple months of charges. The July 1 reading will be for usage between the dates of April 15 – July 1. The City will then read meters and provide billing on a monthly basis. This will allow utility customers to control their water usage more efficiently, promote water conservation, and allow for more effective financial management.

Also, monitoring usage on a monthly basis will quickly alert users to problems by looking for irregular water fluctuations that could indicate a problem.

Any questions regarding utility billing may be directed to Teri Portinen at 763-473-8849.

Tamarack Drive Vacation Update

At the May 20th City Council meeting, the Council took official action to vacate a portion of the Tamarack Right-Of-Way and easements between Hamel Road extending south to the Blackfoot Trail/Tamarack intersection. The areas being vacated will prohibit future through road traffic or trail use between Hamel Road and the Blackfoot Trail/Tamarack intersection. Drainage and utility easements are being secured in the areas of Tamarack being vacated. A copy of the resolution and exhibits are included on the City's website. Please contact City Administrator Chad Adams at City Hall if you have questions.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 5th

Neighborhoods throughout Medina are invited to join the Medina Police Department, along with thousands of communities nationwide, on Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, to participate in the 25th Annual National Night Out celebration. Medina Police Officers, Firefighters and City Council members will attend and participate in neighborhood parties throughout the city.

To officially participate in National Night Out events, contact your neighbors and plan a neighborhood get-together. It can be something as extravagant as a cookout or as simple as an ice cream social. Remember to register your neighborhood party with the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209 along with the times. By doing this, we will arrange a visit from the police and fire departments.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Gregory or Josh McKinley at the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.



Medina Police Participates in Safe and Sober Grant

The Medina Police Department, along with the police departments of Orono, Rogers, Corcoran, Wayzata, Mound, Minnetrista, and West Hennepin Public Safety, has been participating in the Safe and Sober Grant for 2007-2008. This grant funds extra patrols aimed at keeping our streets and highways safe. Officers concentrate traffic enforcement in areas where accidents occur and where complaints are received from citizens. Efforts are aimed at speeding, seatbelt enforcement, and drinking and driving.

If you have any traffic concerns, or any questions in regard to this Safe and Sober Grant, please feel free to contact the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

Remember - DRIVE SAFE, and always BUCKLE UP!

Summer City Council Saturday Office Hours Suspended

City Council Saturday Office Hours will experience a summer break during the months of June, July, and August. They will reconvene in September through the end of the year on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. Residents are encouraged to check the City's website for scheduling confirmation/cancellation.

Thanks to all citizens for stopping by this spring to visit!