



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL	Agenda Item <u>VIII. A.</u>
From: DEBRA MANGEN CITY CLERK	<input type="checkbox"/> Action
Date: AUGUST 21, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion
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Subject: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING	

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND: Attached are copies of e-mails and letters received since the last Council meeting.

Dear Paramedics:

Thank-you all so much for your help on June 24, 2012, when I had fallen & broke my hip.

Boy, I sure don't want to go through that pain again!

I'm starting to walk very slowly now.

Thanks
Brandon & John
Marty

#122280
5545 Oak Glen
- Brooks
- Winkel

Special thanks to the gentleman who put food in my cat dish for her, gathered all my medications for me, brought my toothbrush & toothpaste for me, and held my hand while I was in the ambulance & crying.

Thanks Again, Guys!

Love,
Lucy E. Herring Jan

Dear Chief
Thank you so much,
for us the
ride in the firetruck
was really Exstrodinary

From
Lisi Reid

11/14

11/14/12

11/14/12

11/14/12

Thank you for cooperating with the Fire in Parklawn estates. Without you most of the houses would have burned down. So thank you.

- DHEERU

Davooder, Shanthalakha, Krishnaveni and Sri Lalitha. APT 128.

Raj, Deepthi

APT 125

Thank You For all your help, you saved our apartment even when we were right next door to the fire! We appreciate what you do everyday! God Bless

APT 123

- TANUJA A BUNCH

Tanuja, APT 237

Thank's you alot your effort really P Off you are such big heroes Thank you !!
- Delepya, chetana

Thank You For All Your Hard work.

You guys ROCK thank you for everything you did and do every day. Firefighter. COOL!

Thanks so much for all that you do to keep us safe! Great job!

This is what I mean the Parklawn residents and management are OF what you guys have done lets hear from one more

Thanks a lot for your effort It would have been impossible control fire without you guys. really appreciate your work & effort

AMRUTA

APT 13

6-21-12

- Mike Gorshe
- Brian Hanrahan

Thanks
Brian + Mike
Marty

Thank you to those who participated in our Medical Explorers program here at Fairview Southdale Hospital. I was not in the group that got to hear you so I unfortunately did not catch your names! I appreciate that you returned after doing your run. I know the students enjoyed your talk + learned a lot. "Emergency" was one of their favorite sessions!

Nancy Schaber
Volunteer Services

7/16/12

Dear Members of the Edina
Rescue Squad,

Our family appreciates the
many times you were called
to our home to take my
husband to the hospital,
and a few times to our
two daughters' homes -

Heak died on 6/30/12
at NE Little Hospice
so we won't be calling
anymore.

I just wanted to let you
know we are very grateful
for the times you came,
and the good service you

Claire L. Strey

janice us



honeycreeper



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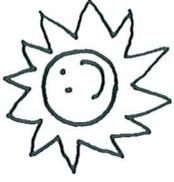


Dear chief scheerer,

Thanks for taking me, my
sister and my best friend
for the ride to school. We
all had tons of fun!

-Mari Reid

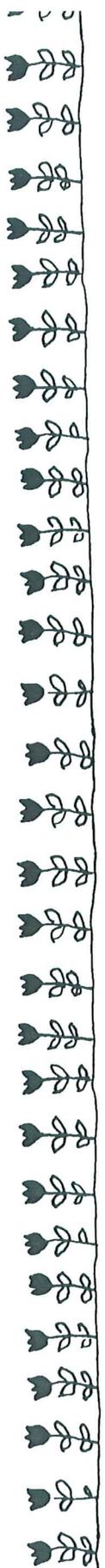
ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 27,
YOU RECEIVED A CALL ABOUT A
MAN BURIED IN A DITCH. THAT
MAN, FAIGE CARLSON, IS MY SON-
IN-LAW. YOU CAN NOT KNOW HOW
GRATEFUL I AM TO SAY "IS" AND
"NOT WAS". THE TIME AND CARE YOU
MEN TOOK WILL BE FOREVER
REMEMBERED. OK I KNOW YOU
WILL SAY "THAT'S OUR JOB" BUT
THE WHOLE FAMILY JOINS ME IN
SAYING "THANK YOU ALL"



Just can't thank you
enough!



ANITA MURRAY
TAMPA FLORIDA
AND THE CARLSON FAMILY
ANDOVER & ANOKA



Paige Carlson and family would like to sincerely thank you all for working in the miserable heat and conditions to ensure that our family continues to be complete.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You and your families will be in prayers forever.

God Bless,

The Carlson Family

Thank you for the many sacrifices you have made that are often taken for granted.



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2-17-2012

Dear Marty

Thank you for taking the
time to meet w/ Steve and I.
It was great to meet you.
I appreciate your willingness
to listen and work w/us
to get this project done within
reason. Thanks again, Anita

To the Police, Rescue Squad
and ambulance service of
Edina,

We are truly grateful for
the wonderful response and
caring professionalism you
showed at the recent accident
Bill had at the Edina Country

For Everything.

Club. Your attentiveness to
all details helped him as
he is responding to several
months of convalescence after
leg surgery.

We know the City of Edina
is proud of your service,
and loyalty in helping others.

Our sincere appreciation,
Norma Jean & Bill Davis
Blomington, MN

From: John Fassbender [<mailto:johnfassbender1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 5:02 PM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: City Council & Edina Transportation Commission--In support of Living Streets

Dear Edina City Council Members:

I have been a resident of Edina for over 20 years and have lived at my current address at 6020 Halifax Avenue South for the past 12 years. I truly enjoy living in Edina because of the strong sense of community, robust civic pride, lovely surroundings and safe environment.

