

Upcoming Public Hearings/Meetings

Truth in Taxation & 2011 Budget

The City will be conducting the truth in taxation meeting on the 2011 budget at the City Council's regular meeting on December 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Please review your recently mailed Truth in Taxation Statement accompanied with the City Budget Flyer for more information on the proposed budget and tax levy.

Planning Commission Public Hearings

Upcoming Planning Commission meetings are scheduled for **December 14, 2010 and January 11, 2011**. Planning Commission meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Other Information

- **"Rein in Your Manure through BMP's"** - Betsy Wieland, Agriculture Extension Educator for Hennepin County and the University of Minnesota Extension, has provided the City with an educational article on controlling manure and its impact on water quality. To learn more about the Best Management Practices (BMP) for handling manure (i.e. composting, storing, creating filters, and removing excess manure), please review the entire article at www.ci.medina.mn.us.
- If you are interested in staying informed on proposed projects within the City, please consider receiving agendas of meetings via email. Contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643 or debra@ci.medina.mn.us to be added to the list.

City Calendar

December

- 7th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 14th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 18th Sat—Council Office Hours 9:00-11:00 am
- 21st Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 21st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 24th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 31st Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

January

- 4th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 11th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Sat—Council Office Hours 9:00-11:00 am
- 17th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 18th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 18th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 19th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

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



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City Council Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings

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

Park Commission Meetings

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

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The Medina Message

A bi-monthly publication from the City of Medina

General Election Results

The official results of the 2010 General Election were canvassed by the City of Medina City Council on Monday, November 8th.

Tom Crosby was re-elected as the Mayor of Medina, serving a two-year term.

There were two seats open for City Council. Jeff Pederson and Melissa Martinson were elected to serve four-year terms on the Medina City Council.

Vote totals for all of the Medina candidates can be found on the Hennepin County website, www.hennepin.us/electionsresults.

The newly elected officials will be sworn in at the January 4, 2011 City Council meeting.

Medina Police Reserves

Are you interested in giving back to your community? The Medina Police Reserve Unit is looking for additional reserve officers. The reserves are non-sworn volunteers who provide valuable assistance to the police department in a variety of public safety situations. The reserves can be found at community events, riding along with a sworn officer, patrolling neighborhoods and city parks, directing traffic, or making transports. Reserve officers go through a rigorous training and receive regular training. The position can be for anyone interested or studying to go into a law enforcement career or for anyone interested in helping the community. You must be at least 19 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license, and pass a criminal background investigation. Uniforms and equipment are provided by the department.

In 2010, the reserves helped out at the Hamel Rodeo, Medina Celebration Day, Loretto Fun Fest, Corcoran Country Days, and Plymouth Music In Motion, among other events.

For more information or an application, please contact Investigator Charmane Domino at (763) 473-9209.

2011 Park & Planning Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking residents to serve on the Medina Park Commission and Planning Commission. On each commission, there are two seats up for appointment/re-appointment effective January 2011 for three-year terms.

The seven-member Park Commission serves as a volunteer recommending body to the City Council and meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Medina City Hall.

The seven-member Planning Commission serves as a volunteer recommending body to the City Council and meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Medina City Hall.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at City Hall or via the City's website at www.ci.medina.mn.us. **Deadline for applications is Friday, December 17th.**

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City Government

Attention Utility Customers: You Can Now Pay Your Bill Online



Go Green! You can now pay your bill online – 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The city has partnered with Payment Service Network (PSN) to offer credit card payments, email billing and personalized account management services. PSN offers the highest level of encryption security to ensure your financial information is protected when using electronic financial transmission services. Go to www.ci.medina.mn.us and click on the online billing option link to set up your account today!

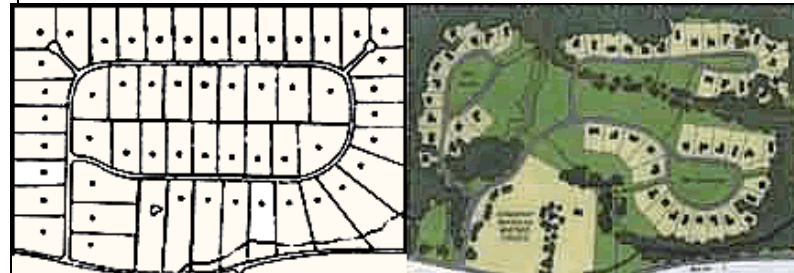
Hennepin County Wind Turbine Will Not Proceed

The proposed wind turbine from Hennepin County at 1600 Prairie Drive will not be proceeding. The Hennepin County Board recently voted down the project at their October 20th Board meeting. The City of Medina approved the 1.6 megawatt wind turbine project two years ago with a requirement that the County submit a construction permit by November 18, 2010. With the November 18th deadline passing without a construction permit submittal, the project is effectively terminated.

Thinking about Subdividing Your Property? Conservation Design Subdivisions Offer Incentives to Protect Natural Resources and Preserve Open Spaces

The City Council adopted regulations related to Conservation Design on July 6, 2010. Conservation Design is an option for property owners which allows flexibility to the standard requirements of a subdivision as an incentive for the owner to protect a portion of the buildable property within a permanent conservation easement.

Flexibility in a Conservation Design subdivision can include: density bonuses, smaller lot sizes, reduced setbacks, and reductions to other City requirements. A property is required to be at least 20 acres in size and contain moderate to high quality natural resources in order to qualify. Please contact City Planner Dusty Finke at dusty.finke@ci.medina.mn.us or (763) 473-8846 if you are interested in exploring this option or if you have any questions.



