

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IX. A.

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** March 3, 2015

**Subject:** Correspondence

**Action**   
**Discussion**   
**Information**

**Action Requested:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Lesa Brostuen <lesabrostuen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; James Hovland  
**Cc:** Joe Brostuen  
**Subject:** Consent Agenda, Item J. (Traffic Safety Report), Item A1  
**Attachments:** 20150217\_151110.jpg; 20150217\_151153.jpg

Good Afternoon,

I'm sending this to the mayor and council members in regards to the above referenced item on tonight's meeting agenda.

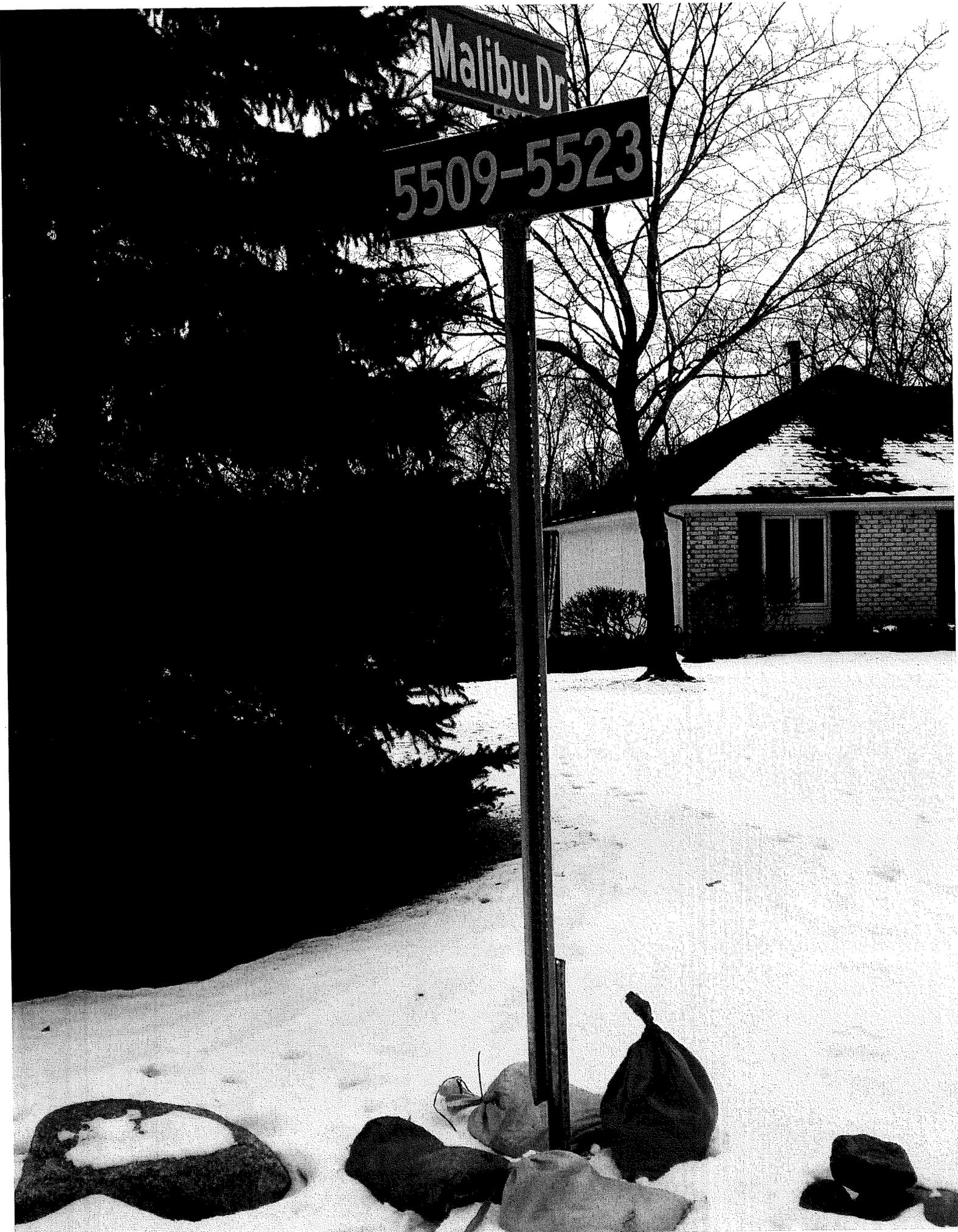
I am the resident who made the initial inquiry about a street sign with a distinct name for my circle. A sign was put up this morning with address numbers and I'm writing to ask that you consider it a temporary safety measure while my neighbors and I work to submit a petition for a name change. I am hopeful you will agree that this address number sign is not conducive with the neighborly atmosphere we hope for as residents of this community.

I'm also hoping the location of the sign will be temporary. I would like to see it moved across the road and be permanently placed under the light post (which I hope you can see in my second attachment).

Thank you,  
Lesa Brostuen  
612-916-5372

Malibu Dr

5509-5523





## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Kathryn Woolley <kathryn\_woolley@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Rename cul-de-sac on Malibu Drive

To Whom It May Concern-

It is my understanding that one of my neighbors would like you to rename our cul-de-sac on Malibu Drive. I am writing to let you know that I am totally in favor of renaming it. I am the only original homeowner still on the cul-de-sac and can definitely say that it has always been confusing for people trying to find our house-- having our cul-de-sac the same name as Malibu Drive. It always requires additional explanation whenever giving directions to our house and, even then, people usually overshoot the cul-de-sac because they assume it has a separate name. This has even happened with emergency vehicles.

Thank you for whatever you can do to have the name of our cul-de-sac changed.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Woolley  
5509 Malibu Drive  
Edina, MN 55436

phone: 952-935-0813

**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** NLC - National League of Cities <nlcmail@nlc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 9:43 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** 2 great reasons to come to D.C. early



## Two free events kick off The Congressional City Conference

Get more bang for your buck by joining us over the CCC weekend for two pre-conference events, included in your registration:

### **Forum Around the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness**

**Saturday, March 7th**

**2:00-5:00 p.m.**

With the federal goal of ending veteran homelessness rapidly approaching, this forum will give you the strategies and resources you need to take action at home. [Click here to learn more and register!](#)

### **Big Ideas for Small Cities**

**Sunday, March 8th**

**3:00-5:30 p.m.**

Hear six ways to think outside the box at this event highlighting creative solutions in smaller communities around the U.S. [Click here to learn more and register!](#)

*These events are included in your registration at no additional cost, but separate sign-up is required to reserve your spot.*

This message was intended for: [jhovland@edinamn.gov](mailto:jhovland@edinamn.gov)

You were added to the system January 20, 2015.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Day Without Violence <contact@daywithoutviolence.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Day Without Violence - September 29  
**Attachments:** City Proclamation - Edina.pdf

Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

I am the founding member of Day Without Violence, an organization that seeks to establish September 29, 2015 (if not every year thereafter) as the Edina Day Without Violence.

Establishing the Edina Day Without Violence is part of a coordinated effort to have each city within Minnesota establish a citywide day without violence on September 29, followed by a statewide day without violence on September 30, and the National Day Without Violence on October 1. On October 2, the United States, along with other countries of the world, will celebrate the U.N. International Day of Non-Violence, already established on October 2.

Will you please support this important objective by proclaiming September 29, 2015 as the Edina Day Without Violence?

