

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: June 18, 2013

Subject: CORRESPONDENCE

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council Meeting.

No action is requested.

From: Wayne Houle
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 5:33 PM
To: ED City Council
Cc: Scott Neal; Toby Muse (tmuse@sehinc.com); Paul J. Pasko, III; 'Joe Clement'; Chad Millner
Subject: RE: Water Outage

Council Member Bennett and City Council:

Below is a response to Mr. Turney from SEH's Construction Inspector on the project. I don't have copy of what was handed out since we use the City's typical door hanger where the contractor hand writes in the day that the water shutoff will occur. I understand that there was also a note written on the door hanger that indicated the shutoff would occur the next day if it was rained out. The inspector and contractor will no longer write other notes on the door hanger, since most people probably won't know if the work was rained out, since they are not home during the day.

I also asked if the inspector had his phone on and the answer was yes, however, he was on another call and Mr. Turney did leave a voice mail.

From: "Joe Clement" <jclement@sehinc.com>
To: "Paul Turney" <paturney@comcast.net>
Cc: "Toby Muse" <tmuse@sehinc.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 13, 2013 9:29 AM
Subject: Re: Water Outage

I am very sorry to hear of your inconvenience.

Yesterday's work was rained out early. The notices that were handed out included a note saying that rained out work would take place the next day so the contractor did not re-notify. Next time I will have the contractor hang a second flyer to avoid this confusion.

I will have Toby Muse with SEH follow up with Mr. Turney to be sure that he is ok and that there isn't other issues that he hasn't spoken about in his email.



Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering

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From: Joni Bennett [<mailto:jonibennett12@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 12:14 PM
To: Wayne Houle
Cc: Scott Neal
Subject: Fwd: Water Outage

Good Afternoon, Wayne -

What happened here? Has the resident received a response? I would appreciate seeing a copy.

Thank you -

Joni

jonibennett12@comcast.net
952-927-0661

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Paul Turney" <paturney@comcast.net>
Date: June 13, 2013 9:22:17 AM CDT
To: <jclement@sehinc.com>
Cc: <swensonann1@gmail.com>, <joshsprague@edinarealty.com>, <mbrindle@comcast.net>, <jonibennett12@comcast.net>
Subject: Water Outage

Joe,

We got your notice regarding the closure of our street. I made it a point to move my vehicle so that I could make my meetings today. Unfortunately you DID NOT notify us in your second letter that we would not have WATER. A shower would be nice before I go to work. Thanks for the remarkable inconvenience. Yesterday we were prepared and made sure everything was handled early. Your communications skills leave a lot to be desired. I would have appreciated a clear understanding of your expectations.

PS. Nice touch turning off your cell phone this morning.

Paul Turney

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 9:11 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: Weed complaint - violation of section 1050



Lynette Biunno, Receptionist

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From: Katie Nelson [<mailto:katiemcc22@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:45 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Weed complaint - violation of section 1050

Hi -

House number 6037 on Kellogg is in violation of section 1050 - Maintenance of Vegetation.
1050.05
Subd. 1 Turf Grasses.

Their grass and weeds are out of control. I'm pretty sure it's a rental house and the renters aren't maintaining the yard.

Are there any upcoming city council meetings? There should be something on the books regarding rental properties.

Thank you-

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Katie Nelson

From: Bonnie Miller [mailto:bonnie@heritageofedina.com]
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: 'Kathryn Nordberg'
Subject: Opposed to Additional Assisted Living

Mayor Hoveland
& Edina City Council Members
Edina, MN 55435

Dear Mayor Hoveland and City Council members:

We are writing in opposition to another proposed assisted living facility in Edina. The city already supports five facilities within two miles of Fairview Southdale hospital with over 1,000 apartments and probably thousands more within a 5 mile area. The existing facilities all have waiting lists, but they all also have empty apartments, due to timing, requirements, and personal needs of the families. Throughout our 53 year history, we have always had waiting lists of up to 40 families at any given time. Waiting lists are not an indicator of a lack of senior housing options in an area. We believe we have reached a saturation point at which time the State may have to put a moratorium on building new units, as they did back in the early 1970's with nursing home beds.