Standard subdivision development versus a conservation development. Images courtesy Randall Arendt, "Conservation Design for Subdivisions," Island Press, 1996

Things to Remember as Winter Approaches

City ordinance prohibits parking on any public street from November 1 through March 31 during the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM. If at all possible, the City plow crew would appreciate having no vehicles parked on City streets when snowfall occurs during the daytime.

No permanent structures may be placed in the right-of-way such as rocks, monuments, metal poles, etc. that would hinder public safety, snow removal, drainage, or other Public Works operations. The right-of-way can be as much as 16' from the edge of the road up onto the property.

Please check your mailbox for sturdiness and get repaired as needed, as the City is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow being pushed off the roads.

To limit damage to sod, it is advised to place a marker along curb lines; however, metal poles are strictly prohibited within the City right-of-way.

Be cautious of what you use and the amount you apply for your own personal ice control, as it will eventually end up in the storm sewer and out to our lakes and rivers.

It is the responsibility of property owners to remove snow on their own sidewalks.

On garbage and recycling days, please place receptacles out of the way so they will not be hit when snow is being plowed.

Shore up your fall projects before winter, so spring rains will not erode.

The City has a compost and brush pile located behind the Public Works building off County Road 24 which is open seven days a week during daylight hours. Feel free to bring your leaves and other plant and tree trimmings, but please make sure they are placed on the correct pile and that any plastic bags go back home with you.

The City Snow Plowing-Ice Control Policy can be seen in its entirety on the City Website at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

Community

Community Business Profile: Adam's Pest Control

By: Todd Leye

Adam's Pest Control, Inc. was started in Golden Valley in 1971 and in January celebrates 40 years in business! 23 years were next to the Countryside Cafe, but in 2007, Adam's built the nice looking two story building just West of there on the former Village Auto Body site.

Adam's is family owned, with co-founder Harold Leye still active at 73 years old, son Todd Leye is the President, and daughter Andrea Guy is the Medina Office Manager.

Adam's provides pest control to residential and commercial customers throughout most of Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. We have 60 employees, of which 50+ are based out of our Medina office (most in the field, but about 14 in the office on a daily basis), with the rest operating out of our Brainerd Lakes Area office. We handle all types of pests, including bed bugs which are a growing pandemic. We treat for them conventionally (with pesticides) or with heat, which is a much greener service and has faster results and recently added two dogs, Bella and Hector, who can sniff out bed bugs.

For more information, visit www.adamspestcontrol.com or call 763-478-9810.

Toys For Tots

The Medina Police Department, along with Medina City Hall, Farmers State Bank of Hamel and 21st Century Bank of Loretto will be drop off sites for the KARE 11 2010 Toys for Tots Drive. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to any of the above drop sites by Thursday, December 16th. Our officers will be delivering the toys to KARE 11 on December 17th. Refer to KARE 11's website for details.



Medina Celebration Day 2010 Recap

The City of Medina would like to thank all the contributors, exhibitors, and volunteers who were involved in Medina Celebration Day. This event could not have happened without their support.

Medina Celebration Day was held on Saturday, September 25th, at the Hamel Community building. The City was excited to see what appeared to be a record number turnout this year from the community. The afternoon was filled with many great activities for young and old alike, including a business expo, bingo, pumpkin decorating and games, face painters, petting zoo, K-9 demonstration, door prize drawings, as well as a great fireworks display, sponsored by area businesses and residents.

Medina Celebration Day Committee	Hamel Fire Department	Potbelly Sandwich Works
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts	Hamel Lions	Rainbow Foods
Brownie, Girl Scouts, & 4-H	Hedtke Marketing	Rockler Inc.
Adam's Pest Control	Hennepin County Sheriff's K-9	Rogers 18-Movie Theatre
Allstate Insurance Co.	Highway 55 Rental	Scherer Pumpkin Patch
Anytime fitness	Holiday Station – Hamel	Shamrock Golf Club
Applebee's	Inn Kahoots	Sivets, Colleen & family
Art 2 Heart	Jake's City Grille	Smashburger
Axel's Bonfire	Jimmy's Pizza	St. Anne's Church
Boy Scout Troop 570	Joe Senser's Sports Grill & Bar	State Farm Insurance
Buffalo Wild Wings	Lafayette Club	Sticks & Bricks
Chipotle	Lehrke, Dale & Janice	Sunsets of Wayzata
Cold Stone Creamery	Lenny Leuer Honey	T Nails
Complete Eye Care of Medina	Letterman Sports	Target
Countryside Café	Ling Inn / Aunt Jens Motel	The Cellars Wine & Spirits
Crosby, Tom	Lunds / Byerly's	The Foursome
Cub Foods	Maxxon Corp.	Tolomatic
Culver's Restaurant	Mayer Mobil Gas Station	Uptown Hamel Business Assoc.
CVS Pharmacy	McDonald's Restaurant	Verizon Wireless
Ditter Heating & Cooling	Medina Education Institute	Vino 100
DoJo Karate	Medina Entertainment Center	Walgreens
Elm Creek Golf Course	Medina Golf & Country Club	Walter G. Anderson
Farmers State Bank of Hamel	Miller, Marge	Wells Fargo Bank
Flaig, Cal & Sharrie	Noodles & Company	West Financial Credit Union
Fortin Health & Wellness Clinic	OSI	West Hennepin Pioneer Assoc.
Friends of Wolsfeld Woods	Pilates Advantage	Willow Home Accents
Fusion Fitness/Kettle Bells	Plymouth Holiday Station	Winestyles
Gramercy Club & residents	Plymouth Police Department	Wright Hennepin Electric
Gregor Farms & Greenhouse	Polaris	

You won't want to miss next years' celebration, which will be held on Saturday, September 24th.