For your convenience, I have attached a sample proclamation to this e-mail.

Best,

Mikel J. McLaughlin  
Founding Member

[Day Without Violence](#)  
 [Facebook](#)  [Twitter](#)

**PURPOSE:**

Our organization, Day Without Violence, seeks to establish September 29, 2015 (if not every year thereafter) as the Edina Day Without Violence.

Establishing the Edina Day Without Violence is part of a coordinated effort to have each city within Minnesota establish a citywide day without violence on September 29, followed by a statewide day without violence on September 30, and the National Day Without Violence on October 1. On October 2, the United States, along with the other countries of the world, will celebrate the U.N. International Day of Non-Violence, already established on October 2.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Whereas: Edina does not have a day to commemorate and encourage non-violence; and

Whereas: Other cities have established days/weeks to celebrate non-violence; and

Whereas: Edina values and strives for neighborhoods free from the harmful effects of violence; and

Whereas: Edina prides itself on being a leader and example to other communities; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having each city within Minnesota proclaim a citywide day without violence on September 29; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having each state proclaim a statewide day without violence on or about September 30; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having the United States proclaim a nationwide day without violence on October 1, to be known as the National Day Without Violence; and

Whereas: Minnesota, along with the rest of these United States, can join with other nations to celebrate, on October 2, the United Nations International Day of Non-Violence.

Now, Therefore, I, James Hovland, Mayor of Edina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 29, 2015, as the:

Edina Day Without Violence

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Shand, Tracy <tshand@maharam.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Weber Park Woods

Hi Edina!

I would like to throw in my two cents on the saving of the Weber park woods at 40<sup>th</sup> & France:

Please continue working with the offer to purchase the woods at Weber Park.

I love this area of our neighborhood – it is a little slice of northern MN at our fingertips.

The neighbors all congregate and the dogs can play. It is a delightful atmosphere and I think it is important to have access to this type of space in our city.

Thank you!  
Tracy Shand  
612.382.1116

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Adele Sargent Hersey <adelehersey@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** I'm writing a 2nd letter

about the Edina woods on France Av. My children all attended Morningside School, played in the woods, I walked dogs in the woods & loved walking through the woods. With all the tear-downs & great big houses being built in Morningside, I think it is a just plain pity to have the woods taken away & some more houses built! Keep the Woods! Adèle Hersey, 4412 Grimes Av So

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Nick Knighton <nick.knighton12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 6:45 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** The woods on 40th and France

To whom it may concern,

Hello!

My name is Nick Knighton and I am a senior currently attending Southwest High school. I have recently heard word that the beautiful woods located on 40th and France have been placed in a conversation with the plans of becoming a residential area.

I have loved these woods with a passion throughout my entire life to as long as I can remember. There have been countless amounts of imaginary worlds of fun created there and even more memories. The times that have been spent there throughout my life count for so many unmeasurable experiences that I wouldn't give up for any amount of money. If it is money that whomever would renovate these woods desire, I would be extremely willing upon starting a fundraiser and earning that money. Anything as long as this magical place remains intact.

Thank you very much!  
Nick Knighton

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jennifer Rowland <jenniferrowland@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:04 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Open Enrollment Priority to all Edina residents

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my support for a change in the current policy of the Edina School Board relating to open enrollment priority. I believe that you should assign priority open enrollment to Edina residents in the Hopkins school district over non-residents of Edina.

Thank you,

Jennifer Rowland  
6605 Dakota Trail  
Edina, MN 55439

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** BRH <burtonrandall@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:22 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Edina 273 Petition

Although I live in the so-called "new" Country Club/ Wooddale area of the Thorpe development of Edina south of 50th, not in the area that is in the Hopkins school district, I want to go on record as a long-time (40+ years) resident and regular voter as strongly sharing the legitimate concerns set forth by the several signers of the recent letter/e-mail you have received from members of the Edina273 group. I know that there are other voters situated like me who share their concerns. Unfortunately, unlike us, the people who live in Edina but are in the Hopkins school district cannot vote in Edina school board elections and school bonding votes and thereby attempt to get their voices heard that way by the school board. While it is not always easy for like-minded voters to determine which candidates share their concerns, I for one will have this matter acutely in mind as I cast my votes in future council, school board, and bonding elections. I have to believe you would like, as I do, to see this matter resolved in some fair way. My experience in government suggests to me that there is usually a way that legitimate concerns of citizens can be met in some satisfactory pragmatic way. No personal response is needed. Best wishes, Burton Hanson, Edina

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Bill Dubbs <dubbs@williams-exec.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:26 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** State of the Community

Hi Jim- For the State of the Community meeting will the Superintendents from Richfield and Hopkins be there as well? I live in Edina but part of the Hopkins School District. Thanks - Bill

Bill Dubbs  
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**From:** Kevin J. Rupp <Kevin.Rupp@raswlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 1:37 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; 'jhovland@hovlandrasmus.com'; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Scott H. Neal  
**Cc:** Dressen, Ric (Ric.Dressen@edinaschools.org)  
**Subject:** I.S.D. No. 273, Edina Open Enrollment Policy  
**Attachments:** 28446.pdf

All,

Enclosed is a letter regarding the Edina School District.

Thank you,  
Kevin J. Rupp



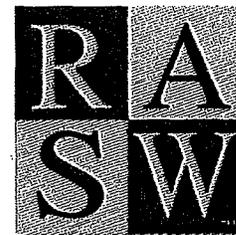
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February 19, 2015

James Hovland, Mayor  
Kevin Staunton, City Council Member  
Bob Stewart, City Council Member  
Mary Brindle, City Council Member  
Ann Swenson, City Council Member  
Scott Neal, City Manager  
City of Edina  
4801 W. 50th Street  
Edina, MN 55424

RE: ISD 273's Open Enrollment Policy  
Our File No. 0273-0001

Dear Mayor Hovland, City Council Members, and City Manager Neal:

This law firm represents Independent School District No. 273, Edina. I have been informed that a group of Edina residents has asked the Edina City Council to become involved in an issue relating the School District's Open Enrollment Policy. The School Board will be considering relatively minor changes to that policy at its meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015. Those changes are unrelated to the issue being raised by this group of residents.

It is the School Board's intention to address those minor changes on Monday night. It will then have its policy committee consider the changes being requested by this group of residents. This is consistent with the School District's open line of communications with this group that have existed since they have raised this issue.

The School District clearly values its cooperative relationship with the City of Edina. There are, however, issues that are purely within the control of either the City or the School District. The issue being raised by this group of residents is one of the issues that is for School District. The School Board's policy is the result of a law (Minnesota Statutes section 124D.09) which is contained in the Education Code. Under this law,

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there is no role for the City in the School Board's policy determination. Just as the School District has respected the City's areas of responsibility, I ask that the City respect the School District's.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



Kevin J. Rupp

cc: School Board Members  
Ric Dressen, Superintendent

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** ART <a2t2@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 3:03 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; James Hovland; jhovland@krausehovland.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: New Driving Range Design

Second try at sending this

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**From:** "ART" <a2t2@comcast.net>  
**To:** "James Hovland" <jhovland@hovlandrasmus.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 3:53:45 PM  
**Subject:** New Driving Range Design

Mr. Mayor,

I saw that "a" design plan was approved for the driving range and the improvements to the executive course. I was present at the presentation of the original design to the City Council and I totally agreed with your concern over the additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 being asked for by the Parks Dept for multiple tee boxes and multiple pin placements on each green. Unfortunately, I missed the meeting where the final design was approved and was wondering if the approved design addressed either of your concerns? What was the final cost?