There are additional things to consider as well:

- Balance- Of course the residents of Edina all want to care for the elderly population with thoughtful accommodations and services as we at Heritage of Edina have for a long time. But Edina also needs balance, with housing and services for the young and the differently abled to keep our city vibrant.
- Development across from Westin hotel- We understand that there will be a large complex built in this location. This could provide the balance that we need, but will also cause congestion with the large numbers of new residents in the area.
- Traffic congestion-We know that a traffic study will be completed. It is clear that the corner of France and West 65th street is already congested. A new facility of this type in this location will just add to the already difficult situation.

We thank you for your careful consideration of all the issues you face for the businesses and citizens of Edina. We the staff of Heritage of Edina have been dedicated to giving the best care to our seniors, some of us for over 20, 30 & 40 years, and we want to continue to be of service for many more years to come.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Heritage of Edina
Maria Field, CEO

From: Mark J. Marshall [mailto:mmarshall@bwf.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 10:14 PM

To: Richard Cheng; Wayne Houle; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Edina Mail; joshsprague@edinarealty.com

I have pushed them hard to reduce the number of fields down to four which seems to be the root of the traffic explosion. Is it time for a petition and a group visit to city council? The park board?

The driving has not gotten any better that's for sure.

Mark

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

From: Richard Cheng [mailto:chengr@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 10:12 AM

To: WHoule@EdinaMN.gov; mbrindle@comcast.net; mail@EdinaMN.gov; joshsprague@edinarealty.com

Cc: jikkelley11@gmail.com; BTheis@EdinaMN.gov; andy.leming@gmail.com; dan.ballard@medtronic.com;

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Bjelland'; 'Frank Lerman'; 'Gene Nord'; 'Gopal & Anjali Khanna'; Grammto5@aol.com; 'Jeff & Linda Sjolander'; 'Jen

Rondestvedt'; 'Jerry and Lois Edwards'; 'Jerry Tian'; 'Jessica & Karl Mulle'; 'Jim and Katie Downey'; 'Jim Wangen';

Jlmearnold@aol.com; 'John & Andrea Wagenaar'; joswan01@aol.com; 'Judy & Richard Krzyzek'; 'judy freeman'; 'Karen

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Cammy Baer'; 'Tim & Cathy Armbrustmacher'; 'Tom'; 'Tom & Thelma Buss'; 'Tracy & Mike Slaughter';

vickihurwitz@gmail.com; 'Wes & Anne Anderson'

Subject: FW: Soccer traffic safety issue on Creek Valley & Nordic road-- follow up plan/timeline