Safety along West 58th street is important, but the fact that it is a main thoroughfare to Pamala Park, Concord, Normandale and Southview Schools makes the safety concern even more critical. With that in mind, recently our neighborhood participated in a walking tour of West 58th Street. Our concerns were as follows:

1. No speed limit signs
2. No sidewalks
3. No bike lanes
4. No cross walks entering the park
5. Traffic exceeding the speed limit

One of the most admirable qualities I find with the leadership of the city of Edina is the strong desire to 'do the right thing' for the citizens. Please look into these concerns on our behalf.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John G. Fassbender

Subject: Special Assessment Policy

The Honorable James Hovland, Mayor
Members of the Edina City Council
City Manager Neal
City Finance Director Wallin
City Engineer Houle

My name is Jeremiah Kearney. My wife Pam and I have lived at 5420 Woodcrest Drive since 1988. Our Minnehaha Woods neighborhood had its streets and sewers reconstructed in 2011 and our final assessment hearing is coming up this fall. I'm writing to request that the City reconsider the retroactive effective date of the Special Assessment Policy that was adopted on August 6 and retain the Sept. 2010 policy that assessment changes apply to projects that have not yet been assessed.

The STRIB reported the assessment policy change a few days after the City adopted the policy. It briefly mentioned that the retroactive effective date was caused by municipal bond restrictions. On Saturday night, August 11, by happenstance in the lull between Olympic events, I watched the August 6 Edina City Council meeting on community TV. One of the first questions raised by Mayor Hovland and a council member (I think Member Swenson) was the retroactive effective date. Manager Neal deferred to Finance Director Wallin who explained that a previously adopted Bond Resolution No. ??? precluded retroactive changes in the assessment policy. This position precluded Minnehaha Woods from obtaining the benefit of the August 2012 policy changes.

Since it seemed improbable to me that a final bond resolution could be passed before the final assessment hearing was held this fall to establish the final project costs, I left a voice mail for Mr. Wallin on Monday, August 13, requesting that he provide me with a copy of the relevant Bond Resolution and expressing my concern about the 2012 change in the retroactive effective date from the Sept 2010 policy that excluded our neighborhood from the benefit of the changes and, more particularly, my concern that we would not get the benefit of the 1% reduction in Edina's increased interest rate over the bond rate set forth in para. 7 b. of the 2012 policy. Mr. Wallin promptly called me back and I interpreted him to say that no bond restrictions precluded Edina from making the 2012 policy changes retroactive to any improvements that have not been finally assessed and that the Council could establish the retroactive date at its discretion. City Finance Director Wallin further told me that he (and the city or bond attorney) had communicated this change of position to the Mayor and the Council and that he expected that the Council would be taking up the matter at its August 21 meeting.

Unfortunately, I'll be out of town on the date and cannot be at the Council meeting. Therefore, I respectfully request that the City exercise its discretion and revise the retroactive effective date of the 2012 special assessment policy changes to retain in place the principle set forth in the September 2010 policy that:

The new policy will not be retroactive to projects that have already been assessed.

This retroactive date assures that all similarly situated Edina residents (i.e. the residents who have not been assessed for their improvements) will be assessed pursuant to the same principles.

Thank you in advance for considering my request. Jeremiah Kearney cell no. 612--916-7730.

To the Edina City Council:

I am a resident of the Halifax/Grimes Neighborhood. I have lived in my home for over 8 years. I grew up in Edina and am an Edina High School graduate. My husband (also an Edina graduate) and I moved back to Edina in order to provide a safe environment to raise our two children. We take pride in our Edina up-bringing and are so glad that we can provide that for our children.

I went on a Walking Audit on Sunday August 12th with my 9 year old daughter, some neighbors and Flynn from do-town. We walked from the intersection of Halifax and W. 58th street to Wooddale and W. 58th St.. This is a common route for my family, as we go to school, Pamela Park, and to visit with friends and family using that throughway. I also often run on that road. My children are of age that they like to bike and walk to the park and the Neighborhood Ice Cream Shop. Unfortunately, they are not able to do that safely on W. 58th St, between Halifax and Wooddale. There is no sidewalk to safely travel on. There is no speed limit sign. There is no crosswalk to the entrance to Pamela Park. There is no bike lane. Cars drive quickly. Due to this, we take the car.

This route is an ideal situation for implementing a Living Streets Policy that would improve the walkability of my neighborhood. My children and family would be safer as they travel W. 58th Street.

If my neighborhood were composed of "Living Streets," my family would be able to safely walk to the park, travel to school, and feel safe on W. 58th street between Halifax and Wooddale.

Thank for you're your time and commitment to creating a healthier community and making our neighborhoods more walkable.

Sincerely,

Kia Blumenthal and family

Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission- In Support of Living Streets

August 16, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to our continued distress over the lack of sidewalks, and the overall dangerous condition W. 58th Street in Edina presents to my family, our neighbors, and all Edina residents. We have lived in the Grimes/ Halifax neighborhood for more than seven years. While we love our home and our neighbors, we often feel as though we are on an island; trapped between the dangers of France Avenue on one side, and W. 58th Street on the other.

My family and I are very active, and we enjoy taking walks, running, and biking. Unfortunately, due to the condition of W. 58th, we find ourselves going to other, more safe areas for our activities. On a typical day, it is easy to count 10 or more cars speeding down 58th Street. --Though you can't exactly blame drivers, as there are no speed limit signs. When cars drive by, we often have to walk/ride bicycles/push strollers up onto the grass, as there is not a safe distance available between ourselves and oncoming traffic. We are so glad to have friendly neighbors that don't get angry that we are trampling their grass!

I realize money is tight for all areas of government, including city budgets. However, I feel as though this street is an accident waiting to happen. If it were not for the close eye we keep on both our own children, and our neighbors' children, I am sure we would not be so "lucky". It is our hope to turn W. 58th Street into a living street. Not in 2016, but as soon as possible. Simple changes, from speed limit signs, to bike lanes, will help to make this street more safe, and keep our children safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Dalton

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 8:33 AM
To: Ann Braden; Courtney Whited; 'Jennifer Janovy'; Katherine Bass; 'Michael Thompson'; 'Nathan Franzen'; 'Paul Nelson'; Steven Schweiger; Surya Iyer; Tom LaForce
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Edina City Council

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members and also the Transportation Commission members.