Thanks,

Art Thelemann 5132 Valley View Road

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Julie Mellum <mellum.julie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 3:55 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** no more wood burning restaurants, please!

To Mayor Hovland, Scott Neal, and City Council Members,

The presence of so many new wood burning restaurants in Edina is presenting a growing accessibility issue from the smoke they generate. Starting early in the day they are spewing out black carbon soot with fireplace start-ups and wood burning that sends out smoke until late hours in the night.

Wood smoke in the 50<sup>th</sup> and France neighborhood is noticeable at most hours of the day and night, which not only pollutes our city with carbon soot, but nearby neighborhoods, and also presents a barrier to shoppers and people like me with asthma. Wood smoke also abounds from wood burning restaurants in Galleria and also at Centennial Lakes, adding to the profusion of smoke in public outdoor spaces most everywhere.

Has there been any talk of an ordinance change to place a moratorium on any new wood burning restaurants or remodels? Cities have accessibility requirements, and with each new wood burning restaurant, such as Parasole, which will feature both wood burning and coal burning (!), when will it stop? Is it wise for Edina to allow wood smoke contamination of public spaces to become the increasing norm? Most cities are struggling with ways to reduce carbon soot for greater sustainability.

Asthma is the number one reason for school absenteeism in Edina, which should also be a consideration, on top of rampant recreational burning which denies many of us the right to use and enjoy our own property smoke-free.

I'd appreciate hearing from you. Thank you,

Julie Mellum  
5700 York Avenue S  
Edina, MN 55410  
952-303-6218

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** rawarg@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 5:58 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Contact Us form submission

Name: jennifer warg

Organization:

Website:

Address\_1: 4007 france ave s

Address\_2:

City: minneapolis

State: MN

Zip\_Code: 55416

Email: [rawarg@yahoo.com](mailto:rawarg@yahoo.com)

Phone: 6129229715

Referrer: someone\_in\_the\_neighborhood

Message: Please save Weber Minikahda Vista Woods! As a Naturalist (teacher) @ the MN Zoo, I know the inherent value of Nature Play & advocate for a natural place in which to do it. The Zoo will open a Nature Play space this summer, Hanifl Wild Woods, dedicated to & designated for such 'play'. Richard Louv has shown countless studies & research to support its importance in alleviating 'nature deficit disorder', a term he coined to describe the detrimental effects of the lack of unstructured time spent in nature, so prevalent in today's generation... preserving this small patch of nature can prevent the spread of an 'epidemic', so to speak!

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Ellen Anderson <ellena@umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 9:23 AM  
**To:** Ellen Anderson  
**Subject:** Mayor's March 5 Roundtable Agenda & Background Information  
**Attachments:** DRAFT FOR EMAIL TC Metro Mayors Roundtable Packet 2\_20\_15.pdf

Dear Mayors and other special guests,

Attached please find the agenda and links to the related materials for our invitation-only regional energy and climate resilience meeting on **Thursday, March 5th from 11:00am-1:00pm** in the Riesenfeld Rare Books Room (Room N-30, Walter F. Mondale Hall, University of Minnesota Law School). The Rare Books Room is a special place that will be hosting a rare Magna Carta exhibit while we are there. It is located on the lower level of the building (called the sub-plaza) and is just down the hall past the café and to the left. We will be providing lunch. Thank you to those who have already RSVP'd for this meeting. We invite you to RSVP by Thursday, February 26 if you have not already done so.

**In order to make the best use of your time at this meeting, we have attached background materials for you to read ahead of time. We will provide a paper copy of the materials at the meeting for you. We also request that you send one-two paragraphs on your cities' actions related to energy and climate for inclusion in the meeting packet, if possible, by Feb. 26.**

**For your background, we've included below examples of articles published by University of Minnesota professors, Dr. Osofsky and Dr. Ramaswami:**

[Rethinking the Geography of Local Climate Action: Multilevel Network Participation in Metropolitan Regions](#)

[Suburban Climate Change Efforts: Possibilities for Small and Nimble Cities Participating in State, Regional, National, and International Networks](#)

[Social Actors and Key Policy Levers for Mitigating the Greenhouse Gas Footprint of U.S. Cities](#)

### **Parking at the University of MN Law School (Mondale Hall):**

The Law School, located at 229 19th Avenue S, is conveniently located on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus. There is a surface parking lot outside of the building where you can park during the meeting. We will provide parking vouchers to cover the cost.

[Driving Directions can be found here.](#)

### **Transit:**

We are also located near the "West Bank" light rail stop on the Green Line. From the stop, go up the stairs/elevator to 19th Avenue, turn right, and walk to the nearest building on your right, which is the Law School.

### **Additional parking facilities:**

The [19th Avenue Ramp](#) is down the street and across from the Humphrey School. The [21st Avenue Ramp](#) is just south of the Carlson School of Management. Additional parking facilities can be viewed at [University Parking](#) and Transportation Services.

Kind Regards,

Ellen Anderson  
Executive Director, University of Minnesota Energy Transition Lab, [ellena@umn.edu](mailto:ellena@umn.edu)

Hari Osofsky  
Faculty Director, University of Minnesota Energy Transition Lab, [hosofsky@umn.edu](mailto:hosofsky@umn.edu)

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Dr. Mark Reiner  
Research Fellow, CSTEP, UMN, [mbreiner@umn.edu](mailto:mbreiner@umn.edu)

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**From:** Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul) <katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 9:38 AM  
**To:** Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** City Streets in the Media

Dear Mayors,

I wanted to make sure you all caught the fantastic media city streets received last weekend. I've included links to the articles below. I also wanted to make you were aware that Senator Dibble is holding hearings on transportation funding around the state and I would encourage you to attend and testify if there is a hearing nearish you and you are able. I am happy to work with any of you on talking points or handouts if you're interested.

Schedule:

Today – 11:30 a.m. St. Cloud City Hall 400 2nd Street South, St. Cloud, MN, 56301

Next Friday 2/27 – 10:30 a.m. Freeborn County Government Center, 411 S. Broadway, Albert Lea, MN 56007

March 5<sup>th</sup> probably about 6:30 p.m. - Woodbury Central Park Amphitheater 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, 55125

Another hearing will be in N. Minneapolis

[How does Minnesota maintain its roads?](#) – Pioneer Press

[Shield Minnesota cities from higher road costs](#) – Star Tribune

[Cities need state to help replace aging roads](#) – St. Cloud times and Duluth News Tribune

There is a resolution available from Anne Finn at the League of MN Cities and we are encouraging cities to pass the resolution the first week of March. We are getting our message out there and continuing to work with legislators on a solution. Thanks again for all your work.

Best –

Katie



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**From:** Peder Gustafson <pedergustafson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 12:36 PM  
**To:** Edina 273  
**Cc:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Edina City Council,

Please support this effort on behalf of the portion of your constituency who would be impacted by any change to this policy. I trust that as this effort continues to gain attention, the council will look out for the best interests of Edina's residents so they are given more equal representation within the open enrollment process.

