

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** April 1, 2014

**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:** Ann Kattreh  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** FW: Keep the Fred

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**Ann Kattreh, Parks & Recreation Director**

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**From:** Virginia Sweeny [<mailto:virginia.sweeny@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:45 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** Keep the Fred

Please add our names to those who treasure the unique golf experience afforded by the Fred Richardson course. We believe it's an asset worth keeping and support the financial means needed to do so.

Fred & Virginia Sweeny  
7129 Gleason Road  
Edina

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** KBraun <kbraun6@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:25 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast);  
joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Edina Golf Course Operations Study

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Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members:

Thank you and City Staff for your work to keep Edina a strong viable city. I request the City Council table action on the Edina Golf Course Operations Study until additional options and analyses have been developed and reviewed in detail with the community.

The following is my assessment of the City of Edina Golf Course Operations Study:

\* Definition of the problem: B

\* Evaluation of Solutions/Options: -C. More options need to be generated and evaluated before settling on a plan or solution.

**Giving up golf holes.** Closing golf holes and courses should be a last resort. They will never come back. Fred Richards fills a need in terms of the type of player and experience and nicely augments Edina's golf portfolio. The availability of green space and multiple golf opportunities are assets that make Edina a great suburb and community. Developing the 19-27 hole Clunie nine as housing as Mayor Hovland mentioned in passing at the March 4, 2014 Council Meeting would remove the advantage of 3-nines for managing rounds and destroy the natural feel of the entire course. Even if it was the perimeter area that was developed, Edina loses the critical element that makes Braemar special - i.e. open wooded land in the heart of the metro. House lined courses are not a good golf experience.

**Driving Range Needs Improvement.** Not significant expansion. Expanding the driving range at the cost of the Braemar Executive nine, and more importantly, at significant costs to modify multiple existing golf holes that are in a pretty good layout is not advised. The driving range length could be addressed with modification of the 2nd hole on the executive nine and possibly the practice green area. The range is big enough as is. Increasing its size east to west comes at a high cost and uncertain return. Improve what is there with minimal earth moving for a higher return on dollars spent.

**The Grill** - it is an under-utilized asset. Its proximity to Braemar Arena and many potential winter-time customers looking for a place for a reasonably priced burger and refreshment is simply untapped. It would not be difficult to get them in the door. Changes will be required but be reticent to hand over control, revenue and jobs that could stay within the City. Does the grill need an upgrade for the golfers? No. It is fine as is. Does it need to change to catch missed revenue opportunity? Yes.

**Golf rates should be kept low as possible.** Twilight rates should not be limited to the weekend as proposed for this summer. Grow the game - use twilight rates to bring in junior players - let them play for free with a paying adult. Offer the players who want to get a round or just a few holes in the evening when the course is nearly deserted an attractive price - i.e. somewhere around a bucket of balls or the late fall rate (\$10 to 15max.) Making it more expensive to play Braemar will not make more people want to play Braemar and will not make the people that do play Braemar play it more often.

Money for Customer Hospitality Training. Not needed.

Advertising and Marketing. Yes

Course Maintenance and Upkeep. Yes. But spend money on improvements to the turf, tees and greens before signage and paths.

Explore and Develop Winter Use: The groomed ski/walking trail this winter was great. Add a set track for Classic stride cross country skiing and then strategically add some more groomed trail to create more loops, advertize, and many local skiers will come. Why isn't Braemar the Highschools XC Ski team's practice area? Get the grill open and add the skiers business. You might even consider a small XC-ski rental or sales shop.

Down Sizing: Last resort. Yes it is expensive to have city employees but city jobs should be preserved if possible.

Thank you for your consideration of these ideas.

Regards,

Karl Braun  
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Laura Berzinski <berzinski@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 12:17 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Golf Course

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Dear Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members:

The Fred Richards Golf Course is a great asset to the Edina community and to the future of golf in Edina. I am a life-long Edina resident and have spent my 50 years in the South Cornelia and Lake Edina neighborhoods. The Fred Richards Golf Course is a key component in making these two neighborhoods a great place to live and provides the neighborhoods a quiet, but well used, buffer from the nearby office space. Fred Richards has been the golf course where residents have learned to golf over the years and generations can comfortably play together. The community has had such limited input into the planning process on this issue, and I ask that you please do not make a quick decision to close this long-time treasured community course.

Thank you,  
Laura Berzinski  
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**From:** tmterwilliger <tmterwilliger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 2:37 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); jonibennett12@comcast.net; swensonann1@gmail.com; joshsprague@edinarealty.com  
**Subject:** Golf Operations - 3/18/14 Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Hovland and City Council Members:

On behalf of my wife Michelle we respectfully ask that you vote this evening to delay the decision on closing Fred Richards golf course until after the 2014 season and to include Fred Richards in the Master Planning process for golf operations.

As Mayor Hovland stated at the March 4th meeting, if other ideas and proposals were created and reviewed and the recommendation afterward was to close Fred Richards, and this recommendation was supported by fact and details, I would accept that. Unfortunately staff has presented only one proposal which in my opinion gives limited detail or documented support for closing Fred.

What is astonishing to me is how City Staff can recommend closing Fred Richards but not have any idea on how the Fred Richards land would be repurposed other than it would be a park. How can anyone make an educated decision without knowing what the future costs will be? If City Staff is truly trying to be good stewards of the Cities finances, which Scott Neil continues to state as well he should, then some sort of idea needs to be known on what the cost of the next use will be if Fred Richards were to close. For argument sake if closing Fred Richards saves money it might make the balance sheet for Golf Operations look better but will it make the City's overall balance sheet better? At the end of the day the money all goes in and out of one pot. With that said, if City Staff actually does have an idea on what the recommended future use of Fred Richards would be and the estimated costs for it then the public has the right to know this before a decision is made.. I believe that it is safe to say that the cost to repurpose the approximately 42 acres of land would be well over \$1MM which is likely an extremely conservative number not to mention the annual maintenance costs. If these annual costs could be recovered through CAM at Pentagon then again the public has the right to know now and not later. However, it would surprise me greatly if a future park could recover enough dollars from items such as CAM to cover the annual maintenance expenses if for no other reason Centennial Lakes is negative and they receive a portion of CAM expenses from Class A buildings that are currently occupied. Unless buildings are razed Pentagon Office Park will not be able to charge the same Operating Expenses (which CAM is part of) as Centennial Lakes without reducing their net rent substantially. My understanding is that if Pentagon Office Park is fully razed it will be 10 to 15 years before it is fully developed. Bottom line is that CAM by itself is unlikely to cover the annual maintenance costs until 10 to 15 years at the soonest if ever.