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From: Gary Freie [<mailto:gary.freie@vomela.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 7:53 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council

Council members,

I live in the Cornelia neighborhood and I'm concerned with the France Ave. proposed project. 8 foot sidewalks, wider medium, Planters and narrowed lanes. Please think about the impact that will have on traffic flow on France along with all streets that intersect with it. With all the recent developments and proposed additional developments being talked about in the Southdale area, France is the main artery through the whole area, the last thing that should happen is narrowed roadways.

every roadway that has ever been narrowed has cause increased congestion. Look what happen to Excelsior Blvd. in St. Louis Park, it looks nice but it is a traffic night mare and safety hazard after being narrowed and beautified, it was once a nice wide open easy flowing blvd. with parking. Think about winter and snow which further narrows roadways. How many people walk on France does that justify 8 foot sidewalks that's a very wide for a sidewalk. Sometimes projects like this sound good and look could on paper but sometimes the best solution is to use plan common sense. Consultants and Project planners always paint a rosy picture that is not always the best for the people that have to live and use the area. Growing and developing an area and restricting roadways never ever makes sense.

Thank you
Gary Freie

Gary Freie

444 Fillmore Ave. East

St Paul, MN 55107

Direct: 651-523-9709 **Cell:** 952-270-1795

Email: gary.freie@vomela.com



Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 9:31 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Consolidating and organizing solid waste collection in Edina
Importance: High



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From: Joan Wierzba [<mailto:jwierzba@comcast.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 9:24 AM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swwensonann@gmail.com
Cc: Scott Neal
Subject: Consolidating and organizing solid waste collection in Edina
Importance: High

Mayor and City Council Members,

I live in the Mendelssohn neighborhood and our roadway will be reconstructed in 2013. Although I am not happy about the cost, the road does need to be reconstructed. What I am unhappy about is the number and weight of the rubbish and recycling trucks that go up/down our streets weekly. Why go through the trouble of reconstructing streets and then allow such big and heavy trucks to travel our roads weekly? Over time they take a toll on the roads. I am urging Edina to consider limiting the number of rubbish trucks from our streets. Why not contract with just one for the whole city or even consider dividing up the city into areas and give each rubbish company a contract for that area (that is if you don't want to limit the city to just one company). I understand some Twin Cities communities already have or have recently decided on this approach. It possibly could be a cost savings for the residents and would definitely be a savings for our roads. I have contacted Scott Neal about this issue and he suggested I contact you directly.

Thank you,

Joan Wierzba
6217 Belmore Lane
Edina
952-931-0855

Aug 9, 2012

Mr. James Hovland, Mayor
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, Minnesota 55424

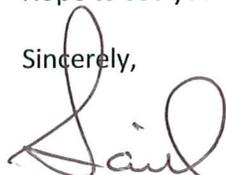
Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am enclosing an announcement of Mr. David Cobb's speaking engagement here in Edina Sunday Aug 19.

Mr. Cobb has been instrumental in the Move to Amend organization and the Citizens United issue. He is a gifted speaker and his talk will provide some additional background to the resolution now making its way to the Council.

Hope to see you there that evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laird".

Laird W. Beaver
5624 Melody Lake Drive
Edina, Minn. 55436



Undermining our Democracy

The Impact of Corporate Constitutional Rights

Featuring David Cobb

The Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United ruling said that corporations have a constitutionally protected right to unlimited campaign spending and that this spending is the same as free speech. When "money is speech" corporations have a huge megaphone which drowns out the voices of **We the People**. David Cobb is a constitutional scholar and eloquent spokesperson for Move to Amend, a national movement calling for a constitutional amendment (movetoamend.org). Sponsored by Move to Amend. Cosponsors: Common Cause Minnesota, Women Against Military Madness and Vets for Peace



When: Sunday, August 19

Time: 3:00 pm

Where: Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
5730 Grove Street
Edina, MN

From: Luterbach, Edward [<mailto:Edward.Luterbach@ecolab.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:53 AM

To: Edina Mail

Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission -- In Support of Living Streets

My name is Ed Luterbach. I have a family of five that relocated to Edina in 1994. Since then we have enjoyed all that Edina has to offer (schools, parks, proximity to Minneapolis, and great neighbors). Based on my experience, I want to help Edina continue to be one of the best cities to live in Minnesota.

Recently, a group of neighbors performed a walking audit beginning at Halifax Avenue South and traveling west on 58th Street to Wooddale Avenue. Here are some of the key things we noticed on the walk:

1. No speed limit signs posted on W. 58th Street.
2. No pedestrian-friendly way to get access to the schools (Concord, Normandale and Southview)
3. No crosswalk near the tennis courts or the Pamela Park entrance at W. 58th Street.
4. No sidewalks.
5. No bike lanes.
6. Cars drive quickly on W. 58th Street.

This stretch of road represents an ideal situation where implementing a Living Streets policy will improve the bike and walk ability of my neighborhood. My wife and/or I walk down 58th several times a week and improvements to this area would have a big impact on the neighborhood. My family could more safely and easily navigate W. 58th Street by foot or on bikes by having sidewalks and bike lanes. Cars would hopefully slow down to posted (low) speeds. Crosswalks would provide a clear space in which to cross the street. I could send my 3 children off to school and on other adventures without having so much fear of them traveling on W. 58th Street.

Thank you for your service on the City Council and the Transportation Commission. I look forward to working with you to make Edina a better place to live.

Sincerely,
Ed Luterbach

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 8:49 AM
To: Lisa Schaefer
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: THANK YOU!



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From: Maggie Knack [<mailto:maggie.knack@comcast.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 3:47 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: THANK YOU!

To All Members of the Edina Human Rights & Relations Commission:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU (yes, I'm shouting) for announcing today your statement urging our citizens to vote "NO" on the proposed same-sex marriage amendment on the ballot in Minnesota this fall. I am so very proud to be a resident of the great City of Edina, Minn., and I applaud your efforts to protect equal human rights for all people.