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Cc: jikelley11@gmail.com; Byron Theis; andy.leming@gmail.com; dan.ballard@medtronic.com; eric.bjelland@northmarq.com; mikesueholmes@msn.com; mzhang1@fairview.org; steveeids@comcast.net; wlarsen@scalesadvertising.com; 'Alison & Dan Arom'; 'Amy Sells'; 'Andrea & Craig Brandt'; 'Ann LeFlem'; 'Annie Michel'; 'Arlie Potter'; AWLentz@aol.com; 'Becky Wemer'; 'Betsy Kloiber'; 'Bud and Nan Meadley'; 'Buzz & Carolyn Pierce'; 'Carol and Terry Korupp'; 'Carol Kapsen'; carol.j.simon@optum.com; 'Cathy Thatcher'; charles.haff@gmail.com; 'Craig Brandt'; 'Dick & Barbara Erlandson'; 'Dorothy Kruger'; DrLowell@aol.com; 'Elizabeth Leming'; 'Elizabeth T Wolff'; 'Eric and Joan Bjelland'; 'Frank Lerman'; 'Gene Nord'; 'Gopal & Anjali Khanna'; Grammto5@aol.com; 'Jeff & Linda Sjolander'; 'Jen Rondestvedt'; 'Jerry and Lois Edwards'; 'Jerry Tian'; 'Jessica & Karl Mulle'; 'Jim and Katie Downey'; 'Jim Wangen'; JImearnold@aol.com; 'John & Andrea Wagenaar'; joswan01@aol.com; 'Judy & Richard Krzyzek'; 'judy freeman'; 'Karen Haff'; 'Kathleen Bonthius'; 'Kathy Frey'; 'Katie Downey'; 'Kevin Bonthius'; kleinfamily93@comcast.net; LABjerke@aol.com; 'Laurie Muelbauer'; 'Les & Jo Fujitake'; 'Lisa Kelly'; 'Lori Beck'; 'Margaret Dunnigan'; 'Margaret Dunnigan'; 'Mark & Becky Kuck'; 'Mark & Kris Marshall'; 'Mark Marshall'; 'Mary'; 'Mary Cheng'; 'Maura & Peter Schnorbach'; 'Michelle Dass'; 'Ned and Jane Gustafson'; 'Ned Gustafson'; 'Orn Arnar'; 'Paul & Sue Arneson'; 'Paul Stormo'; 'Perry Bergren'; 'Pete and Jan Northfield'; 'Richard Cheng'; 'Richard Wemer'; roarlund@gmail.com; 'Rob & Brandi Reed'; 'Ruth Stormo'; 'Scott & Jean Lastine'; 'Stacey Eidsfold'; 'Susan Lund'; 'Terri DeVries'; 'Terry Kapsen'; 'Tim & Cammy Baer'; 'Tim & Cathy Armbrustmacher'; 'Tom'; 'Tom & Thelma Buss'; 'Tracy & Mike Slaughter'; vickihurwitz@gmail.com; 'Wes & Anne Anderson'
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Richard

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

From: Jim Kelley [mailto:jikelley11@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:41 AM
To: BTheis@EdinaMN.gov
Cc: chengr@comcast.net; jim_kelley@cargill.com
Subject: Re: Soccer traffic safety issue on Creek Valley & Nordic road-- follow up plan/timeline

Byron,

Just in case you have not seen it but I was at an Edina park yesterday called Highlands park which is located on Glengarry just a few blocks north off Vernon Ave. The entire length of Highlands on Glengarry is marked for one sided parking. I wonder how many other soccer park examples I can find for you. Maybe you know them all already since this is your role. Please advise if you need more data for your team to consider.

By the way in Highlands they put the one side parking on the wrong side in my view. The one side for open parking should be on the park side for safety and neighborhood relations. The signs now have people parking in front of local homes versus the park crossing the streets with more safety risks. And additionally, the soccer families are parking on the local neighborhood lawns causing ruts and damages plus ill will. When you put one side parking in Creek Valley we will ask you to have soccer families park on the school side and not on the residence side.

As always we look forward to your reply. Please advise if you would prefer we go to Mr. Houle to get more support or attention for a quick resolution (a all way stop sign and one sided parking on the school side). Maybe you have many other higher priorities to solve and we ought to move this safety issue to Mr.Houle. It would be good to get your perspective.

We look forward to your meeting with us to learn about the one side of street criteria and the gameplay to solve the intersection control effectively due to the peak traffic caused by soccer families visiting our neighborhood.

I am open Fri of this week if you are open.
Jim

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 10, 2013, at 12:23 PM, Jim Kelley <Jim_Kelley@cargill.com> wrote:

- > Byron,
- > Just checking back in as it appears yet another week has come and gone with no progress. It would be good to know if this timetable of replies is normal to you. Your perspective to this slow or unresponsive nature will be appreciated. This is not directed at you but rather the process. I am not certain but this dialog on the traffic control for our neighborhood seems like it is stretching over 3 years or more now. It would be good to hear how you see it. Maybe you are used to it but we are not.
- >
- > As I am sure you can understand from our perspective it seems hugely
- > tardy
- > for something which appears easily resolved. Maybe this is the city government mode neither of really understand as we operate in corporate America for our careers. Surely you can give us perspective.
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- > In the meantime I have some specific examples where it appears the
- > Edina
- > GOVT team has decided to use stop signs to control intersections or 3 ways locations. I also have noticed a fair number of examples where the one side parking is also in place such as what we requested. It will be helpful for you to explain why one neighborhood gets the controlled intersection requested yet another is denied.
- >
- > Frankly the one side of street parking request seems so apparently in
- > need
- > on Nordic it will be good to know what are the factors which go into a decision at all. Nordic is a no brainer compared to examples elsewhere in Edina. It is hopeful that certain locations are not getting preference or different attention than another neighborhood. That would be an issue of course. See below examples and let's review them when you come to visit with us as you suggested last year in a prior note to visit the soccer traffic at its height of safety concerns.
- >
- > THXS again for staying with us on this journey. If you would suggest
- > we
- > elevate this to our councilman or to others in the City team which might be supportive of our concerns for a safe neighborhood with controlled soccer traffic and keeping the pleasant neighborhood we have invested in to continue to be one of the best in Edina.
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- > We look forward to your reply and a visit to discuss this situation we
- > see
- > as very important to our neighborhood values soon.
- > Jim
- >
- > Here below are just a few examples of All way stop signs and One side