Thank you for your support,

Peder & Sage Gustafson

4929 Ridge Road  
Edina, MN 55436

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On Thu, Feb 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM, Edina 273 <[edina273@gmail.com](mailto:edina273@gmail.com)> wrote:

To Members of the Edina City Council,

### **Introduction**

As you are likely aware, we have been working together for almost five years in order to create access for all Edina children to the schools operated by the Edina School District. Our previous attempts to persuade the District leadership to insert a priority for children who live in the City of Edina into their Nonresident Enrollment policy have been deflected for reasons which are based on a highly flawed interpretation of the state statutes which we detail below. The District's school board is currently reviewing this policy which creates an opportunity to reconsider this appropriate request. We are asking that you actively support the effort to obtain a priority designation in the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy for all children who live in the City of Edina.

There is no question that over the years the leadership of the City of Edina and the Edina School District have created a comprehensive relationship between the two entities. As a consequence, city tax dollars and resources support the facilities and programs of the District in many ways, and thus it is perfectly appropriate to expect a Nonresident Enrollment policy that acknowledges this relationship. The next scheduled meeting of the Edina school board is Monday, February 23, so time is of the essence.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Amy Keeper <amykeeper@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 4:39 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Future of Weber Woods

Dear Edina City Council -

With Weber Woods on the agenda for your March 3 meeting, when you'll discuss Minneapolis' counter offer, I wanted to write once again and reiterate how much these woods mean to the people of Edina, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. In the heart of winter, we are reminded of its beauty and tranquility. Please help preserve the undeveloped nature of this land.

Thank you for listening and for your continued help in this matter.

Amy

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Original letter:

I'm writing in regards to the area known as Weber Woods. Our family has enjoyed this undeveloped space for over 15 years, and we would be heartsick if it were sold for commercial development.

We believe this unique sanctuary enriches the lives of the entire community far more as a park than it possibly could as a housing development.

Parks are what make our communities strong.

Our personal story

Weber Woods is, simply put, a gem. Having lived in the Morningside area of Edina for many years, Weber Woods was a frequent destination of our family walks. As we strolled down our block towards the park, we stopped to chat and connect with our neighbors. Once there, our two dogs - Tasha and Marley - loved to socialize with their four-legged friends and sniff all that nature loves to offer. We enjoyed all the seasons there - from the lush greens of summer to colorful sumac in the Fall and the pristine beauty of winter. We developed friendships that have lasted over the years. Our two kids had an equal amount of fun, too - running along the paths and playing in tree forts. We entered on the Edina side and emerged on the St. Louis Park side, continuing our adventure by stopping to play on the swing sets before we returned home.

We moved away from Morningside a few years ago, but Weber Woods is still a favorite destination - a place that has stayed in our hearts. Whenever we visit, it feels like coming home.

We love living here in Minnesota, and we are fortunate to have such a robust park system to enjoy. But Weber Woods is different - and even more special - in that it allows us the rare opportunity to escape from the stresses of daily life in such a simple yet profound way, merely steps from where we live. The value that Weber Woods provides goes beyond the financial - it is something more fundamental, a community hub, a connection to nature, something that truly feeds our souls.

Please help us keep its magic and spirit alive.

Thank you,  
Amy (and David, Zoey, Lucy and Marley the dog)

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** e fox <chiefeefoxjr@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 8:07 PM  
**To:** e fox  
**Subject:** Police Cams  
**Attachments:** A2 Camera Total Sales Report.pdf; To Whom It May Concern(Camera Letter).doc

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THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Reference: Police Body Cameras

Dear Mayors:

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce our company, A2 Enterprise Ltd. We own and control 29 factories that manufacture police cameras for companies and police departments all over the world. (See our sale report attached to this email). We introduce this tech from just an idea back in 1996 and have move the idea into the mainstream of the world's law enforcement community to be the world largest for most producer of police cameras.

A2 Enterprise Ltd. is a manufacturing company, headquartered in Hong Kong, China. With offices in the Sister City of Baltimore, Maryland, this is Xiamen, Fujian China, and 29 factories located in the cities of Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Beijing, China. Our companies have varies dates of starting, dating back to 1996. We have been exporting our products and OEM (original equipment manufacturer) to worldwide companies that sell to the open markets under their companies brand names. Direct sales to governments that seek to have police cameras for their police forces and military. We own our ideas from designing (over 750 cameras and recorders) and testing in our R&D departments.

We have FCC certified and all our products certified for USA Standards with all needed Certification. Our company is familiar with technical standards, and creates high quality Brand by applying strict quality control system, management and exquisite technology to ensure high production standards and dedicated to making our customers satisfied with all their transactions.

We are introducing our products with great pride and pleasure to USA Law Enforcement Community. Our company specializes in Police Body, Eye, Dash, Helmet, Bike, Motorcycles Camera Recorders, etc... all with unique pattern designs. (See attachments)

The men and women in law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities, streets and highways safe. From being a Police Officer / Detective for the Baltimore City Police Department, to being a member of the Department of Justice OCDETF made up of agencies of the US AG's Office, FBI, DEA, ATF, IRS, Customs etc... I know all too well of the problems faced by today's police departments and the community. Now the officers and their methods are being questioned by the citizens. More people today have camera phones, which allow them to record and report police misconduct. It is critical today that law enforcement have the ability to record their everyday interactions with the public. The body, dash, eyeglass and helmet cameras, our company offer is an important supplement to police equipment. The camera allows the officer(s) to record, while gathering video, audio and photos of evidence at the scene. It will protect the officer from false accusations and claims, and or prove the complaint of the citizens they serve. Units can be made not to power off, data card made in the units so it can't be removed just downloaded by supervisors only and only to download not the ability to change or erase the data. These are just a few issues that can build trust in the community. (See attachment of worldwide events that our police cameras have been deployed.)

**CAMERA SPECIFICATION:**

These are just a few items that our cameras have, from a 2 inch LCD screen. It supports real time video watching. Our playback has better video and image performance than any other cameras on the market today. OSRAM low power consumption infrared LED. Support long distance view and continuous operation. Precision positioning by red laser dot so no matter the lighting images are clear. 5 mega CMOS sensor, 130 to 160 degree wide-angle lens, snap the scene without missing details. Convenient button design and OSD screen menu. Support multifunction setting and performance of video, audio and photo, etc. We also offer other Law Enforcement products for all the specialize sections in police departments. All our units have unique combination of features and all camera software can be designed to any police department's specifications. Our equipment is assembled and tested before shipping. Two things that make us special are our payment plans and warranties. Warranties range from (3) three to (5) five years free replacement or exchange with lifetime maintenance. Payment for police cameras that meets President Obama's Police Cameras Policies will be granted 50% of the total payment and we offer for departments that have a need due to budgeting a 0% interest free monthly payment plans. We can offer delay payment as well to ensure that departments that wish to have police cameras can afford to purchase them, our Maximum output is 50,000 units per month per factory.

I would like to offer the opportunity to come to your City Hall or any other location on a day that is convenient for you and any other person(s) you deem a presentation on police cameras would be useful and answer any questions you or they may have. To offer insight on this equipment to include methods of storing data that is recorded.