Please keep up the good work you are doing, and please help us further educate all of our citizens to be fair-minded and open-hearted about this major social injustice that is currently being debated in our great state. I truly believe that it is education and factual information that helps cure ignorance and irrational fear in our society. Please continue to provide more information that will help curb religious intolerance, ignorance and bigotry, and help everyone understand that being compassionate and open to diversity is the only way for all of us to live together in freedom and in peace. Please inform our citizens that allowance of homosexual marriage does NOT in any way harm or negatively affect anyone's heterosexual marriage, nor does it negatively impact "family values" or the safety of anyone's children. (There is absolutely no correlation between homosexuality and pedophilia, which is what some of our misguided politicians -- yes, even in Edina -- are teaching to children and uninformed parents. Please do NOT let this happen in Edina's good schools!) In fact, by recognizing and protecting equal rights for all citizens and by allowing committed and loving same-sex couples to marry, we will only strengthen and unite positive values for ALL families.

Thank you again for your wise work on this topic, and I am so happy that we moved to Edina! Please let me know if you need help on your commission, especially as we get closer to November. I would be honored to join your team. You may also want to consider being among the first few major cities joining *Minnesotans United for All Families* (www.mnunited.org) as a full coalition partner, because you'll be in very good company. Perhaps that can be your next press release! ☺

Kind regards,
--Maggie Knack

Maggie P. Knack
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952-929-9025
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 8:16 AM
To: Ann Braden; Courtney Whited; 'Jennifer Janovy'; Katherine Bass; 'Michael Thompson'; 'Nathan Franzen'; 'Paul Nelson'; Steven Schweiger; Surya Iyer; Tom LaForce
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission -- In Support of Living Streets

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From: Teresa Luterbach [<mailto:tluterbach@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:34 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission -- In Support of Living Streets

My name is Teresa Luterbach. My family of 5 has lived at 5913 Halifax Avenue South since 1994. Our beautiful neighborhood is in a convenient location to area schools, parks, and shopping. We have great neighbors of all ages from newborns to original homeowners approaching 100 years old! We frequently walk and bike to all points in Edina and beyond.

Recently, a group of neighbors performed a walking audit beginning at Halifax Avenue South and traveling west on 58th Street to Wooddale Avenue. Here are some of the key things we noticed on the walk:

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Thank you to all of you serving on the City Council and the Transportation Commission for your time and commitment to create a healthier community by making our neighborhoods more walkable and livable.

Sincerely,
Teresa Luterbach

Subject: Walkable street-58th between Wooddale and France

Hello Honorable Council Women and Men,

My name is Ben Lazarus and I live with my family at 5929 Halifax Avenue South. We have lived in our house for over five years. While we initially missed the lakes of Minneapolis, we quickly realized all wonderful things that Edina had to offer. We have enjoyed the educational system, the great community events such as the 4th of July parade, and for me, it is close to my job at Centennial Lakes.

On Sunday I attended a Walking Audit led by Flynn from do.town. We are concerned with West 58th Street between France & Wooddale Avenues. A very important aspect of our family life is exercising together. For us to access good walking and running streets, we need to go on West 58th Street. There are no bike lanes or sidewalks on this street. There are no pedestrian sidewalks and no posted speed limit. Cars fly down that street at too fast of speeds and come within a few feet of my family.

If West 58th Street was a "Living Street," I would feel more at ease in teaching my children about this healthy lifestyle choice. I would feel comfortable having my daughter bike with me. At this point, she does not have a way to bike to her school at Concord. Living just over a mile away from her school and without having to cross any major intersections, this does not feel right to me.

Thank you to the Edina Transportation Commission and Edina City Council for your time and your commitment to creating a healthier community for our residents by making our neighborhoods more walkable.

Sincerely,

Ben

Ben Lazarus, CFA | Director, Institutional Relationships

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From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 8:48 AM
To: Ann Braden; Courtney Whited; 'Jennifer Janovy'; Katherine Bass; 'Michael Thompson'; 'Nathan Franzen'; 'Paul Nelson'; Steven Schweiger; Surya Iyer; Tom LaForce
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission– In support of Living Streets

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-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas Rose [<mailto:douglas.rose@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 3:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission– In support of Living Streets

Good afternoon,

My name is Doug Rose. I am a 10 year resident of Edina at 5800 Halifax Avenue South at the corner of 58th and Halifax. It's a great neighborhood with easy access to Pamela Park, but traffic remains a significant and dangerous problem.

The speed on 58th Street is the primary problem. Nine years ago we requested the city conduct an audit and the findings were that a significant percentage (>10%) travel more than 10 miles per hour faster than the (unposted) speed limit of 35 mph. This limit is the same as 4 lane York Avenue (south of 62nd) and substantially faster than 70th Street which is similarly classified. I strongly urge significant traffic calming measures including both a lower speed limit to 25 and a stopsign at the corner of 58th and Pamela Park. I would also support a bike/walking lane similar to what is on 58th to the east of France.

Another traffic issue is rush hour traffic using Grimes Lane/Halifax Avenue as a bypass to the light at 58th and France. I would like to request consideration of making Halifax Avenue South at 58th Street a cul de sac.

The combination of these two issues creates a dangerous situation for our pre-school and elementary school aged children.

Thank you for re-considering our concerns. I appreciate your public service and efforts to make Edina safer and more livable. Please contact me at 952-564-4860 if you would like additional feedback.

Doug Rose

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:03 AM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: att:council members

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From: Jean Wallace [<mailto:bathalum@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 8:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: att:council members

I have read with interest the article in the Sun Current about the proposed building at W 65th and France Avenue because I live at 4015 W 65th street. There is very heavy traffic on this street from the exiting cars off the Crosstown, from the new large Twin Cities Orthopedics garage and the hospital garage. I choose to make a left turn from our drive on W 65th to Valley View rather than turn right and become involved in the auto confusion on France. I can imagine what another building and garage will do. It would be worthwhile for a count to be made of the exiting from the three garages on this small street.

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Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:12 PM
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission– In support of Living Streets

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From: Erica Nowak [<mailto:erican1919@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 11:16 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Transportation Commission– In support of Living Streets

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Erica Nowak and I have been a resident with my husband and three children (ages five, seven, and nine) at 6009 Halifax Ave. S. for three years. I love living in Edina because of its proximity to Minneapolis and its high quality schools.