street parking used in Edina which seem comparable to Creek Valley Rd and Nordic Drive. We are asking why not for us since we are strong tax payers, good citizens and this is not a high cost matter which is easily resolved quickly versus the frustrating long term dialog it has become for some odd reason. You likely know where all the examples are as this is your job but I felt it was good to see a few myself. I did not list all the ones I saw as it would be too long.

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- > All Ways intersections like Creek Valley rd and Nordic Dr -Warren and
- > 64th st -Ridgeview Dr & Whiting Ave -Whyman & 63rd st -Scotia &
- > Gleason -Valley Lane & Southcraft -Moreland & Eden BLVD -Edgebrook
- > Place & Brownsdale -Wooddale & Country Club rd

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- > One sided parking streets like Creek Valley rd and Nordic Dr
- > -Ridgeview Drive and Valley Lane -Moreland & Bridge street -Brownsdale
- > (entire Country Club neighborhood length)

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- > Jim Kelley/Senior Enterprise Customer Leader -- Direct Line: (952)
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> -----Original Message-----

- > From: Jim Kelley
- > Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 2:41 PM
- > To: 'BTheis@EdinaMN.gov'
- > Cc: Jim Kelley; 'jikelley11@gmail.com'
- > Subject: Re: Soccer traffic safety issue with small young children on
- > Creek Valley & Nordic road

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> Byron, THXS so much for a reply. Very much appreciated.

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> Someday it would be good for you to observe the number of small children

coming and going from the Creek Valley estates area crossing Nordic to get to the school park. Unfortunately at most times it appears quite safe and then when soccer parents are late to get junior on or off the field all caution goes out the door.

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> I am not one who wants to say I told you so when some child gets hit Byron. That is not my mode of operation. I just want to be proactive to a safety matter which is clearly accelerating on your watch. And prevention of the situation is the objective for us all.

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> Clearly the volume spike during the peak times, parents feeling late, > the

lack of a controlled 3 way intersection, the down hill gradient increasing speed, and the turning onto Nordic all add up! It creates a dangerous situation which does not seem like to much to ask for added control by you and your team. It appears elsewhere in Edina, Hopkins and St. Louis Park we have loads of examples where parks/neighborhoods have

been controlled with stop signs, one side parking and increased awareness to teams using the adjoining fields. Further encouragement to use the school parking vs the streets will lower the safety issue too.

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> More to talk thru when you visit the neighborhood which I trust is a common practice with good citizens looking to increase traffic safety matters.

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> Now that we have these wonderful new streets the Edina city mgmt team

> you

are on decided for us we like a good voice in increasing the safety of the playground nearby and the many small children who walk through the uncontrolled intersection area of Creek Valley and Nordic.

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> Your help to make it safer during the peak soccer times and high speed visitors of traveling soccer parents from other communities is needed here.