Thank you in advance for reading this letter and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Edward Fox

CEO / Chairman



## A2 Enterprise Ltd.

<b>A-2 Police Camera SALES REPORT</b>	<b>Total Sales by Year</b>	<b>Nations of Purchase</b>	<b>Remark</b>
2006	135,000	Australia	We have NC/ND (Non- circumvention, Non-disclosure) with our customers, so this sales report only list the nations of sales and not the agencies or departments that purchase our units.
2007	246,000	Brazil	
2008	400,000	Canada	
2009	410,000	Chile	
2010	300,000	China	
2011	771,250	France	
2012	721,250	German	
2013	851,250	Japan	
1st - 3rd qt 2014	700,000	Kazakhstan	
<b>TOTAL UNITS SOLD</b>	<b>4,534,750</b>	<b>OUR UNITS ARE BEING USED BY 13 NATIONS</b>	

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** mike@meandmymoney.org on behalf of Mike Kozlak <mkozlak@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 9:58 PM  
**To:** Edina 273  
**Cc:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

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Mike and Laurie Kozlak  
5049 Green Farms Road

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**From:** mike@meandmymoney.org on behalf of Mike Kozlak <mkozlak@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 20, 2015 10:14 PM  
**To:** Andrea Anderson  
**Cc:** Edina Mail; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle (Comcast); ann swenson; Edina 273  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Assistance to Increase School Access for All Edina Children

Andrea and Mike

I have attached a lot of content that was created by others and my own comments to the City Council. If you agree with this position, please Reply All and indicate your support. Since you are a resident of Edina and in the Edina School District, your opinion will be important.

Also, please forward this to any other people you know in the Edina School District that would be willing to share their opinion. If you use Reply All and then add the e-mail addresses of those you forward it to, it will maintain the addresses of the Council members.

Thanks  
Dad

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### **An Inconsistent Policy Based On A Flawed Premise**

For several years now the narrative from the District administration and board members has been that a priority preference based on residence within the City of Edina "was not permissible within the [state] statutes." This assertion is based on a letter that the District's counsel received from Elia Bruggeman, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Education ("MDE"), on August 31, 2011. It is important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman writes that "while MDE is happy to explain the agency's interpretation of the Minnesota open enrollment program...*the agency cannot provide specific recommendations to Edina school district about how to respond to the proposal or structure its open enrollment policies* (emphasis added)."

- If the MDE cannot specify how a district structures its open enrollment policies, it follows that the Edina School District is able to structure its open enrollment policies.
- It is also important to note that Mrs. Bruggeman is not an attorney and the document referenced does not constitute a legal opinion.

For the reasons listed below, the interpretation provided by Mrs. Bruggeman is flawed and inconsistent with the current Nonresident Enrollment policy initially adopted by the Edina school board on May 19, 2008.

In reaching her conclusion that a priority preference based on residence within a city is not permissible within the state statutes, Mrs. Bruggeman asserts that "school districts do not have the flexibility to insert individualized application review processes in addition to those already established by law" and that only those factors specifically listed on the open enrollment application can be considered.

This interpretation is completely contradictory to the District's Nonresident Enrollment Placement policy in which "students of district employees, who are residents of other districts, will be given priority."

- There is no language in the state statutes that explicitly states that it is permissible for a district to give preference to children of district employees or that the parent's employer is one of the specific factors that can be considered. Moreover, there is no place on the standard open enrollment application form for a parent to provide their employment information.
- Either the District's Nonresident Enrollment policy has contained elements which are "impermissible" according to state statutes since it was adopted in May 2008 or Mrs. Bruggeman's interpretation is flawed.

It is interesting to note that the minutes of the May 19, 2008, school board meeting indicate that the District "has been in contact with the Minnesota Department of Education and *is* acting appropriately." This supports the conclusion that districts do indeed have the latitude to structure their own open enrollment policies and that the statues are not as restrictive as Mrs. Bruggeman suggests.

### **A Change Is Possible**

Further evidence of the inherent flaws in the interpretation cited by District leaders for not amending the Nonresident Enrollment policy can be found in Mrs. Bruggeman's assertion that "a priority preference system for responding to open enrollment applications is not permissible" according to state statutes.

- If this were an accurate interpretation, then how is it that the Edina school board adopted a policy in May 2008 that contained eight (8) priority strata for the placement of nonresident students with the MDE's blessing? More significantly, during the 2014 legislative session, the statute governing open enrollment was amended to include the language: "Siblings of currently enrolled students and applicants related to an approved integration and achievement plan must receive priority in the lottery."
- In Mrs. Bruggeman's analysis, consideration of the "characteristics of the applicant student" is impermissible. This amended language, specifically the "sibling preference" clearly indicates that her analysis is, in fact, incorrect. Again, it is useful to note that the policy adopted by the Edina school board in May 2008 provided for a sibling preference ("impermissible", according to Mrs. Bruggeman) years before such language was explicitly incorporated into the state statute.
- **If priority can be given to children of District employees who are residents of other districts, then priority can also be given to children who are residents of the City of Edina.**

Contrary to the flawed interpretation that underpins the narrative of District leadership, incorporating a priority for ALL residents of the City of Edina into the district's Nonresident Enrollment policy is not inconsistent with the state statutes or the District's current policies. The Edina school board does indeed have the latitude to structure their policy in such a way to provide enhanced access to all residents of the City of Edina who live outside the school district boundaries.

## **Classroom Capacity Is Not A Constraint**

Because successfully open enrolling a student into any school district is dependent upon space being available, we will turn our attention to **capacity within the Edina School District** before concluding.

- For the current school year, there are 1,332 open enrolled students which constitute approximately 16% of the total enrollment of 8,442 students in the Edina School District. According to District projections, this percentage is expected to stay relatively unchanged (or slightly higher) during the next five school years.
- The number of students enrolled in the Edina School District via the (former) Choice Is Yours Program has averaged 170 over the past seven years.
- Data collected in the most recent census (2010) indicates that there are approximately 700 school-age children living in sectors of the City of Edina which are part of the Hopkins, Richfield, and Eden Prairie school districts. If every one of these children were open enrolled into the Edina School District via a city residency priority and the population of the “Achievement and Integration School Choice Program” remained stable, there would still be over 450 open enrollment slots available to fulfill employee requests and to provide access to students who live in other cities.
- **The data clearly demonstrates there is sufficient capacity within the Edina School District to amend the policy to provide priority for children of the City of Edina.**

## **The “Precedent” Argument Lacks Any Basis Of Fact**

One final point on this subject: an analysis of statewide enrollment data indicates that if a similar city resident priority was enacted in all the other districts around the state which share similar characteristics to those found here within the City of Edina, then the projected net shift of school-age students would equate to 0.5% of the total school population in Minnesota (including charters).

**The arguments put forth that a city resident priority would set a “precedent” that would unleash a “domino effect” that would “decimate” school districts elsewhere around the state are completely without merit and lack any substantiation.**

## **Conclusion**

To reiterate, we are sharing all this information with you for two primary reasons. The first is to demonstrate to you that the assertion of District leaders that they are powerless to make the requested change to their policy is based on a flawed interpretation that is inconsistent with the District’s own actions and policies. The second is to request that each of you, as a city leader elected to serve all Edina residents, strongly encourage the leadership of the Edina School District to make the necessary changes to their Nonresident Enrollment policy. The next scheduled meeting of the Edina school board is Monday, February 23.