During the Walking Audit on W. 58th Street between Halifax Ave. S. and Wooddale Ave., we noticed several things that make it difficult to walk and bike safely with my kids to Concord, which is their school, and Pamela Park, which is our closest park. We noticed a lack of speed limit signs, so drivers were racing down the street. There is not a bike lane or sidewalk along W. 58th Street. There is also not a safe way to cross W. 58th Street, because there are not any crosswalks or pedestrian signs. I run and/or walk on this street daily and feel uneasy every time. I would love if Edina would implement the Living Streets Policy so that my family could walk and bike more safely and easily to school and the park.

If W. 58th Street were composed of Living Streets, I would walk and bike with my kids to school more often, rather than take the bus. I would also be more likely to use Pamela Park more if there were a safer route to get there.

Thank you for your time and commitment to create a healthier community by making our neighborhoods more walkable and livable.

Sincerely,
Erica Nowak
612-281-4200

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 12:58 PM
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From: Kara Joy Lazarus [<mailto:kara@thinkpinkideas.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 10:03 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Edina City Council & Edina Transportation Commission - In Support of Living Streets!

Hello,

My name is Kara Lazarus and I have been a resident of Edina for over five years. I live at 5929 Halifax Avenue South with my husband, 5 year old daughter, and 1 year old son. We love all that Edina has to offer from the great parks, our fun neighbors, and the easy access to downtown Minneapolis and the airport. Our daughter will start Kindergarten at Concord in just a few weeks and we are anxious to become immersed in our fabulous public school system.

We recently completed a Walking Audit with Flynn from do.town. Residents in our neighborhood are very concerned with the stretch of road on West 58th Street between France & Wooddale Avenues. We are a very active family, especially when it comes to walking and running. I feel it is unsafe for us on West 58th as there is no sidewalk or bike lane. My family walks single file on West 58th, but traffic still comes too close to us. Traffic goes quickly, especially when traveling East due to the large downhill section. We also have a lot of traffic on West 58th with residents using Pamela Park. We would benefit from having a 4-way stop sign at West 58th & Philbrook at the entrance to the park. We do not have any pedestrian crosswalks nor is there a posted speed limit. I believe the speed limit is 35 mph, but that feels excessive for our neighborhood. Rush hours times are the worst as residents cut through on West 58th to avoid the 50th & France intersection.

If West 58th Street was a "Living Street," I would feel more comfortable running and walking and wouldn't feel as compelled to drive to the lakes in Minneapolis. I would ask my 5 year old to accompany me more often with these activities. It would give me the opportunity to show her at an early age how important it is for us to make positive, healthy life choices. In addition, I would consider riding my bike with her to Concord. I do not feel the street is appropriate for that at this time.

I want to thank both the Edina Transportation Commission and Edina City Council for your time and your commitment to creating a healthier community for our residents by making our neighborhoods more walkable.

Sincerely,
Kara Joy Lazarus

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Subject: Edina Housing Statistics - July 2012

Good Morning, Mayor Hovland and Members of the Council –

Attached please find the most recent housing statistics from the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS®, for the City of Edina and the Twin Cities metro area as a whole. This report describes our market in July 2012. Please let me know if you have any questions.

As a reminder, if you are interested in seeing more in-depth statistics and figures for your city, or other cities and counties in the metro – please feel free to check out our online statistical reports at www.mplsrealtor.com. **The Thing**, our interactive market analytics tool, is very useful, as it offers many choices of variables for your review. Check it out here: <http://thething.mplsrealtor.com/>

(August 10, 2012) – Looking strictly at the numbers, 2012 has signified a market in recovery. Consumer confidence is a large component of this. Buyers have confidently been borrowing at historically low rates to purchase highly affordable inventory. Sellers have been more reluctant, mostly put off by weak price movement. That's driven housing supply levels down to nearly nine-year lows. Combine this with a sales mix shifting away from foreclosures, and prices have risen for five consecutive months. The median sales price was up 14.3 percent to \$179,950. That's the largest gain since January 2004 and the fifth consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Struggling to find high-quality, move-in-ready inventory, buyers are thirsty for listings. Sellers introduced 5,851 new listings to the market, 1.9 percent more than July 2011. Leading the charge, traditional sellers listed 10.9 percent more homes than last year. The number of homes for sale has dropped for 18 consecutive months, down 30.9 percent from last July to 16,806 active listings – marking the lowest inventory reading for any month since December 2003.

Distressed sales accounted for 33.9 percent of all new listings and 34.1 percent of all closed sales. That's the lowest share for closed sales since August 2008. Breaking down activity by market segment, the traditional median home price was up 6.1 percent to \$217,700, foreclosure prices were up 10.9 percent to \$122,000, while short sales lagged, down 4.4 percent to \$129,000. Traditional homes sold for 78.4 percent more than foreclosures/

"We're especially pleased to see seller confidence rise and the role of distressed properties fall," said Cari Linn, President of the Minneapolis Area Association of REALTORS® (MAAR).

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Local Market Update – July 2012

A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®



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Twin Cities Region

+ 1.9%

+ 14.6%

+ 14.3%

Change in
New Listings

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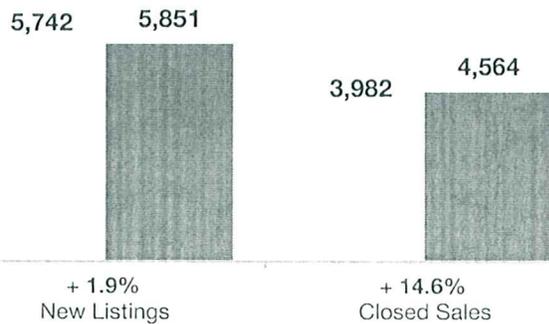
Change in
Median Sales Price