Regarding the stewardship of City finances. I am confused on why City Staff is recommending the closure of Fred Richards, which is essentially a profitable course now that the bonds were paid off a year ago, and yet last fall approved the construction of a refrigerated outdoor rink at Braemar Arena which operates at an annual loss and is expected to continue to operate at a loss. Again, is there more to City Staff's recommendation to close Fred Richards other than finances? If so then the public has the right to know. As a side note 91% of Edina citizens stated in your April 2013 Survey that the number of parks and open space was "about right" and only 10% felt that there are "too few" walking and bike trails. For what it is worth I bike 1000+ miles a year which is nothing to brag about but is enough miles to have an educated opinion on bike lanes and trails. Also, I have coached 16 seasons of hockey for the EHA, was an EHA Board member, and have three children that play in the EHA so I am well aware of the ice issues and I am not "anti-hockey". That said I do not think it was a wise financial decision to approve the 4th rink.

Lastly, I was just reviewing the "Golf Course Operations Report/Recommendation" prepared by Staff for tonight's meeting. On page 3 Staff describes different ideas on how they will help accommodate girls, women, and juniors. Many of the ideas that they state are good. However, what is so frustrating is that many of these ideas could have been implemented years ago at both Fred Richards and Braemar and had they been Golf Operations would not be in the same situation that it is today. The City has done virtually, if not absolutely, nothing to help promote rounds at Fred Richards and yet the number of rounds have consistently been above Braemar Executive. More than any other reason why annual rounds at Fred Richards is not higher than you would like is not because of the course itself, it's location (which from a density and demographic perspective could not be much better), or decline in golf. In my opinion the number one reason is because of the inefficient job that the City has done promoting Fred and yet now they are finally coming up with ideas while at the same time they are proposing to close Fred.

Thank you for reading this.

Respectfully,

Tom & Michelle Terwilliger  
7421 Kellogg Ave.  
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612-790-1859

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**From:** JASON M. SHEELEY <jedisheeley@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 5:22 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Land Use Plan

Dear Mayor Hovland and the Edina City Council,

As I have watched the process unfold in regards to the decision about the future of the Fred Richards golf course, I feel compelled to convey my disappointment and distrust in how this decision making debacle has unfolded.

I understand the financial motivation to investigate this option. I do not understand why multiple options were not considered. Perhaps, this was never an option, but a plan formulated and then presented to the public falsely as something that they could have real input into before a final decision rendered. I truly resent that there were discussions had over a year ago with developers and yet the timetable for public information and input was a fraction of that. I am a stakeholder and I should be able to have faith that there is process for how public land is used and that before a change is made, there is a transparent plan communicated to those impacted. I look out my window onto the the golf course. I realize I do not own that land. That being said, I never would have made the financial investment into this property had I known the decision making process for this public land's use would lack forthrightness and the ethical standards.

Considering that Fred Richards is not the only public subsidized operation to be in the red in Edina, that there have been mixed messages, potential conflicts of interest and a lack of transparency in the process, I feel as though my interests as a homeowner are being negated by interests that do not benefit the citizens, but rather come at their expense.

Please take steps to ensure that the decision making process for the future of the Fred Richards golf course is done in a fashion that honors the trust that the community stakeholders have placed in our leaders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rachel Christian  
4413 Gilford Dr.  
Edina, MN

Sent from my iPad

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** chappy6420@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:25 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** JONIBENNETT12@COMCAST.NET; Mary Brindle (Comcast);  
JOSHSPRAGUE@EDINAREALTY.COM; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Nine Mile Creek

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am Laurie Chapman and I live at 6420 Aspen Road (the last house on the left in the cul-de-sac). During the year that the City Council members were debating whether the trail route should take the creek path or run along Vernon Avenue, you and all the members (except Josh) at various times, have been in my house. Everyone saw for themselves how close my home is to the creek and how I would be affected by the trail design. Mayor Hovland, I was so appreciative and impressed that you stood up for me, by name, and for the others that live so close to the creek, at the December 2010 meeting where the creek route was approved. You specifically asked the Three Rivers Park representative if they could build the trail further away from the creek and further out into the wetlands to lessen the impact on the folks like Ms. Chapman and would they involve us in the design process of the trail. HE SAID YES, AND AGREED TO DO THAT. Your promise and assurance to me and the others that, when the trail design process started, there would be citizen involvement and specifically those of us that live so close to the creek, was music to my ears. Thank you so much for looking out for me and the others impacted!!!

I have been told that TRPD started trail design work in late 2013. To date, I have not been notified or have heard anything from TRPD about any plans for resident involvement in the trail design. I would be so appreciative if you would continue to stand behind your promise to me and the others impacted. We all would be grateful if you would intercede with TRPD on our behalf and stress how important it is that we be included in the trail design before it is so far down the road that our input would be meaningless and just a courtesy. I can't stress enough how important it is to all of us that we really do get a voice in the process, as was promised us.

Thank you so much, Mayor Hovland, for your continued support!!  
I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Chapman

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Dave Tessman <dave.tessman@dahlgreen.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:14 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Fred Richards Golf Course

To Whom It May Concern,

My e-mail is dual purposed. My wife sent me the link to the news story last night about closing the Fred Richards golf facility. As a golf course owner/operator, I'd be less than truthful to say I didn't have a twinge of "YES!!!, the industry (local markets for sure) needs courses to close". Then, I learned it was the executive course you were closing. Here is my 2-cents worth. Those are the very courses that need to stay open and possibly be more of (pardon the grammar). Run right, they are instrumental in growing the game. You have a great opportunity for a "step" program to take beginners from the Fred Richards course and promote them to Braemar. My "dual" purpose is to suggest you re-think your decision as I'd like to see a facility stay open that could produce potential players for larger courses...and, if you need help turning the facility into a money-maker, I'd consider helping advise, and I'd do it for free. Although, the second part probably won't happen as I know you have many golf people at your disposal who could make it work.