Should the Edina school board fail to take the necessary steps to modify their Nonresident Enrollment policy, then City officials should reassess the relationship between the City and the District. In a multitude of ways, ranging from marketing and communications to co-hosting events such as “State of the Community” and real estate forums to providing direct and indirect financial support to issuing bonds in support of District infrastructure projects, the City of Edina has entered into what is essentially an “exclusive relationship” with the Edina School District. If the District leadership is unwilling to reciprocate, then such a relationship is inaccurate, inappropriate and is a disservice to those Edina families who live outside school district boundaries.

It is never the wrong time to make the right decision.

Sincerely,

Pam Allen

6500 Willow Wood Road

Todd Gustin

5017 Park Terrace

Alan Koehler

5304 Evanswood Lane

Tim Kuck

6316 Westwood Court

Andy Mitchell

6624 Londonderry Drive

Paul Mooty

5320 Kelsey Terrace

Kurt Nisi

5201 Blake Road

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Patrick Frimat <Patrick.FRIMAT@rsivideotech.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:25 AM  
**To:** Cary Teague  
**Cc:** David Fisher; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; Cindy Larson; Breanne Rothstein  
**Subject:** RE: New Plans for 5508 Dever Dr

Dear Mr Teague

My email below has remained unanswered and I now have been informed that the plans for 5508 may have been approved.

Again these plans do not show my trees planted very closed to or on the property line. They do not show any plans to protect my property from the "cliff" which will result from the digging out. Should I plan on fighting for my trees in person the day the digging start? Camping on the property line if need be? Should I plan on building a fence to prevent people from falling from my lot down the cliff? Where there? Why should I incur that cost when today my lot is perfectly safe?

I visited with you last year and expressed these concerned when the plans where submitted with variance. These new plans do not need variance but HOW can they be approved when they do not show the existing landscape? How can they be approved when they create a dangerous situation for people visiting my lot?

Please let me know when we can meet on Thursday 26th after 3PM .

Regards

Patrick Frimat  
5504 Dever Dr  
6519557888

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

**From:** Patrick Frimat  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2015 8:36 PM  
**To:** [cteague@edinamn.gov](mailto:cteague@edinamn.gov)  
**Cc:** 'dfisher@edinamn.gov'; 'sneal@edinamn.gov'; 'jhovland@edinamn.gov'; 'clarson@edinamn.gov'; 'brothstein@edinamn.gov'  
**Subject:** New Plans for 5508 Dever Dr

Dear Mr Teague

I have just been informed that new plans have been submitted for the lot at 5508 Dever Dr.

While the plans are not indicating any need for a variance, they show the creation of a 10 feet drop off over 2 retaining walls built within a couple yards of my backyard (North side).

The plans don't show any sign of the existing row of Arbor Vitae trees along the property line, most of which are on my side of the line.

The plans don't show any protection (fence or barrier) along the property line once this drop off has been created.

I sincerely hope that the City will take this into consideration and request the plans to be amended accordingly..

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Regards

Patrick Frimat  
5504 Dever Dr  
651 955 7888

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jennifer Crouch <jennifer.crouch@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:21 PM  
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**From:** Peg Aguirre <pegaguirre@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 22, 2015 1:15 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** 66West

To whom it may concern;

Please support this home for youth. I believe it is important for them and the neighborhood. I whole support this endeavor.

Thank you,  
Peg Aguirre

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Angela Johnson <Angela.Johnson@tigeroak.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Magazine interview

Dear Mayor Hovland~

This is Angela Johnson, editor of Edina Magazine. I'm wondering if you and LeRae would have any interest in granting a casual interview to one of our writers for a story to appear in a summer issue of Edina Magazine? I'm thinking our readers might enjoy reading about your family, whether you like to entertain or cook, where you've traveled to, what books like to read or about any hobbies you may have. We'd be happy to mention any charitable organizations dear to your hearts or advice you like to provide young people... those types of things.

Please respond to this email and let me know if this is something you and LeRae are open to. If so, an interview would most likely take place in March followed by a photo shoot in April. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,

Angela Johnson

editor, *Edina Magazine*

Tiger Oak Publications

[angela.johnson@tigeroak.com](mailto:angela.johnson@tigeroak.com)

612.414.9388

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Day Without Violence <contact@daywithoutviolence.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 12:08 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Edina Day Without Violence - September 29  
**Attachments:** City Proclamation - Edina.pdf

Mayor Hovland,

Good afternoon. Have you had a chance yet to review the proclamation request I e-mailed on February 18? For your convenience, a sample proclamation is attached.

We are happy with the response we've received from mayors throughout Minnesota, but would love to have Edina onboard as well. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make this decision easier for you.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Best,

Mikel J. McLaughlin  
Founding Member

Day Without Violence

 [Facebook](#)  [Twitter](#)

**PURPOSE:**

Our organization, Day Without Violence, seeks to establish September 29, 2015 (if not every year thereafter) as the Edina Day Without Violence.

Establishing the Edina Day Without Violence is part of a coordinated effort to have each city within Minnesota establish a citywide day without violence on September 29, followed by a statewide day without violence on September 30, and the National Day Without Violence on October 1. On October 2, the United States, along with the other countries of the world, will celebrate the U.N. International Day of Non-Violence, already established on October 2.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Whereas: Edina does not have a day to commemorate and encourage non-violence; and

Whereas: Other cities have established days/weeks to celebrate non-violence; and

Whereas: Edina values and strives for neighborhoods free from the harmful effects of violence; and

Whereas: Edina prides itself on being a leader and example to other communities; and

Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having each city within Minnesota proclaim a citywide day without violence on September 29; and

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Whereas: Day Without Violence is committed to having the United States proclaim a nationwide day without violence on October 1, to be known as the National Day Without Violence; and

Whereas: Minnesota, along with the rest of these United States, can join with other nations to celebrate, on October 2, the United Nations International Day of Non-Violence.

Now, Therefore, I, James Hovland, Mayor of Edina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 29, 2015, as the:

Edina Day Without Violence



**MCMA**  
**Minnesota City/County**  
**Management Association**  
A State Affiliate of **ICMA**

DATE: February 23, 2015

TO: Minnesota Mayors and County Board Chairs

FROM: Tim Houle, President, MCMA

RE: **Nominating Your Chief Administrative Officer for 2015 Minnesota City/County Management Association (MCMA) *Dr. Robert A. Barrett Award for Management Excellence***

MCMA is the professional association of appointed managers and administrators serving Minnesota's cities and counties. Each year, the Association presents its prestigious ***Dr. Robert A. Barrett Award for Management Excellence*** in recognition of one of its members who has demonstrated the best in professional competence and commitment. MCMA is now starting the process to choose the 2015 award recipient and is extending an invitation for you to consider nominating your own manager or administrator. There are three very specific criteria that MCMA uses in selecting a recipient:

- Being a role model for others in city/county government as well as in the profession of local government management;
- Demonstrating respected leadership in the city, county, region, or statewide; and
- Serving as a mentor to the organization's staff and/or to young people entering the profession of local government management.

MCMA welcomes and encourages nominations from cities and counties of all sizes.