	July			Year to Date		
	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	5,742	5,851	+ 1.9%	44,815	42,324	- 5.6%
Closed Sales	3,982	4,564	+ 14.6%	23,248	27,413	+ 17.9%
Median Sales Price*	\$157,500	\$179,950	+ 14.3%	\$150,000	\$163,000	+ 8.7%
Average Sales Price*	\$200,575	\$221,992	+ 10.7%	\$192,549	\$204,455	+ 6.2%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$95	\$106	+ 10.7%	\$93	\$98	+ 5.3%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	91.7%	95.0%	+ 3.6%	90.2%	93.5%	+ 3.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	146	106	- 27.7%	153	127	- 17.2%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	24,316	16,806	- 30.9%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	7.6	4.3	- 43.9%	--	--	--

* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

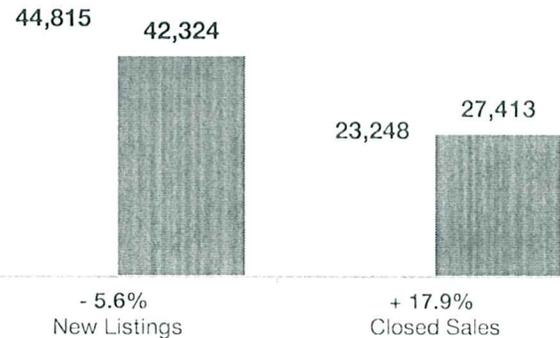
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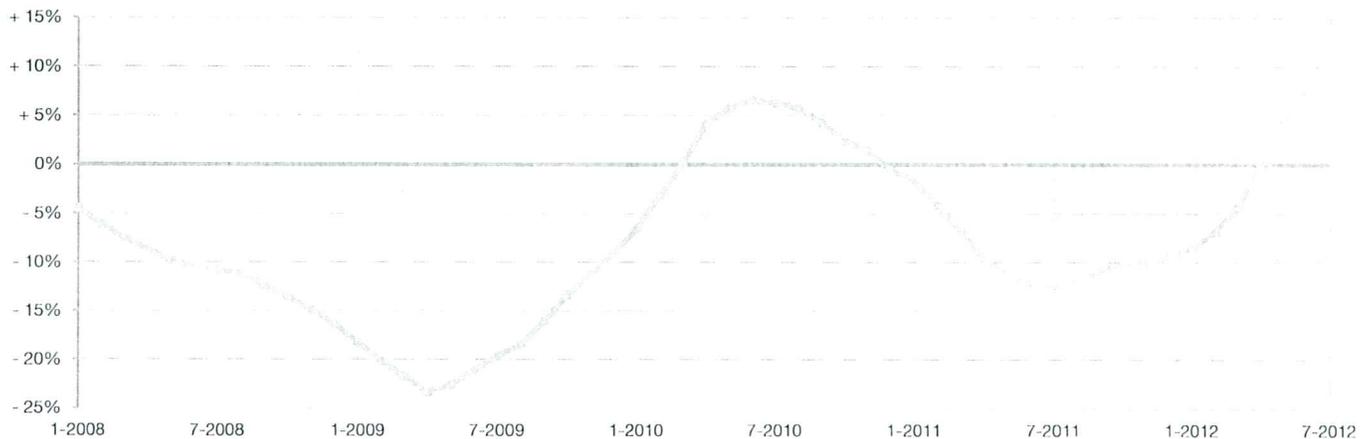
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Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)**

Twin Cities Region



** Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each dot represents the change in price from the prior year's median sales price, not the current year's median sales price. All data comes from the Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc. | Powered by iMIS Real Estate & Marketing | www.imis.com

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- 17.1%

+ 70.0%

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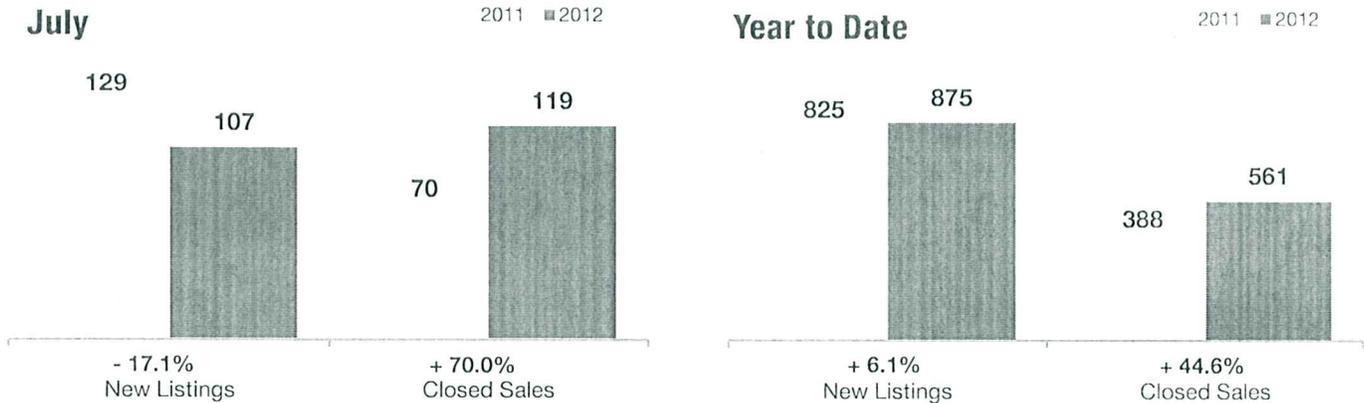
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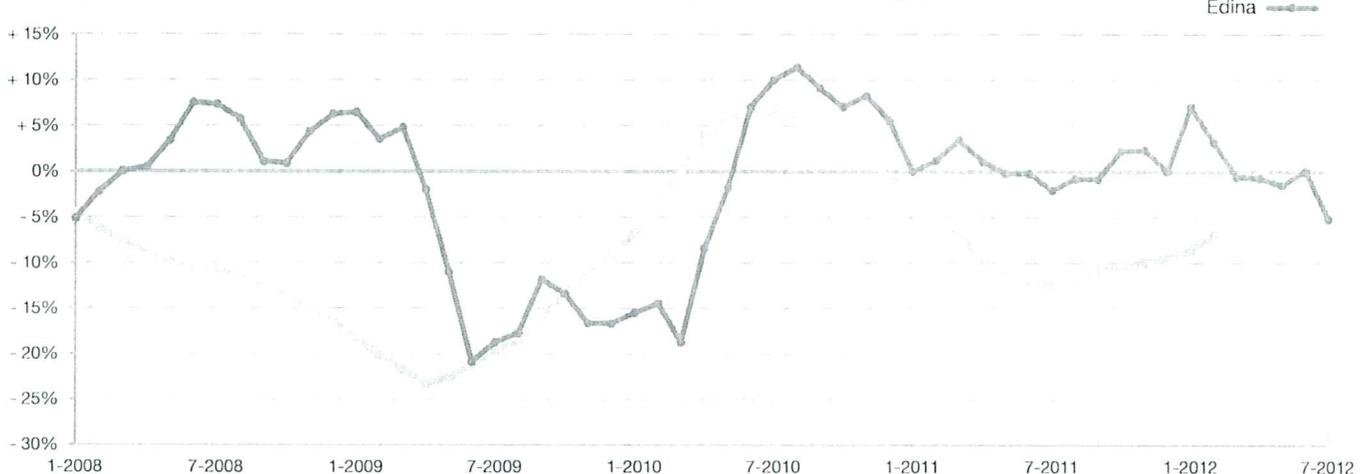
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	July			Year to Date		
	2011	2012	+ / -	2011	2012	+ / -
New Listings	129	107	- 17.1%	825	875	+ 6.1%
Closed Sales	70	119	+ 70.0%	388	561	+ 44.6%
Median Sales Price*	\$373,000	\$333,500	- 10.6%	\$350,000	\$335,000	- 4.3%
Average Sales Price*	\$451,233	\$398,472	- 11.7%	\$449,644	\$428,496	- 4.7%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$166	\$166	- 0.1%	\$162	\$159	- 2.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	92.8%	93.5%	+ 0.8%	90.5%	92.4%	+ 2.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	155	115	- 25.4%	159	144	- 9.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	479	341	- 28.8%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	8.5	4.5	- 46.5%	--	--	--

* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for the month can sometimes vary, especially due to local market conditions.



Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)**



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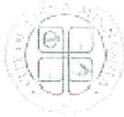
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Subject: Community Garden Resolution

I live at the corner of Grove St. and Tracy Av. For over 15 years I have designed and developed perennial gardens on our property with sustainable practices. I've always grown a few vegetables. Through my landscape gardens, I've met my neighbors and my community. I've learned alot and shared alot about not only plants but also people and their gardening goals, ambitions, dreams. By being a gardener, I have become more physically, emotionally and mentally secure in my neighborhood. This year, I planted my first 'serious' vegetable garden: three raised beds in my front yard. The response from neighbors, walkers passing by, drivers who stop, has been tremendous and only positive. Curiosity gave way to enthusiasm for both my vegetable efforts and for their own. The old adage is true: Everybody talks to a gardener.

This past July my gardens were on the Edina Garden Council tour. The tourists spent as much time around my vegetable beds as viewing my perennial garden beds. The enthusiasm for raising vegetables and the curiosity of how to construct and use raised beds was unmutted.

I urge you to support community gardens. Gardening improves the environment, improves physical health/mental health, reduces stress, increases self esteem , promotes creativity and problem solving, enhances nutrition and nutritional knowledge, and establishes community bonds and spirit. Community gardens bring people face to face in shared and expanding circumstances and conversation. Gardening is recreation, providing a safe space with built in motivation to exercise and educational opportunities. It increases exercise and skill building opportunities for children while expanding their environmental, ecological and scientific knowledge. For the older citizen, it can improve stamina, maintain flexibility, and become strength training to prevent osteoporosis. For everyone it can be a tool in changing obesity rates and making healthier life style choices.

Models for organizing community gardens exist in other communities. Community gardens can be simple affairs, grown on poor soil or asphalt with grow bags or raised beds. These new approaches not only expand the places a garden can be established from the restrictions of traditional in ground gardens, but they allow for seasonal temporary gardens, a movable feast. Classes on soil and vegetable growing are already available through the community education system and the public library. Mentors and master gardeners can be identified for gardeners' assistance. It could be so easy for our city to join what has become a national movement of community gardens and urban agriculture. If the opportunity to use a community garden existed, I would be a participant on whatever level my skills allowed; I would certainly vie for a plot!

Thank you for reading this e-mail, and for considering community gardening for Edina. I strongly urge you to adopt a community garden resolution. If you would like to discuss this email, or hear more of my enthusiasm for community gardening! you can reach me at this e-mail address or at [952-927-8065](tel:952-927-8065).

Liz Klaver
5701 Grove Street
Edina MN 55436

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 11:23 AM
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Health Committee-In Support of Community Gardens

This message has been forwarded to all members of the City Council.



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From: Cheryl Gunness [<mailto:CherylGunness@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Health Committee-In Support of Community Gardens

I have had a vegetable garden in the front yard of my home for over 10 years. In addition, I have helped establish the produce garden at Highlands Elementary school and a Window Farm at South View Middle School in Edina.

Because I have seen first-hand the power and potential of community gardens, I urge you to consider and adopt a Community Garden Resolution for Edina, similar to this draft from the Public Health Law Center:

<http://publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/ship-fs-wwcommunitygarden-2011.pdf>

My son Eli is allergic to both peanuts and soy products. My interest in gardening initially grew from a need to find healthy, safe and nutritious foods for him to eat. I do believe that encouraging more residents to pay closer attention to the food they eat, and to grow more of their own food, will improve nutrition and health in our community. And beyond the obvious health benefits, I have learned that gardening in community environments strengthens and builds connections between neighbors. Whenever I am in my front yard garden or in the school gardens, neighbors both young and old, both walking and driving by, always stop to chat about the garden, ask me questions, and share their own stories. I almost never know the answer, but I have been inspired and learned a lot from chatting with my neighbors. I enjoy that these gardens have become gathering places for neighbors in our community. I think that we could use more of these beautiful, powerful, engaging places in our community.