Just felt compelled to chime in... which is rare for me.

Thanks for your time.

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**From:** tmterwilliger <tmterwilliger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 12:47 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast)  
**Subject:** Last Evenings Council Meeting - Fred Richards

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Member Brindle:

I wanted to send you each a quick note to thank you for your support last evening in trying to delay the decision for Fred Richards.

Obviously my wife are extremely disappointed with the decision by the other Council members. We are pretty much in disbelief that a decision to close Fred was made without knowing what the future costs of a new park on Fred's land will be let alone no master plan for Braemar at this time.

As you know we are beyond disappointed and frustrated but we wanted to let you know that we appreciate the time you have given many of us and the support you gave last night in trying to delay the decision and give more time to the overall study of Golf operations.

Thanks again,

Tom & Michelle Terwilliger  
7421 Kellogg Ave.  
Edina, Mn  
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On Mar 18, 2014, at 2:37 PM, tmterwilliger wrote:

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**From:** Derek Johnson <Derek.Johnson@genmills.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 1:11 PM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh; Scott Neal; Edina Mail; Joni Bennett; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.net; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Comments of future Fred Richards use and overall process

Thanks to all of you for your engagement over the last 4 weeks on the Fred Richards closure decision. Now that the decision has been finalized, I just have a couple of comments on the future space and a suggestion for the Council and City Staff on overall process.

In regards to the future Fred space, as a resident who backs up to the current course, I would encourage City Staff and Council to do the following:

- Include the Cornelia community sooner rather than later in the ideation process of what this space will become. I heard great things from Council and City Staff on including the community, and would just encourage this participation at the beginning of the process and not at the end. In addition, I would like to volunteer my time as both a community member and as someone whose property will be directly impacted by this change.
- When I look out my backyard during the Spring and Summer months, the trees on the Fred Richards course that back up to my backyard and that are on the south end of the course provide two critical benefits:
  1. When the trees are full, they do a nice job of blocking the view of all the commercial buildings in the Pentagon Park area
  2. They provide a partial sound barrier for noise coming from the Pentagon Park area

Given that there will be many years of construction noise and the buildings will only grow in scale, *please protect all the trees on the current Fred Richards course* when determining a future use for that space. I just cringe to think of the view and noise that will occur without them.

In terms of process recommendations, I hope everyone involved in the Fred Richards discussion realizes how much better this process could have gone if there was both community involvement and engagement much earlier in the process (both sides own this). As a resident living off the course, I didn't find out about what was going on until the meeting at Braemar at the end of January, and didn't really get a chance to get engaged in the discussion until we were less than 4 weeks away from an official vote. Although I realize you will always have some disappointed residents when making these types of decisions, I think the tone would have been much more collaborative (on both ends) than what took place in this instance. This was a very big decision that impacts many residents and should have been approached earlier with this in mind.

I would also ask that the full vision tied to a decision gets shared publicly at the beginning. As I sat through last night's meeting, I got a better understanding of the rationale for closing Fred. It no longer seemed to be solely based on the financial picture and the need to fund Braemar, but more about balancing overall amenities we provide our residents and how that space could be put towards a different use – one that was clearly in scope from the very beginning. Why this full vision was not shared at the beginning (vs. making the Fred closure all about golf financials) baffles me. Instead, many of us wasted 4 weeks of our time vigorously debating the benefits of saving \$100,000 per year by closing Fred, when it was never really about that.

In closing, thanks again for your engagement over the last 4 weeks and I hope you will take my comments above into future consideration.

On a lighter note, don't forget to fill out your tournament brackets. The next couple of weeks represent the most unproductive work weeks in America, so don't miss out on it 😊

Derek Johnson  
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** stevenpwest <stevenpwest@stevewestdiscgolf.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 1:23 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Disc Golf for Fred Richards

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

You may find that re-purposing Fred Richards Executive golf course as a disc golf course is the best solution. I'm offering to help you get information about disc golf to consider that option.

You have experience with a small, recreational course that shares a park in Rosland Park. However, a dedicated, full-size disc golf course provides an order of magnitude of greater service to the community.

If the entire golf course were used for disc golf, it would keep the area as open and green as is it now. The major difference is that disc golf does not need all the inputs that are required to keep a golf course playable. Just mowing is all that is needed.

Parts of the course may even be restored to prairie. Other parts could serve as places to plant more trees.

A disc golf course would use less infrastructure and capital than any other use.

Disc golf is played by all ages, from 8 to 88. Many families with children find disc golf to be the outdoor activity they can all enjoy together.

A disc golf course would attract players from all over the Metropolitan Region. As a Regional recreation feature, and as an activity that fights obesity and improves health, it may be eligible for certain grants.

The disc golf course could host tournaments that include players from all over the world.

The course could be free to play, but disc golfers around here are willing to pay \$5 a day to play a quality course. Charging non-resident players would make disc golf nearly revenue neutral from the start. If food and beverages were to be sold next to course, a net gain could be possible.

I am a disc golf course designer (member #57 of the Disc Golf Course Designers group), and would like to be the designer of this new course for Edina. However, I am offering to serve as an information source at no charge to provide you with whatever information you need to consider the option of turning the Fred Richards course into a disc golf course.

If there is anything I can do to help, feel free to contact me.

Steve West, Owner

Steve West Disc Golf, LLC

4 Nord Circle Road

North Oaks, MN 55127

612 578 1832

PS The current golfers at Fred Richards could easily take up disc golf and continue to enjoy the course. Disc golf is much easier to learn and more fun.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jack Rice <[ricecompany@aol.com](mailto:ricecompany@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 2:09 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Cc:** Tim Cross  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mayor Hovland

Jim, You deserve comments like this. You did all you could.

Tim is my neighbor who golfs with his young sons and not so young parents at Fred Richards. He says its perfect for them because its easily walkable and not intimidating. Too bad.