The nomination process is quite simple. All we request is the nomination form (enclosed) and a descriptive narrative of no more than five double-spaced pages addressing the qualifications of your nominee for this award. No further supporting material is required or even accepted. While the nominations are normally prepared by a member of the local government staff under the direction of the chief elected officer, we recognize that not all cities and counties have that resource. If you would like to nominate, but need some assistance in drafting the nomination, please contact Kevin Frazell (see below). **The deadline to receive nominations is Monday, April 6, 2015.**

And if you have previously nominated your manager or administrator within the past three years (2012 – 2014) that nomination is still active for current consideration; however, you are welcome to submit additional updated information if you like.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions about the MCMA Award for Management Excellence, please contact MCMA Secretariat Officer, Kevin Frazell, at 651-281-1215 or at [kfrazell@lmc.org](mailto:kfrazell@lmc.org).

# 2015 MCMA Award for Management Excellence

The Minnesota City/County Management Association *Dr. Robert A. Barrett Award for Management Excellence* recognizes a Manager or Administrator who is a role model, leader and mentor in the local government management profession. This year's award will be presented on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the MCMA Spring Conference at Grandview Resort in Nisswa.

## Instructions:

- All entries require only the following two pieces of information:
  - This completed nomination form
  - A brief narrative description (no more than 5 double-spaced pages) of the nominee's accomplishments and qualifications for the award. Consistent with the purpose of this award, the narrative should specifically address the nominee's demonstrated performance as a role model, leader, and mentor in the city, community, and profession.
  - Please do not include any further supporting materials such as letters of endorsement, newsletters, news articles, etc.
- The form and supporting narrative should be e-mailed as a Word or .pdf document to: [kfrazell@lmc.org](mailto:kfrazell@lmc.org) by the deadline of Monday, April 6, 2015.

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## Entry Form for 2015 MCMA Award for Management Excellence

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's City or County \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination has the support of the nominee's governing body (*formal action not required*).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator

Questions to: Kevin Frazell, MCMA Secretariat Officer at 651-281-1215 or [kfrazell@lmc.org](mailto:kfrazell@lmc.org)

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Kelly  
O'Keefe

Cynthia

James,

Thank you for speaking at Leadership Twin Cities Government Day! We appreciated your forthcoming remarks about your experiences as the Mayor of Edina.

Warm Regards,  
LTC Day  
Planners

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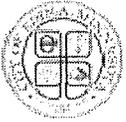
**From:** Joyce Repya  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:29 AM  
**To:** James Hovland; Mary Brindle; ann swenson (swensonann1@gmail.com); Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart  
**Cc:** Scott H. Neal; Cary Teague; Doug Mayo; Jack Rice; Jay Lindgren; Jeff Huggett; Jim Nelson; Mary Kay McNee  
**Subject:** Grandview Redevelopment Site  
**Attachments:** EHF - Grandview Letter.pdf

Dear Mayor and City Council –

Attached you will find a letter from the Edina Housing Foundation voicing their support for affordable housing in the Grandview redevelopment area.

Also, know that they look forward to the upcoming March 17<sup>th</sup> work session with you when they will present a proposed affordable housing policy for the city.

Best regards -



**Joyce Repya, Senior Planner**

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Mayor James Hovland  
The City of Edina  
4801 W. 50th St.  
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RE: The Grandview Redevelopment Site

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Please accept this letter as the Edina Housing Foundation's strong support for and recommendation that the City Council require that the selected developer of the Grandview Redevelopment Site include affordable housing as part of this redevelopment.

We put forth this recommendation for several reasons:

**Shows Leadership by Example**

With most community development, the Mayor and City Council respond to private party proposals. In this case, because the property is owned by the city, the Mayor and City Council play an even larger role in shaping what this development will be. Most of the Edina community responded positively to the unanimous vote of support for the Beacon development on 66<sup>th</sup> street. A requirement that the Grandview contain affordable housing will send an even stronger message – as a property owner it demonstrates that this community is serious about its commitment to affordable housing.

**Developing Affordable Housing is Difficult**

Locating, financing, and developing affordable housing is difficult most everywhere, but especially so in Edina. Even though the Mayor and City Council have made numerous votes in favor of including affordable housing in Edina redevelopments, very little affordable housing has actually been built in our community over the past 10 years. When there is an opportunity like the Grandview property, it's important to make it a part of the City's commitment.

**The Foundation Will Invest**

As the Edina Housing Foundation believes that the Grandview Redevelopment site is an excellent location for affordable housing with its linkages to service and transportation, we would favorably consider investing Foundation resources to encourage inclusion of affordable housing in this redevelopment.

We believe that if the Mayor and City Council take a leadership role in providing affordable housing at this location, many in the community would support this endeavor. Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,

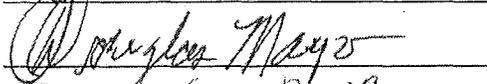
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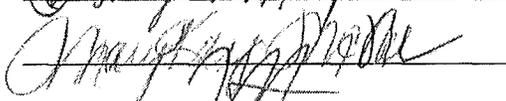
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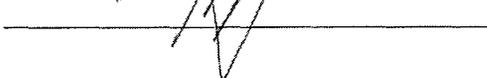
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cc: Edina City Council  
Scot Neal, City Manager

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**From:** Rebecca Wallin <wallin.dickinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 10:29 AM  
**To:** Mary Brindle; James Hovland; swensonann1@gmail.com; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart  
**Subject:** Blake Woods

Dear Ms. Brindle, Mr. Hovland, Mr. Staunton, Ms. Swenson, and Mr. Stewart,

I plan on attending the meeting tonight to discuss the Blake Woods development. Because the city does not have a correct address for me, I learned about the development by seeing the sign on Blake Road.

I have contacted Reid Schulz and he has sent me the plans for the development. I have a number of concerns - the density of the development, the proximity of one of the homes to our lot line, the loss of any additional trees, and the problem of drainage. Last summer, our back yard was something of a swamp and we do not want an increase in these problems.

My next door neighbor, Dr. Phil Sweetser, shares my concerns but cannot attend the meeting tonight. Thanks in advance for considering our input.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Wallin  
6208 Parkwood Road  
Edina, MN 55436

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*Rebecca Wallin*  
*952-938-6098 (home)*  
*612-250-0882 (cell)*

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**From:** Rebecca Wallin <wallin.dickinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; James Hovland; Mary Brindle  
**Subject:** Re: Blake Woods

My apology for my earlier email. Mary Brindle informed me that the meeting tonight is with the Planning Commission. I have received very little information about the proposed subdivision to date - so this is a helpful clarification.

Thanks again,

Rebecca Wallin

On Feb 25, 2015 10:29 AM, "Rebecca Wallin" <[wallin.dickinson@gmail.com](mailto:wallin.dickinson@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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**From:** Betsy Anderson <Betsy.Anderson@hopkinsschools.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE Hopkins Education Foundation Royal Bash

Dear Mayor Hovland & honorable Council members,

You don't want to miss the 2015 Royal Bash, this coming Saturday, February 28th. Join us for a fun-filled evening with friends while benefiting Hopkins Schools! We are celebrating the past and igniting the future at this 20th year fundraiser. Ticket sales close Thursday morning, so don't delay!

<http://www.hopkinseducationfoundation.org/>

We hope to see you there, gathering with your neighbors to support our great schools!

Betsy Tate (Scheurer) Anderson  
Hopkins School Board  
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**From:** pelle137@umn.edu  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:34 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RESEARCH: INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCESS SURVEY

Dear Jim Hovland:

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by the University of Minnesota on your experiences working with other organizations on Safe Routes to School activities. This email contains important information that will allow you to access the online survey. If you choose to participate, please complete the survey by March 20, 2015.

