

Fall Flushing & Hydrant Servicing

During the month of October the Public Works Department will be doing the yearly fall flushing, as well as hydrant servicing. During the flushing process, you may experience fluctuations in your water pressure or slight discoloration of the water when the water main in front of your property is being flushed. Flushing will take place from October 3-14 for residents on the Hamel and Medina Morningside water systems. The Independence Beach water system will be flushed on their regular schedule of the second Thursday of the month.

House Checks

If you are planning on taking a trip or being out of town, please call the police department and put your house on the house check list. We will check your house while you are out of town, if there are any problems we will contact you. To sign up for a house check just call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

City Council Office Hours

City Council Saturday Office Hours are on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at City Hall. The office hours are an informal setting and serve as an opportunity for residents to bring your thoughts to elected officials for a better Medina.

City Calendar

October

- 4th Tues—EDA Organizational Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 10th Mon—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 11th Tues—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 15th Sat—City Council Office Hours 9:00 am
- 18th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 18th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 19th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm

November

- 1st Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 9th Wed—Planning Commission 7:00 pm
- 11th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 15th Tues—City Council Work Session 6:00 pm
- 15th Tues—City Council 7:00 pm
- 16th Wed—Park Commission 7:00 pm
- 19th Sat—City Council Office Hours 9:00 am
- 24th Thur—City Offices Closed (Holiday)
- 25th Fri—City Offices Closed (Holiday)

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

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Road Projects Update

Hunter Drive North - The Hunter Drive North project is well underway. Utilities and curbing have been installed on the north end of the project, with blacktopping scheduled for the week of September 26th. The south end of the road project is on schedule to have blacktop by mid-October. First priority is to get the road completed, and then the trail second. Thank you all for your patience. This has been a large project with very few complaints.

Hwy 55/116 Interchange Project - The Hwy 55/116 Project is in the planning stages. TKDA, the engineering firm working on this project with the city, county, and state, are very close to having a preliminary design. The Council will be holding a work session on October 18th to give their input, followed by a public information meeting at a later date. All residents directly affected will be notified.

Tower Drive/Hamel Road Construction Project - The Tower Drive/Hamel Road Project is listed on the City of Medina 2012 Road CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). Discussion concerning this project was brought on by storm water and street complaints, along with the general deterioration of the infrastructure in that area. This project would be a combination of street, storm water, and possibly some water and sewer replacement. On June 21st of this year the City Council directed Stantec, the City's engineering firm, to move forward with a feasibility study of the area. Before proceeding with the project, the City would like comments from the residents and businesses directly affected by this project. The informational meeting for the Tower Drive/Hamel Road Project will take place on Tuesday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

2012 Budget Summary

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Police & Planning

Winter Parking Regulations

There is no parking on the streets of Medina between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The regulations are in effect from November 1st until March 31st. The police enforce this ordinance to keep the streets clear for snowplowing. If you have any questions in reference to the parking ordinance, please call the police department at 763-473-9209.

Wild Animals in Medina



Over the past few years, the Medina Police Department has received many reports of wild predators running throughout our City. We have received reports on wolves, coyotes, bears, and cougars. The fact is that with the rural character of Medina, any of these animals could be here at any given time. We know that the coyotes live here and their numbers are increasing. The other predators have been here and do pass through from time to time. The question everyone is asking is, "Is there a safety concern?" Wild animal attacks are very rare. In Medina we have no records of anyone ever being attacked by a wild predator. With that being said, we do have reports of domestic animals being killed by coyotes in the area.

Any of the predators are very protective of their offspring. If you would happen to come upon a mother and her young, it is recommended to stay calm and speak in a normal tone, and wave your arms above your head and back away. This lets the animal know that you are human. By waving your arms above your head, it makes you look larger to the animal. In most cases if the animal gets a scent or sees you, they will run off.

Most of the predators are nocturnal. If you see a wild predator during the day, please call the police. There are diseases, such as rabies or distemper, which cause these animals to become aggressive and disoriented. If this is the case, please call 9-1-1. This can be potentially dangerous.

To answer the question of the safety concern for humans, it is very low. But for your domestic pets, there is a concern. If you have small dogs or cats, we recommend that you watch them while they are outside. If the coyotes get too close, call the police.

Coyotes are becoming more and more populated in our community. We have received many complaints in reference to them killing domestic cats and a few small dogs. The coyotes are wild animals and over time they become more and more accustomed to people. There has never been a report of them attacking people in the State of Minnesota. Remember to watch your pets when you let them out, the coyotes mostly hunt in the evening and early mornings. If you notice one that is becoming a nuisance call the police department, we can refer you to hunters that can assist you with the removal of the coyote. Ways to prevent issues with coyotes are; never feed them, do not leave dog or cat food outside, secure your garbage containers, supervise your household pets, ensure that your pets have all their vaccination shots such as rabies and distemper, if you see a coyote, harass it and chase it off so they continue to be afraid of humans.