Thanks, I'll call you.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Tim Cross" <[tim@pbkinvest.com](mailto:tim@pbkinvest.com)>  
**Subject:** Mayor Hovland  
**Date:** March 19, 2014 at 1:06:34 PM CDT  
**To:** "Jack" <[ricecompany@aol.com](mailto:ricecompany@aol.com)>

Jack

Next time you see Jim thank him on my behalf. In last night's council meeting his comments were articulate and right on. We are lucky to have a Mayor with the common sense so many public servants lack. While I am disappointed in the outcome, he in my opinion did everything humanly possible to persuade the other council members of the alternatives. Let him know he has my vote for as long as he wants. Guess the boys and I will now be golfing at Theodore Wirth.

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Joe Florenzano <vikingstwinsman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:17 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast)  
**Subject:** The Fred Richards Golf Course

Dear Mayor Hovland and Council Member Brindle,

I had the opportunity to watch the City Council meeting last night on the City's Website and wanted to thank you both for your stance on the Fred Richards Golf Course. I too,, believe this is a rush to judgement. Mayor Hovland, I agree that the City Council has not looked at all the options, you mentioned just a few that make a lot of sense. As a senior golfer, I love to play Fred Richards, I started playing Fred Richards a couple of years ago, with some friends. We had been playing Hyland Green in Bloomington for years, but decided to transfer our golf to The Fred to support the cause, it had been fun and a challenge.

I previously sent an email to Councilman, Josh Sprague, stating that there are, many times at Braemar,s when you can't get on a course, due to tournaments, league play, closed events to the public, charity events etc. It was always nice to know you could just go down the street and play a round of golf at the Fred.

Believe me, when I say, I won't forget your stance and ideas to help keep The Fred open, when the next election comes around. I'm sure many Edina golfers feel the same way on this subject.

Why are the other council members in such a rush!!!

Thanks,

Joe Florenzano  
Edina Resident and Golfer

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 8:28 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** April League of Women Voters Edina Meeting on Grandview District Development

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**For the Mayor and City Council:**



League of Women Voters  
of Edina

### **April League of Women Voters Edina Meeting on Grandview District Development**

The City of Edina is currently looking at redeveloping the Grandview District, former public works site. The meeting will focus on possible future uses for the site, the process going forward and citizen input for the project.

Thursday, April 10, 9:45 - 11:30 AM at the Edina Senior Center

Saturday, April 12, 9:45 - 11:30 AM at Edina City Hall

The League of Women Voters 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, visit LWV Edina on facebook or [www.lwvedina.org](http://www.lwvedina.org).**

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Donald Crutch <nationalpinktieorg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 7:23 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** I would love for the City of Edina, MN to honor (Proclamation) your local chefs on Chef's Appreciation Day August 16, 2014.  
**Attachments:** City of Tucson Arizona.jpg; Chefs City of Orlando FL.pdf

Good Morning Mayor James B. Hovland!

**I would love for the City of Edina, MN to honor (Proclamation) your local chefs on Chef's Appreciation Day August 16, 2014. Chefs Against Cancer honors all chefs every 3rd Saturday of August each year. Attached is a proclamation from the City of Orlando and the City of Tucson to use as a reference if needed.**

My name is Lisa Crutch (Wounded Warrior and Veteran); I am the President of the National Pink Tie Organization. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit Organization, National Pink Tie Organization keeps it simple. Our mission is to band men together to support the fight against cancer. Our vision is for every man to wear a pink or fuchsia tie nationwide to raise awareness, educate and empower the community about cancer.

Together we are a formidable army that shows a man's compassion, caring, and perseverance to help raise funds that support prevention, early detection, treatment options and support groups of those that are diagnosed and undergoing treatment for cancer.

NPTO gathers men in all areas of business and professions and tapping into their own personal interests. Men that are chefs, golfers, musicians, soccer enthusiasts, attorneys, runners, small business owners, body builders, corporate heads, fantasy football players, doctors, bikers, veterinarians, and the list goes on. These men band together as warriors to protect and provide for those impacted by cancer. It is one of the most exclusive clubs you can be a part of. One that shows the heart of every man – it is pink and it cares.

This shows the real heart of mankind. We care!

Please review our proclamation request and any information you may need to complete this process please call me at (407) 949-1931 or my email [lisacrutch@npto.co](mailto:lisacrutch@npto.co) . Thanks in advance and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

To learn more about Chef's Appreciation day please read our letter below.

***"Chefs feed and nurture us throughout our lives. But who is there for them when they fall?"***

*Donald Crutch, Founder of the National Pink Tie Organization*

Greetings! I am Donald Crutch, Founder of the National Pink Tie Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which was created for men supporting the fight against all types of cancer.

([www.nationalpinktieorganization.org](http://www.nationalpinktieorganization.org)) Our Chefs Against Cancer division involves over 400,000 chefs and is growing rapidly worldwide. These are busy professionals who volunteer to stand beside fellow chefs and their immediate family members who are facing one of the most stressful times in their lives.

Historically, chefs have shown great compassion to others. The very word "restaurant" is derived from the French word "restaurer," which means "to restore." The first [pre-revolutionary] French restaurants were establishments that sold meat based consommés intended to restore strength to those who were not feeling well.

Few things are better for both the body and the soul than a well crafted, sublimely prepared, and lovingly presented meal. Think about the last time that you went to your favorite restaurant, ate until you were full, then leaned back, took a deep breath, and smiled with satisfaction. Naturally you expressed your appreciation as follows, "my highest compliments to the chef!" What you didn't see was how the chef beamed with joy in response. Chefs deserve our recognition and appreciation. But there are times when our chef may need an extra measure of kindness.

NPTO chefs have made the commitment that their colleagues will not be alone when the going gets tough.

"Isaac" was a great executive chef in an excellent restaurant when he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He tried to focus on the thing he loved most. "I tried to cook my way through the pain. That's what gave me the love I needed each day. Nothing was better for me than seeing the joy on peoples' faces as they ate my food," Isaac said. "But after a while, I just didn't have the strength to cook any more. There was no more glory, no sunshine. My life became very dark after that."

As Isaac faded like a shiny red apple turning brown, so did the support and assistance from the restaurant and culinary community. Isaac soon passed away. Sadly, he simply did not have the resources or support to help him through his illness. He had wished to attend the Chefs Appreciation Day at least one time to meet others who understood his challenges.