You have been requested to participate in this survey as: [REDACTED]

Please go to: [REDACTED] to start the survey.

[REDACTED]

By starting the survey, you are agreeing to participate in this survey.

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions regarding this invitation, please respond to this email.

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**From:** lori@mnfalundafa.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:02 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Request for Proclamation for the World Falun Dafa Day on May 13  
**Attachments:** MPLS Mayor 2014.pdf; St.Paul Mayor 2014.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor,

This coming May 13, thousands of people across the country will celebrate World Falun Dafa Day, marking the 23rd anniversary of the introduction of one of the world's most popular meditation and cultivation practices.

We are looking forward to receiving your proclamation for this year.

We'd be very delighted and honored if you would like to make this May the Falun Dafa Month; or a week this May the Falun Dafa Week; or May 13 the Falun Dafa Day in the City of Edina.

Since 1992, over one hundred million people worldwide have become healthier, happier, and more altruistic through their practice of Falun Dafa. And on World Falun Dafa Day, we hope that you will join in recognizing the benefits that this great practice has brought to our society.

Falun Gong, also called Falun Dafa, is a peaceful spiritual practice rooted in traditional Chinese culture. It consists of meditation, five gentle sets of exercises, and a moral philosophy centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, which practitioners take as a guide to their daily lives.

Although rooted in ancient Chinese spiritual tradition, Falun Gong was first taught publicly in China in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi, the founder of the practice. It spread quickly through word-of-mouth as tens of millions of Chinese citizens found greater health and spiritual well-being through the practice. Today, Falun Gong is practiced in over 80 countries worldwide by people of all ages and backgrounds. It is always taught free of charge by volunteers, and can be practiced individually or in groups.

Falun Dafa practitioners across the United States dedicate countless hours to our communities in organizing free meditation classes, Chinese cultural productions of music and dance, and participating in local events. We are also actively working to bring about a peaceful resolution to the persecution of Falun Gong in China, and improve the future of the world's most populous country.

It would mean a great deal to Falun Dafa practitioners and supporters across the nation as well as in the City of Edina to hear a message of support from you on this important occasion.

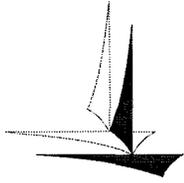
Attached are the two proclamations we received from Mayor of Minneapolis and Mayor of St Paul last year.

For more information, please visit [www.faluninfo.net](http://www.faluninfo.net), or contact me directly.

Sincerely yours,

Lori Gao

Minnesota Falun Dafa Association  
[lori@mnfalundafa.org](mailto:lori@mnfalundafa.org)



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May 2014

As Mayor of Minneapolis, I am pleased to extend warm greetings on behalf of our citizens to those gathering today for World Falun Dafa Month.

I know many residents of Minneapolis and the surrounding area are enjoying practicing Falun Dafa, an ancient form of exercise and meditation. I hope that the events you have planned for today are a success and that your goals for celebrating and sharing the principles of Falun Dafa are achieved.

I join many elected leaders across the country in opposing the persecution of Falun Dafa practitioners in China. I hope that 2014 World Falun Dafa Month brings heightened awareness to the peaceful appeals of practitioners around the world to end the illegal detainment to practitioners in China.

Congratulations again as you gather to celebrate World Falun Dafa Month on May 13, 2014 at the State Capitol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Betsy Hodges  
City of Minneapolis

City of Saint Paul

# Proclamation

*Whereas, the City of Saint Paul in Minnesota joins in celebration with Falun Dafa practitioners from around the world as they commemorate World Falun Dafa Day on May 13; and*

*Whereas, since Master Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa, introduced the practice in May of 1992, the practice of Falun Dafa has helped hundreds of millions across the world improve their health and moral standards, as well as deepen their understanding of life, humanity and the universe; and*

*Whereas, Falun Dafa is based on the principles of Truth, Compassion, Tolerance; and*

*Whereas, Falun Dafa is now practiced freely, in over 100 countries by people from all walks of life; and millions of people have benefited from the practice both physically and mentally,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to be:*

## *Falun Dafa Day*

*in the City of Saint Paul*



*In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Thirteenth Day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen.*

*Christopher B. Coleman*  
Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor

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**From:** Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:33 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** League of Women Voters Edina March Meetings: Ebola: Global and Local Impacts

Please forward to the Mayor and Council and members of Boards and Commissions,

Thank you!



League of Women Voters  
of Edina

### **Ebola: Global and Local Impacts**

**Speaker:** Dr. Kirk Allison, University of MN School of Public Health

**Thursday March 12, 9:45– 11:30, Edina Senior Center**

**Saturday March 14, 9:45– 11:30, Edina City Hall**

Dr. Kirk Allison, Director of the Program in Human Rights and Health at the University of MN School of Public Health, will speak at our March unit meetings on the global and local impacts of the ebola virus. He will discuss the history of ebola and the outbreaks in West Africa; how ebola is transmitted and how best to contain it; whether the resources for treating ebola are being allocated fairly; and public health powers vs. civil liberties.

According to ProMED, (the Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases of the International Society for Infectious Diseases) "ebola outbreaks are a symptom of deeper health system problems. One vaccine won't stop the next ebola. But disease surveillance and good primary-level health care might. We are a global community now; when something happens in any country, there is a big chance that every other country is going to be affected."

In addition to his expertise in ebola, Dr. Allison has provided testimony to the US House of Representatives about organ harvesting in China.

This will be a great opportunity to go way beyond the media's headlines and get answers to your questions about this serious infectious disease. We hope to see you at the unit meetings on March 12 and 14!

**The League of Women Voters of Edina is a non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, please visit [www.lwvedina.org](http://www.lwvedina.org).**

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**From:** Kaitlin Kraft <kaitlink20892@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:21 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** fred richards apathy project

Mayor James,

My friend and I are doing an apathy project here at Southview Middle School. We are 7th graders and were wondering if we could do anything to help save Fred Richards or use anything to campaign with.

Thank you,  
Amy T. and Kaitlin K.

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Kaitlin Kraft

7th Grade

7 Wonders

South View Middle School

Edina Public Schools

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**From:** Susan J Lee <leesusa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2015 9:11 AM  
**To:** James Hovland; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; ann swenson  
**Subject:** tear down construction and street condition

I live on W Highwood Dr and was assessed \$7743.20 in 2012 for street construction. I appreciate the improvement.

The City of Edina has recently approved tear down of an existing home at the end of W Highwood and new construction of a home on the property.

Demolition is slated to begin in one week. A 9500 sq ft home is planned, with landscaping down to the lake, and it is estimated that it will take 18 months of six day a week construction to complete the project.

In anticipation of 18 months of demolition equipment, construction equipment, construction supplies, landscaping equipment, and landscaping supplies, that usually include large rocks and boulders, going back and forth on Highwood six days a week, I have a question and request.

Is there currently in place a process for inspecting a street at the beginning of a construction project and then again at the end of the project in order to assess the wear and tear/damage to the road from the construction?

If this kind of assessment is not currently in place, I am requesting that the council consider such oversight as a equitable part of Edina redevelopment. I am writing to you because I realize that such oversight would like;y involve multiple departments and agencies.

My hope is that there will be some street monitoring on this particular project as it provides an excellent example of what will be occurring in Edina for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Lee  
5316 W Highwood Dr.