If you have further questions, you can call the Medina Police Department at 763-473-9209.

Planning Projects Under Review

The following land use and development projects and the following updates to the zoning regulations are currently under review by the City. For more information or for an update on the review schedule, please contact the Planning Department at (763) 473-4643.

65-Lot Single-Family Subdivision – North of Highway 55; west of County Road 116

The City Council granted Preliminary Plat approval on August 16 to Pentom for a 65-lot subdivision. The applicant will need to obtain Final approval prior to constructing homes.

Conservation Design Subdivision – 2700 and 2900 Parkview Drive

The property owner has requested a PUD Concept Plan Review for a subdivision of 10 lots on 110-acres. The proposal includes permanent conservation easements over a portion of the property and is requesting a density bonus to allow for additional lots. The City Council may review the request at a future meeting.

Stormwater Management Regulations

The City is reviewing regulations related to protecting and improving water quality and what type of construction will require stormwater improvements to be constructed. The City Council will review in November.

Off-Street Parking Regulations

The City is reviewing off-street parking standards, including required numbers of required spaces and design specifications. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review the final draft of the regulations in October.

Accessory Dwelling Unit ("Mother-in-law" apartments)

The City is discussing regulations related to accessory dwelling units on residential property. The City Council is scheduled to review the final draft of the regulations in October.

Sign Ordinance

The City is scheduled to review the Sign Ordinance in the coming months. A Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for the October 11 Planning Commission meeting and the City Council may review during November.

Community and Environment

Sign up for Air Quality Alerts

In July, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued an air pollution health advisory for the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including Hennepin County, when high temperatures and sunny skies caused elevated ozone levels. People with respiratory or cardiovascular problems, young children, the elderly and physically active individuals are considered especially sensitive to elevated levels of air pollution.

To be alerted of future air pollution advisories, sign up at <http://mn.enviroflash.info/>

to receive an email or text message when air quality poses a health threat. You can make a difference during an air quality alert by taking these easy actions to reduce air pollution:

- Reduce driving when possible, and don't idle your vehicle engine.
- Refuel only when it's cool - early morning or after 8 p.m.
- Postpone use of lawnmowers and other small gas or diesel engines.
- Postpone use of paints or solvents which promote ozone formation.
- Postpone recreational fires.

Medina Business Walter G. Anderson Uses Renewable Energy

Walter G. Anderson, a folding carton manufacturer in Medina, is making its production processes more environmentally friendly by purchasing 100 percent of its energy from renewable sources through Wright Hennepin Electric. Walter G. Anderson is currently Wright Hennepin Electric's only commercial customer that uses 100 percent of its energy from renewable sources.

Medina Business, Open Systems International, Recognized for Conservation Efforts

Wright Hennepin Electric Association recently awarded Open Systems International (OSI) with a \$40,000 energy efficiency grant for the company's use of energy-efficient innovations in its new corporate headquarters. OSI recently relocated their headquarters to Medina in a newly constructed 100,400 square foot building on the northwest corner of Highway 55 and Arrowhead Drive. OSI's new headquarters utilizes energy-efficient lighting as well as a ground source heat pump (a heating system that uses the earth's temperature to heat, cool and provide hot water). OSI's building is also LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

City Business Profile: The Pilates Advantage

The Pilates Advantage has been located at 872 Highway 55 in Medina (Cty. Rd 116/Hwy 55 - next door to Countryside Café) since September 2010. The company had been doing business in the Rockford area for six years prior to moving to Medina. Their Pilates instructors are Pilates Method Alliance certified, have spent thousands of hours training in the Pilates Method and are committed to providing the best instruction in both classical and contemporary Pilates. They also have an occupational therapist, personal trainer, massage therapist and yoga instructor on staff.

The Pilates Advantage is a comfortable studio featuring all of Pilates' unique equipment. This equipment is designed to facilitate the mat (floor) work to provide support and resistance to allow you to experience the full, integrated system of exercise the Pilates Method has to offer. Pilates will improve posture, strength, flexibility and balance.

The Pilates Advantage offers personalized, private Pilates instruction, semi-private lessons or small group classes on the equipment and mat as well as other innovative classes including Gyrokinesis, Nia and Barre, dynamic workshops, yoga, personal training and massage.

Pilates is excellent cross-training for athletes as well as the perfect exercise for all ages and physical limitations. The Pilates Advantage focus is on movement quality rather than quantity, which makes one feel invigorated rather than exhausted and allowing the body to work holistically in sports and daily activities.

Call Deb Dodge at 763-477-4254 for more information or to see the studio.

Use Compostable Bags for Fall Leaf Collection

Effective January 1, 2010, residents who bag their yard waste are required to put their yard waste out for pickup in compostable bags (either paper kraft bags or compostable plastic bags).



Using paper and compostable plastic bags rather than traditional black plastic bags will greatly reduce the amount of plastic being sent to local composting facilities.