Chefs and their families need us now. The National Pink Tie Organization is seeking sponsors and supporters for the Chefs Against Cancer annual Chefs Appreciation Day which is held every third Saturday of August nationwide. Chefs from your city would like to gather to promote healthy living and cooking, but, most importantly, to uplift one another. In the days preceding Chefs Appreciation Day we want them to continue promoting the healthy lifestyle around their local area to parents and children. On this day we'll introduce our Master Chefs Care program where chefs will share NEW recipes, discover cutting edge culinary techniques, NEW trends, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow kitchen warriors, vendors, and food distributors. Above all else Chefs Appreciation Day is for giving back to those who have already helped so many others realize how truly wonderful a happy, healthy life can taste.

\*"Isaac" is a pseudonym

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**Thanks for your support!**

**Donald Crutch**

Orange Park, FL 32073

**Founder & CEO**

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"Real Men Wear Pink Ties"

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Barbara Murphy <BarbM@7500York.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 10:20 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; MARK THOMAS; raase1@fairview.org  
**Subject:** 7500 York Cooperative - 35 year Anniversary Celebration

Greeting to Mayor Hovland, Mr. Stacey and Mr. Thomas,

7500 York Cooperative is pleased to move forward with our plans for our 35 year anniversary celebration and have invited the three of you to speak at our event. Our preliminary plans for Day 2 of our week celebration would include a program which would involve each of you from 1:30pm – 2:15pm on Tuesday, July 22 or Tuesday, July 29, followed by cake and punch.

Would either of these dates work with your schedule?

We anticipate confirming our plans that involve you by April 3 and we are honored that the three of you have responded favorably to share in our celebration.

*Barbara Murphy*

*Director of Marketing, 7500 York Cooperative  
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**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** NLC - National League of Cities <nlcmail@nlc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:28 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Big Ideas for Cities

The NATIONAL LEAGUE of CITIES, in partnership with the University of Chicago, invites you to...



On Twitter: #CityIdeas | Questions? Contact [university@nlc.org](mailto:university@nlc.org)

Friday, April 11, 2014 | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Free of charge

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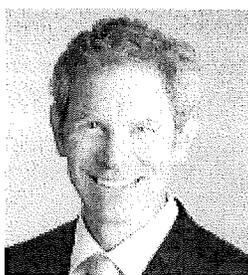
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Big Ideas for Cities will feature mayors from around the country offering compelling talks on ideas, initiatives or innovations that can make a dramatic difference to the future of our cities.

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**From:** Erik Petzel <Erik.Petzel@heart.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 10:15 AM  
**To:** Erik Petzel  
**Subject:** April 2 - Walk at the Capitol  
**Attachments:** 2014 Walk at the Capitol - Flyer.pdf

**Importance:** High

### **Hello Minnesotans for Healthy Kids Coalition & MN Safe Routes to School Coalition!**

Next Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> is AHA's day at the Capitol, which coincides with AHA's National Walking Day. We're having a 1-mile walk (or .5-mile for those pressed for time) outside the Capitol with legislators, advocates and it's open to the public. Attached is a flyer. Senator Franzen and Representative Norton, the chief authors for Safe Routes to School (SRTS), will be speaking in the Capitol Rotunda at 12:30 pm to kick off the walk. It's critical to show support for these SRTS champions. Please come out to hear them speak and join the walk.

Again, they'll be speaking at **12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Capitol Rotunda** with the walk to follow.

If you're interested in attending AHA's full slate of activities and meeting with your legislator to urge their support of SRTS at our day at the Capitol, *Heart on the Hill*, you can find more information and [register here](#). There's no cost.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Capitol Rotunda next Wednesday (April 2) at 12:30 pm!

Thanks,

Erik

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### **Erik Petzel**

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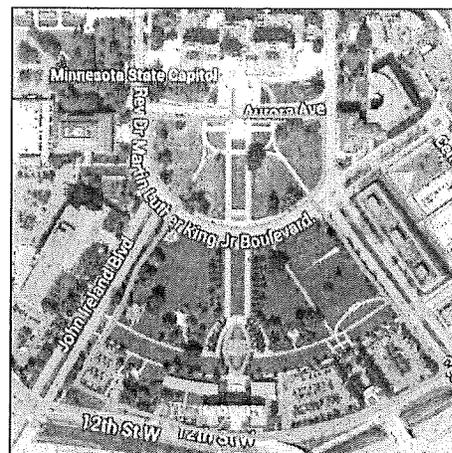
# American Heart Association's **2014 National Walking Day**

*Walk at the Capitol*

**Wednesday, April 2, 2014**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Capitol Rotunda**

All legislators, staff and the public are invited to join the American Heart Association on National Walking Day. Adults need at least 150 minutes a week and children at least 60 minutes a day of physical activity.

Join American Heart Association volunteers in the Capitol Rotunda at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2 for a .5 or 1-mile walk outside the Capitol. Grab your sneakers, lace up and get moving toward a healthier heart!



For more information or questions, contact Jess Nolan,  
[jess.nolan@heart.org](mailto:jess.nolan@heart.org) or 952-278-7928.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Marnie Gaasedelen <mgaas@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 12:16 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** mark@gaasgold.com  
**Subject:** Closing of Fred Richards golf course

Dear City Council,

I watched part of a replay of a city council meeting last night in which it was voted to close the above golf course. Mayor Hovland's idea of putting off the decision for a year made SO much sense to me under the circumstances. I'm very disappointed that the rest of the council chose not to follow his lead, as mayor, and delay the decision for a few months.

I am a middle aged, non-athletic women who receives glares, stares, and under the breath swears when I'm on a golf course, but I really enjoy being outdoors and TRYING to golf. As I approach my senior years, I had looked forward to spending more time pursuing this interest but wouldn't consider trying to improve my golf game (or lack thereof) at Braemar. I really liked Mayor Hovland's comparison of Fred patrons as similar to ice skaters who wouldn't fit into the hockey or figure skating profile but, nevertheless, enjoy being on the ice as exercise and recreation.