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> Thxs again for listening to us in this neighborhood. Jim Sent from

> BlackBerry- cell #612 325 6825

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Byron Theis [mailto:BTheis@EdinaMN.gov]

> Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 01:51 PM Central Standard Time

> To: Jim Kelley

> Subject: RE: Did you get my vmail from a week ago? RE: soccer traffic

> on Creek Valley

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> Jim,

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> I did receive your call last week. I was hoping to have an update for

> you

today, but staff I have been working with have not updated me yet. I will catch up with them and provide you an update as soon as I can. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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> Regards,

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> Byron Theis, Traffic Safety Coordinator

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> From: Jim Kelley [mailto:Jim_Kelley@cargill.com]

> Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 9:48 AM

> To: Byron Theis

> Cc: Jim Kelley

> Subject: Did you get my vmail from a week ago? RE: soccer traffic on

> Creek Valley

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> Byron, Just checking. I had left a vmail a week ago. This note is to

> check

if you received it and plan to call back or stop by to review the traffic/safety matter on Creek Valley rd to the soccer fields.

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> Please advise. THXS Jim Kelley 612 325 6825 cell Sent from BlackBerry-

> cell #612 325 6825

Susan Howl

Subject: FW: Construction in our neighborhood

From: Arthur Janousek [<mailto:arthurjanousek@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 08, 2013 2:34 PM

To: Aaron Kuznia

Subject: Construction in our neighborhood

Rosemary and I live at 7501 Kellogg Ave. So. and are very pleased how the city of Edina and Michaels are handling the replacement of the curbing and sewer system by our residence. We have always been given the right of way and permitted to drive into our driveway. The workers we have come in contact with are courteous and kind. Aaron, we want to thank you personally for explaining what is taking place and the time line that is involved. You have truly been personal and professional. You are an asset to the City of Edina. Please pass this on to Mayor Jim Hovland and the city council. Rosemary and Arthur "Bud" Janousek

From: Wayne Houle
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 4:23 PM
To: 'mariesullivan87@gmail.com'
Cc: Lynette Biunno; Chad Millner; Aaron Kuznia; ED City Council
Subject: FW: DRAFT Response. RE: water hook ups

Ms. Sullivan:

Thank you for email raising a concern about the drain tile installation within your neighborhood.

Our intent for this program was to curtail the flooding that was occurring due to sump pumps being hooked up to the sanitary sewer system. My experience with this was the floods that occurred in 1997 in the City of Edina. Many of the homes that were flooded could have been avoided if we had an aggressive program to disconnect the sump pumps from being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Sump pumps pump ground water that doesn't need to be treated. The sanitary sewer system then filled up with ground water and backed up the sanitary sewer system into 100's of homes in Edina.

After that we went home to home to be sure that the sump pump discharges were draining outside. Many of these discharges started to drain into the streets causing slippery, unhealthy conditions in the summer and icy conditions in the winter. The solution to this new issue was to provide a system that residents could connect to. Our residential neighborhood roadway reconstruction program includes the installation of drain tile so that residents can connect their sump pumps and downspouts and other surface water issues into a system that doesn't jeopardize the public health.

Keep in mind also that homes that were built prior to the mid-1990's did not require drain tile or sump pumps. If a property owner adds an addition to their home a sump pump is required. This system provides a good outlet for that sump pump.

The drain tile is funded through the storm water utility fund, which all property owners in Edina pay into. Therefore, no special assessments go to paying for the drain tile.

As you can see, this program was initiated long before the tear down rebuilds started in the City. Hopefully, this helps out your understanding why we are installing drain tile in the neighborhood; if not please feel free to contact me.

Thanks



Wayne Houle, Director of Engineering

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From: Marie Sullivan [<mailto:mariesullivan87@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 12:01 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Josh Sprague; ann swenson
Subject: water hook ups

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing because I found out how much money my neighborhood is being charged to put in the pipes that drain sump pumps and gutters into the run off system! My gosh \$300,000 !!! I asked a worker what else we could get for that kind of money and was told we could have gotten all new curbs instead! For heavens sake my home was built on an old gravel pit so we don't have a need for sump pumps! And as far as the issue of newer, over-sized homes being built taking up so much of the land that the gutter run off leaks into neighbors homes, well, I for one am really struggling to understand how it can be wise or ethical to charge me for installing a pipe system I don't need in case some time in the future someone decides to build a ridiculously over-sized building next to mine! This has really gotten out of hand and I want to know exactly how much of that \$300,000 I am being assessed for and I am going to contest it.