For more information on the compostable bag requirements and how it will affect you visit RethinkRecycling.com.



City of Medina's 2012 Proposed Budget

Proposed Budget and Tax Spending. At its September 6th Council meeting, the City Council approved a preliminary budget for 2012 in which no significant changes are proposed. The 2012 final budget will be determined at the December 6, 2011 Council meeting and cannot be greater than the preliminary budget of September 6th.

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Monthly Medina Taxes on Your Home		
	\$300,000 Home	\$750,000 Home
General Administration	\$ 5.92	\$ 15.88
Planning & Zoning	\$ 3.43	\$ 9.20
Police	\$ 19.98	\$ 53.58
Fire	\$ 5.41	\$ 14.51
Building Inspections	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.33
Public Works	\$ 9.89	\$ 26.53
Park and Recreation	\$ 2.33	\$ 6.26
Equipment & Road Levy	\$ 0.52	\$ 1.23
Monthly Cost - 2012	\$ 48.72	\$ 130.52
Annual Cost - 2012	\$ 584.00	\$ 1,566.12

Compared to:

Monthly Cost - 2011	\$ 48.00	\$ 129.92
Annual Cost - 2011	\$ 576.00	\$ 1,559.00

* Based on average market value adjustments

Roads. The primary pressure on the City's expenditures results from capital expenditures to roads. In 2009, after public input at a truth in taxation hearing and after considering several alternatives, a road improvement plan was adopted where a portion of the costs would be assessed to adjacent landowners and the City's portion would be paid by the issuance of bonds. Improvements to Hamel Rd., Hunter Dr. S., Hunter Dr. N., Holy Name Rd., Cherry Hill, Pioneer Trail, Elm Creek Dr. and Sycamore Trail have been or are being completed under this program.

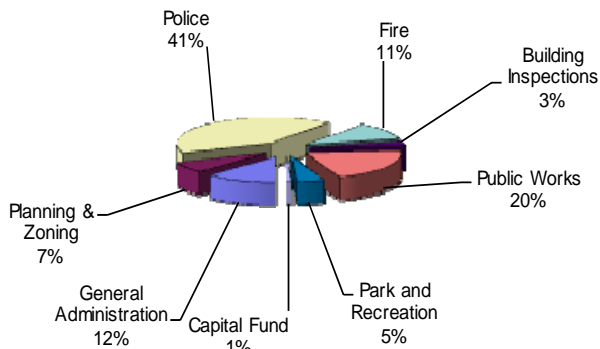
As a result these factors, the City's proposed tax levy rate for 2012 will be 21.856%, up from 18.977% for 2011. This tax levy rate is competitive among our neighboring communities: Corcoran 37.041, Independence 32.680, Minnetrista 27.296, Orono 14.991, Wayzata 44.020 (all 2011 budget rates).

The Medina portion of the Hennepin County real property tax statement is approximately 20%.

The City Council strives to maintain all existing essential services at current levels and to keep up with capital projects, primarily roads and equipment.

Learn More. Join us at the Public Discussion of the 2012 Budget and Tax Levy on Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM, at City Hall, 2052 County Road 24. The proposed 2012 Budget and Financial Management Plan, as well as other materials for review, are available on the City's website www.ci.medina.mn.us under Regulations and Fees.

What Your City Tax Dollar Buys



Questions. Budget or tax questions can be addressed to Scott Johnson, City Administrator at 763/473-8840 or scott.johnson@ci.medina.mn.us.

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 are taken home.

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



Limited Amount of Rain Barrels Available for Purchase

The City of Medina has rain barrels available for residents to purchase at a discounted rate. A rain barrel is a great way to conserve water and reduce your summer water bill. Rain barrels should be placed under your gutter and are used to collect rain water. This rain water can then be re-used to water your lawn and garden.

Residents can purchase rain barrels from the City of Medina for \$70 per barrel while supplies last. The non-resident rate is \$80 per barrel. To buy your rain barrel or for more information, please contact Jodi Gallup at 763-473-8850 or email jodi.gallup@ci.medina.mn.us.



Rain Barrel Specifications from Manufacturer

Size Dimensions 32" H x 24" W

Capacity 55 gallons

Weight in lbs. 18 lbs when empty

Composition made from recycled materials

Usage rain water collection

Key Features attractive, expandable, debris screen, durable

Aluminum Mesh Debris Screen

Barrel top has a strong aluminum mesh screen, creating a non-corrosive and long lasting filter. Keeps out leaves, shingle pieces, dead birds, sticks and other debris that comes off your roof --- as well as safely protecting wildlife and pets from entering or drinking from barrel. The top screen ring is removable for easy cleaning and storage.

Overflow Feature

The overflow portal on the back of the barrel easily hooks up to the supplied tubing which runs down the back of the unit in a protected furrow. The overflow apparatus draws water down and out of the bottom front of barrel, diverting excess water away from the foundation. The back of the barrel is flat, allowing space saving and accurate placement against a wall.