If it's not too late to reverse this decision, I would encourage you as a council to follow Mayor Hovland's recommendation to table the decision for a year. Perhaps the leg doesn't need to be amputated to save the patient, so to speak. But once amputated, the leg won't grow back.

Sincerely,

Marnie Gaasedelen  
7215 Lanham Lane  
Edina, MN 55439  
952-944-6221 home  
612-309-7666 mobile

cc Mark Gaasedelen

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Amy M. <amyminge71@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 1:31 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Community Center

To Edina City Council members:

I heard that there may be an opportunity to build a community center on the old public works site (on Eden Avenue). This is very exciting news, and I want to express my heartfelt support for a community center. It's hard to believe that cities such as Chaska and Eden Prairie are so far ahead of Edina in this respect.

I would further like to emphasize that my friends and neighbors are also very excited about the possibility of building a community center. Unfortunately, most of them have very busy schedules, and their civic engagement is largely relegated to voting. I am convinced, however, that any sampling of Edina voters would show a great preference for a community center over private development, especially if the type of private development is specified. The last thing any of us want is another Walgreens or condominium complex.

Please take your constituents' feelings into consideration during your decision-making process.

Thank-you,

-Amy Minge  
Edina Resident  
[amyminge71@gmail.com](mailto:amyminge71@gmail.com)  
cell: 612-220-2140

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Richard Troxell <rrtroxell@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 8:03 PM  
**To:** jireton@ci.salisbury.md.us; benjamin.sprague@bangormaine.gov; rmacdonald@lewistonmaine.gov; mfpb@portlandmaine.gov; jhieftje@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us; cshannon@baycitymi.org; andrew.linko@brownstown-mi.org; mayor@ci.dearborn.mi.us; dpaletko@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us; ntriple@cityofeastlansing.com; suzannepixley@gmail.com; barryl2@mich.com; mayor@cityofflint.com; mayor@grcity.us; mayornovitke@comcast.net; k.dykstra@cityofholland.com; jcsmith@cityofjackson.org; hopewellb@kalamazoocity.org; kepleys@ci.kentwood.mi.us; Lansing.Mayor@lansingmi.gov; mayorkarnes@gmail.com; mayor@ci.livonia.mi.us; mdonker@midland-mi.org; Steve.Gawron@shorelinecity.com; reppp@porthuron.org; peter.strazdas@portagemi.gov; mayorsoffice@rochesterhills.org; jchirkun@roseville-mi.gov; cmellison@ci.royal-oak.mi.us; browningspd125@gmail.com; blawrence@cityofsouthfield.com; mayorkuspa@ci.southgate.mi.us; walby@scsmi.net; cityhall@sterling-heights.net; djklslater@aol.com; mayor@cityofwarren.org; MayorWild@CityofWestland.com; pollj@wyomingmi.gov; cm.gamache@andovermn.gov; info@ci.apple-valley.mn.us; tryan@ci.blaine.mn.us; gwinstead@ci.bloomington.mn.us; mayorwillson@ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us; Jeffrey.Lunde@brooklynpark.org; elizabeth.kautz@ci.burnsville.mn.us; howe@ci.coon-rapids.mn.us; myronbailey@aol.com; dness@duluthmn.gov; citycouncil@cityofeagan.com; allcouncil@edenprairie.org; Edina Mail; gtourville@ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us; mlittle@lakevillemn.gov; eanderson@city.mankato.mn.us; msteffenson@ci.maple-grove.mn.us; Nora.Slawik@ci.maplewood.mn.us; tschneider@eminnetonka.com; KSlavik@ci.plymouth.mn.us; citycouncil@cityofrichfield.org; abrede@rochestermn.gov; city.council@ci.roseville.mn.us; btabke@ci.shakopee.mn.us; Dave.Kleis@ci.stcloud.mn.us; jacobsjeffrey@comcast.net; mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us; council@ci.woodbury.mn.us; tpogue@ballwin.mo.us; cross@bluespringsgov.com; hrediger@cityofcapegirardeau.org; bnation@chesterfield.mo.us; mayor@gocolumbiamo.com; mayorschneider@florissantmo.com; dReimal@indepmo.org; estruemph@jeffcitymo.org; mayor@joplinmo.org; mayor@kcmo.org; Randy.Rhoads@cityofls.net; bhennesy@ofallon.mo.us; rstephens@springfieldmo.gov; sally.faith@stcharlescitymo.gov; bfalkner@ci.st-joseph.mo.us; slayf@stlouiscity.com; LPagano@stpetersmo.net; mayor@ucitymo.org; twoerther@cityofwildwood.com; mayor@biloxi.ms.us; johncox@greenvillems.org; mayorsoffice@gulfport-ms.gov; mayor@hattiesburgms.com; halolufemi@city.jackson.ms.us; percybland@meridianms.org  
**Subject:** Follow up- White Paper: Preventing Homelessness at its Core  
**Attachments:** RESOLUTION-\_Nations\_Mayors.doc

Greetings:

By now, you should have received our packet, Preventing Homelessness at its Core. We have presented you with an opportunity to petition Congress for relief from the tax burdens that you as a municipal leader must deal with every day when responding to the needs of people experiencing homelessness, e.g. constructing emergency shelters, day drop in facilities, transitional housing units, single room occupancy units, maintaining enhanced police forces and often maintaining parallel court systems, etc.

**Again, we encourage you as mayor or a majority of your council to join these visionary leaders in a vote of support of the concepts presented in this document as a means of mitigating serious tax burdens being faced by your municipality.**

**Thus far,**

Mayor	J. Christian	Bollwage	Elizabeth	New Jersey
Mayor	James	Thomas, Jr.	Hinesville	Georgia
Mayor	David	Coss	Santa Fe	New Mexico
Mayor	Johnny	Dupree	Hattiesburg	Mississippi
Mayor	Pauline	Repp	Port Huron	Michigan
Mayor	Joyce	Sutton Cameron	Trotwood	Ohio
Mayor	Kitty	Piercy	Eugene	Oregon
Mayor	William L.	Courtright	Scranton	Pennsylvania
V-Mayor	Eddie L.	Martin	District Heights	Maryland

**have all signed the Resolution and either scanned or mailed it to us with the original sent to the president of the National Conference of Mayors. Several other Mayors have also contacted us about the process and will be sending their Resolutions shortly.**

We realize that nothing that goes before Congress comes out the same as initiated. The point is that we need tax relief that only Congress can achieve. We are submitting a proposal that addresses very real concerns while offering viable solutions that will save tax payers and businesses billions of dollars while stimulating our local economies nation-wide.