Thank you for your time and for your efforts to create a healthier community. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Cheryl Gunness
5728 Abbott Ave So
Edina, MN 55410
952-929-5890 (h)

Susan Howl

From: Emilie Kastner on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 8:59 AM
Subject: FW: City Council and Edina Health Committee – In support of Community Gardens

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From: Livingston Family [<mailto:tjehlhome@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 11:22 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: City Council and Edina Health Committee – In support of Community Gardens

To whom it may concern:

I am an Edina resident and parent of two children in the Edina Public Schools. I have been privileged to be involved with the implementation of several school gardens at Highlands Elementary, including a produce garden which is in its second summer growing season. Students learn so much when they put a seed in the ground - life cycles, how to feed themselves, how to share our resources - it has been an amazing experience to watch this garden enrich the lives of students and families.

I fully support the implementation of a Community Garden Resolution by the Edina City Council. I believe it will send the message to the many interested parties in Edina that their work is valued and will be supported.

Gardening as a community activity produces so many positive results - it's an intergenerational, multi-cultural activity that benefits the health and nutrition of participants. The benefits for health and nutrition are many; gardening keeps us active and provides nutritious food at a lower cost. Everyone benefits!

Please support this movement toward community gardening. Thank you for serving our community and making Edina a healthy place to grow.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Livingston
4544 Parkside Lane
Edina, MN 55436

Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:03 AM
To: Cary Teague
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: att:council members

Good morning,

This message has been forwarded to the Mayor and Council members and Cary Teague.



Lynette Biunno, Receptionist

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From: Jean Wallace [<mailto:bathalum@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 8:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: att:council members

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Susan Howl

From: James Hovland
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 1:09 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Nomination
Attachments: HOTY.docx



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From: Marc Faubert [<mailto:marc.faubert@westinedinagalleria.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 1:03 PM
To: James Hovland
Subject: FW: Nomination

I rechecked and noticed I left off the attachment.

Please call me at your convenience.

Stay well.

Marc

**MARC
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General Manager

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From: Marc Faubert [<mailto:marc.faubert@westinedinagalleria.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 10:28 AM
To: 'James Hovland (jhovland@ci.edina.mn.us)'
Subject: Nomination

Mr. Mayor –

This is the follow up to the voicemail I left in your office today. Attached is an informational document outlining information on some of the criteria the Minnesota Lodging Association is looking at. I have also included the link to the online form where the nomination is input.

As I mentioned in the voicemail, it would be appreciated if you speak to the benefits the hotel has brought to the city since its opening.

I look forward to speaking to you.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=oLGu9ihsfzIfYwhGQ7hI8w%3d%3d#q1>

Stay well.

Marc

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U.S. News and World Report | Best Hotels Ranking 2011
Star Tribune | Top Workplaces 2011
MN Sun Newspapers | Reader's Choice Awards - Best Hotel 2012
Mpls St Paul Magazine | The Great Minnesota Bucket List 2012
TripAdvisor | Certificate of Excellence 2012

The Minnesota Lodging Association's (MLA) "Property of the Year" Awards were established as a means of recognizing lodging properties that illustrate exemplary business leadership.

This award honors member lodging properties that:

- Currently are a MLA member
- Provide outstanding customer service
- Continually exceed guest expectations
- Distinguish themselves as leaders in the industry
- Distinguish themselves as leaders in the community

The Westin Edina Galleria provides outstanding customer service and continually exceeds guest expectations.

- In both 2010 & 2011, the Westin Edina Galleria was ranked the #1 Westin in North America in Overall Guest Satisfaction on Starwood's Guest Satisfaction Index.
- In 2010, the Westin Edina Galleria was ranked #1 of all Starwood brands in North America.
- Through June 2012, the Westin Edina Galleria was ranked the #1 Westin worldwide in Guest Loyalty in Starwood's Guest Experience Index (new measures for 2012).
- The Westin Edina Galleria has received many prestigious awards from industry publications, including:
 - Twin Cities Business Magazine - Top Business Hotels 2011
 - U.S. News and World Report - Best Hotels Ranking 2011
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The Westin Edina Galleria is a leader in the industry

- The Westin Edina Galleria team earned the Pre-Opening Sales Team Of The Year award in 2009.
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- The Westin Edina Galleria was listed among the Star Tribune's list of Top Workplaces in 2011.
- The Westin Edina Galleria has been honored with the AAA Four Diamond Award - AAA Travel each year from 2009 - 2012.
- The Westin Edina Galleria had the highest Starwood Preferred Guest usage in the company from 2010-11 and year to date in 2012.
- The Westin Edina Galleria has seen revenue per available room increases of double digits the past 2 years, lead by ADR increases of over \$18.
- The Westin Edina Galleria offers extensive Associate Programs, in addition to

a comprehensive medical/dental program, including:

- 401K with match
- Flex Spending accounts
- Life/short & long term disability insurance
- Performance incentive programs
- On-site Weight Watchers program with associate reimbursement
- Free yearly flu shot program

The Westin Edina Galleria is a member of many professional programs

- Minnesota Lodging Association (MLA) – Board of Directors
- Greater Minneapolis Hotel Associations (GMHA) – Executive
- Meeting Planners International (MPI) – Membership Chair
- American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) – member
- Twin Cities Hospitality Professional Association (TCHPA) – member
- Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) – member
- National Association of Catering Events (NACE) – member
- International Special Events Society (ISES) – member
- North Central Business Travel Association (NCBTA) – member
- National Concierge Association (NCA) - member

The Westin Edina Galleria is a leader in the community

- Community Organizations – participate in events or actively support
- Normandale College – Hospitality Advisory Board
- Bloomington Chamber of Commerce – member
- Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Gala - sponsor
- Edina Chamber of Commerce – member
- Wings Financial – Advisory Board
- Host Second Harvest Vintner's Ball- sponsor
- Host Open Arms of Minnesota - sponsor
- Hope Chest for Breast Cancer
- Global Soap Project
- Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP)
- Bridging
- R.O.S.E. Program/DCS
- Cornerstone's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
- National Multiple Sclerosis Walk
- Puppy Pipeline Rescue of Georgia
- American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
- Dakota Woodlands Women's Shelter
- Animal Ark
- Emergency Food Shelf of Minnesota