Our proposal has three distinct parts. For those who *can* work, we suggest fixing the Federal Minimum Wage once and for all. We have devised a three pronged formula, (using existing government guidelines), that ensures that if a person works 40 hours of work in a week, (be it from one job or two), they will be able to afford basic food, clothing and shelter (utilities included), transportation and have access to the emergency room (without paying too much of a wage in Rural America where it would hurt small business.)

For those who *cannot* work, we suggest fixing the Supplemental Security, SSI, stipend on either a national or state level or a combination of both. It makes no sense getting people a check every month and yet they are still not be able to afford basic rental housing (efficiency apartment).

Finally, we can use our **existing institutions**, so that when people leave our hospitals, boarding homes, prisons, the military, health clinics, jails, or when our youth age out of foster care, that **No One be Discharged into Homelessness. Each facility must devise its own plan to accomplish this task.**

**Please don't delay, sign and scan back or mail back the attached Resolution. Note- For your convenience, we have reformatted, "Prevention of Homelessness at its Core," and are releasing it as an e-Book: *Livable Incomes- Real Solutions that Stimulate the Economy* on Amazon.com.**

*In Unity There is Strength*

**Richard R. Troxell**

**President/CEO House the Homeless**

**Board Member National Coalition for the Homeless**

Author: *Looking up at the Bottom Line: The Struggle for the Living Wage*

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## RESOLUTION

**WHERE AS,** our nation's Municipalities are facing untold millions of dollars of tax payer costs to address and respond to homelessness that include constructing emergency shelters, day drop in facilities, transitional housing units, single room occupancy units, case management at various levels, the use of hospital emergency rooms as if they were health clinics, creation and maintenance of parallel homeless court systems and police involvement to deal with "Quality of Life" ordinances e.g. No Sit, No Lie, no panhandling, no feeding, no loitering, no camping etc. ordinances including the creation and enforcement of drug courts, detoxification, treatment facilities, excess reliance on food stamps, excess reliance on general assistance, on Temporarily Aid to Needy Families, TANF, Earned Income Tax Credits, EITC, and

**WHERE AS,** our parks and wooded areas have become occupied with people experiencing homelessness thus changing and affecting their intended use for general recreational purposes and

**WHERE AS,** multiple studies have shown that while 90% of people experiencing homelessness are desirous of work but half of all of these persons are so disabled that they cannot work or even access housing with the federal government stipend (Supplemental Security Income, SSI, presently set nationwide at \$721.00 per month or about \$4.35 per hour and

**WHERE AS,** multiple studies have shown that the other half of all people experiencing homelessness who are capable of work, are unable to obtain and retain base housing even by working 40 hours a week at the current Federal Minimum Wage presently set nationwide at \$7.25 per hour and

**WHERE AS,** several U.S. Conference of Mayors reports have indicated that a full 40 hour a week minimum wage worker cannot get into and keep basic rental housing and

**WHERE AS,** both the Federal Minimum Wage and the Supplemental Security Income, SSI stipend, are set by a governmental standards outside of the jurisdiction of the nation's Municipalities, and yet the outcome of these standards create the financial conditions and burden as described above, and

**WHERE AS,** the antithesis of housing is homelessness and the antithesis of homelessness is housing.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the US Conference of Mayors is urged to bring this matter to the attention of United States US House of Representatives and the United States Senate and call upon them to address the Federal Minimum Wage and SSI Standards and that enactment of the change occur over a ten (10) year period that indexes both the FMW and the SSI to the local cost of housing using the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Section 8 Fair Market Rents thus ensuring that a 40 hour a week minimum wage worker is able to afford basic food, clothing, shelter (including utilities), and transportation wherever that work is done throughout the US and that any person found to be disabled by the Federal Social Administration receive a stipend that ensures that they are able to afford basic food, clothing, shelter (utilities included) and transportation. <http://bit.ly/UniversalLivingWage2013>

**And**

All US institutions such as the US military, or where our Youth are aging out of Foster Care, or people are leaving our jails or prisons, hospitals, mental health institutions etc., should access discharge needs and immediately design plans for the eventual discharge of any user into a safe housing environment rather than discharging them into homelessness.

Note. The Resolution reflects the document: Preventing Homelessness at it's Core with Preface is by Edgar S. Cahn.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

for the City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the great state of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Administrative Office  
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St. Paul, MN 55114*

*Families Moving Forward Program Center  
1808 Emerson Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55411*

*T: 651. 789 6260*

*T: 612. 529 2185*



**INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE**

March 20, 2014

Mayor Jim Hovland  
4801 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am pleased to let you know that Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative has entered into a purchase agreement for a site to develop affordable and supportive housing for youth and young adults who have experienced homelessness in the suburbs. Our plan is to develop approximately 40 studio apartments at 3330 W. 66<sup>th</sup> Street. We believe this is the ideal location for this type of housing with easy access to jobs, retail, public transportation and medical facilities.

Beacon staff and members of the Edina Community Lutheran Church housing task force would like to meet with you to discuss our plan for significant changes to this site, which will include land use approvals to build the project at this location.

Your support is crucial to making this project a success. We look forward to working with you on this endeavor. To schedule a meeting, please contact Sarah Larson, project manager at Beacon, with your availability and we can arrange a time that will work for our team. Sarah can be reached at 651-789-6260 x206 or [slarson@beaconinterfaith.org](mailto:slarson@beaconinterfaith.org).

Sincerely,

Lee Blons  
Executive Director  
Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative



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www.sourcewater-solutions.com

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT (LUGs) AND WORKPLAN

Date: March 20, 2014

To: Mr. Jeff Jacobs, Mayor, City of St. Louis Park  
Mr. James Hovland, Mayor, City of Edina  
Mr. Gene Maxwell, Mayor, City of Hopkins  
Ms. Betsy Hodges, Mayor, City of Minneapolis  
Mr. Shep Harris, Mayor, City of Golden Valley  
Ms. Kelli Slavik, Mayor, City of Plymouth  
Mr. Terry Schneider, Mayor, City of Minnetonka  
Mr. Gary Holter, Mayor, City of Medicine Lake  
Mr. John Freitag, Planner, Minnesota Department of Health  
Ms. Lanya Ross, Planner, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services  
Ms. Sherry Davis White, President, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
Mr. Mike Opat, Commissioner, Hennepin County Board  
Ms. Ginny Black, Chair, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission  
Mr. Eric Cedarleaf Dahl, Chair, Hennepin County Conservation District

From: Mr. Jay Hall, Utility Superintendent, City of St. Louis Park, MN

### Re: City of St. Louis Park Wellhead Protection Program

Source Water Solutions, LLC, on behalf of City of St. Louis Park, is notifying neighboring and overlying units of government of its intent to update the City's wellhead protection plan. The goal of the plan is to prevent human-caused contaminants from entering our water supply wells and to protect all who use our water supply from adverse health effects associated with groundwater contamination. This notice is required by the Minnesota Wellhead Protection Rule, part 4720.5300, subpart 3.

The entire project will take approximately 1.5 years to complete. Public informational meetings will be held during City Council meetings or as appropriate.

In accordance with the wellhead protection rule, the following information must be included in this notice:

- Wellhead Protection Manager: Jay Hall  
Utility Superintendent  
City of St. Louis Park  
7305 Oxford St., St. Louis Park, MN, 55426  
952-924-2557
- Unique Well Numbers: 206440 (Well 3), 200542 (Well 4), 203678 (Well 8), 206442 (Well 10), 206439 (Well 11), 206456 (Well 12), 206424 (Well 13), 227965 (Well 14), 215447 (Well 15), 203187 (Well 16)
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- Date Wellhead Protection Plan Must Be Completed: April 22, 2016
- General Project Work Plan: See attachment.
- Data Elements Needed for Wellhead Protection Plan: The City seeks your assistance by sharing any data/information that your organization may have that may be useful in updating the City's wellhead protection plan. Some of these data elements include:



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- Borehole or surface geophysical studies;
- List of permitted surface water withdrawals (if different from DNR database);
- Surface or groundwater level measurements;
- Lake and stream water quality monitoring data;
- Water chemistry data from wells, springs or other groundwater sampling points;
- Any groundwater tracer studies; or
- Any existing site studies and well water analysis of known areas of groundwater contamination.

If you have information related to these data elements, or other information that you feel may be useful to us, please contact the City's wellhead protection consultant, **Erik Tomlinson at Source Water Solutions, LLC** ([erik@sourcewater-solutions.com](mailto:erik@sourcewater-solutions.com) or **612.701.7343**).

Also, if available, please submit: 1) any existing water and related land resource plans and official controls; and 2) a description of conflicts, problems, or opportunities that you want examined and addressed in our wellhead protection plan. Thank you for your assistance in our wellhead protection efforts.

cc: Mr. Eric Evenson, District Administrator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
Mr. Kevin Bigalke, District Administrator, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Mr. Carl Robertson, Chair, St. Louis Park Planning Commission  
Ms. Trudi Witkowski, Minnesota Department of Health

# WHP WORK PLAN

Step	Projected Completion Date (Month/Year)
<b>PART I</b>	
*Letter From MDH Initiating Plan Development	
Notice of Plan Development Sent to Local Units of Government (LUGs)	March 2014
Public Meeting Held with LUGs	Not Applicable
WHP Manager Appointed	February 2014
LUG Team Established (Optional)	Not Applicable
Wellhead Protection Team Appointed	Not Applicable
Scoping 1 Meeting Held	July 24, 2013
*MDH Scoping Decision (Letter)	August 23, 2013
Prepare Aquifer Test Plan and Submit to MDH	March 2014
*MDH Approval of Test Plan	March 2014
Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) Delineation	Mar-Apr 2014
Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) Delineation	Mar-Apr 2014
Conduct Vulnerability Assessment	Mar-Apr 2014
Vulnerability and DWSMA Submitted to MDH	April 2014
*MDH Approval of DWSMA, WHPA and Vulnerability Assessments	June 2014
Vulnerability, WHPA and DWSMA Submitted to LUGs	June 2014
Public Meeting Held	Jun-July 2014
<b>PART II</b>	
Scoping 2 Meeting Held	September 2014
*MDH Scoping Decision (Letter)	October 2014
Inventory of Potential Source Contamination	Nov-Dec 2014
Management Portion of Plan <sup>1</sup>	December 2014
Submit Plan to LUGs	January 2015
Consider Comments Received by LUGs <sup>2</sup>	March 2015
Public Hearing Held	April 2015
Submit Plan to MDH	April 2015
*MDH Review	Apr-Jul 2015
*MDH Approval	August 2015
Provide Notice to LUGs About Plan Approval	August 2015
Begin Plan Implementation	September 2015

<sup>1</sup> Prepare response to impact of changes on PWS well; issues, problems and opportunities; WHP goals; objectives and plan of action; evaluation program; alternate water supply; contingency strategy.

<sup>2</sup> Incorporate response to comments in plan.

\* Highlighted text denotes steps completed by MDH

Name of Person Completing This Form Erik Tomlinson	Date 2/24/2014
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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Carter Greene <carterg19598@apps.edina.k12.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Jennifer Buckley  
**Subject:** Invitation to Mr. Hovland's Presentation

Dear Mr. Hovland,

We have been studying the idea of apathy in our 7th grade Language Arts class. Our teacher asked us to identify a problem in our community, gather evidence, and create a campaign to educate people about it. The problem me and my partners chose was students not coming with necessary materials to class.

After interviewing several students, and teachers. We have found out that 50% of all students often don't bring proper materials to class, and 40% of all students sometimes don't bring the right materials to class. We believe we have found a way to "soften the blow" as they say. Please join us for our in the Dragseth Theater at South View Middle School in Edina on april 15th at 1:35. if you are unable to make it, but would like to see our presentation, we would be happy to send you a link to our final presentation.

Thanks for your help. Hope to see you on Tuesday

Sincerely,

Carter G. Sabre C. and Lucas S.  
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