I feel as though decisions are being made unwisely in an attempt to treat "symptoms" instead of people having the nerve to tackle the "real problem" and deal effectively with that. Seriously, do you really think it is the better choice to allow developers to build homes so inappropriately large that you then decide it is just to force current home owners struggling to make ends meet the cost of piping to siphon off the new homes' inappropriate amounts of run- off? I think the wiser and more just decision is to eliminate gouging current home owners by enforcing developing, instituting and enforcing appropriate building codes so developers build to reasonable limits.

It seems to me a mistake was made allowing developers to build too large of houses in the first place. Now, to treat symptoms caused by this mistake in some parts of the city, it seems as though you've decided to charge me for a system that will encourage and allow the same inadvisable development next to my home! This is just wrong on so many levels. I'm very disappointed.

Sincerely,
Marie Sullivan
4512 Hibiscus Ave.
Edina, MN 55435

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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:20 PM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: water hook ups



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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing because I found out how much money my neighborhood is being charged to put in the pipes that drain sump pumps and gutters into the run off system! My gosh \$300,000 !!! I asked a worker what else we could get for that kind of money and was told we could have gotten all new curbs instead! For heavens sake my home was built on an old gravel pit so we don't have a need for sump pumps! And as far as the issue of newer, over-sized homes being built taking up so much of the land that the gutter run off leaks into neighbors homes, well, I for one am really struggling to understand how it can be wise or ethical to charge me for installing a pipe system I don't need in case some time in the future someone decides to build a ridiculously over-sized building next to mine! This has really gotten out of hand and I want to know exactly how much of that \$300,000 I am being assessed for and I am going to contest it.

I feel as though decisions are being made unwisely in an attempt to treat "symptoms" instead of people having the nerve to tackle the "real problem" and deal effectively with that. Seriously, do you really think it is the better choice to allow developers to build homes so inappropriately large that you then decide it is just to force current home owners struggling to make ends meet the cost of piping to siphon off the new homes' inappropriate amounts of run-off? I think the wiser and more just decision is to eliminate gouging current home owners by enforcing developing, instituting and enforcing appropriate building codes so developers build to reasonable limits.

It seems to me a mistake was made allowing developers to build too large of houses in the first place. Now, to treat symptoms caused by this mistake in some parts of the city, it seems as though you've decided to charge me for a system that will encourage and allow the same inadvisable development next to my home! This is just wrong on so many levels. I'm very disappointed.

Sincerely,
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Susan Howl

From: Lynette Biunno on behalf of Edina Mail
Sent: Thursday, June 06, 2013 1:07 PM
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Mayor Hovland and Council members,

I've attached a copy of today's Star Tribune article titled,

"Sweet! Honeybees creating buzz atop Minneapolis City Hall"

<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/210406391.html>

This article highlights the amazing proliferation of honeybees at Minneapolis city hall. You may already know that Minneapolis reversed it's ban on apiaries in 2009 and now allows residential beekeeping once residents go through a permit process. St. Paul, Roseville, and Lindstrom also allow apiaries. In the past year St. Louis Park has also discussed residential beekeeping. Also, there are bee organizations in Minneapolis that partner with the parks and provide honeybee education to youth and adult groups. I've recently attended one such program at Longfellow Gardens in Minneapolis.

I love Edina and I love it's individuality and I don't think we, as a community, should replicate everything our neighboring cities do. However the case of honeybees is unique because the bees fly up to 3 miles from their hives in their search for pollen. It is likely they are already here!

Given the importance of honeybees to our food system, and the eating local movement it's more important than ever to put the pollinators close to local residential and community gardens.

I think the city of Edina should consider revising it's ban on honeybees. I think it could be done in a very safe and responsible way.

Thanks for reading,

Lynnae Gudmundson

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Article by: PAUL WALSH, Star Tribune Updated: June 6, 2013 - 10:07 AM

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Two beehives and their honey-making residents are making the rooftop of [Minneapolis City Hall](#) their home thanks to the generosity of the [Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux](#).

The bees were donated from the Mdewakanton Sioux's own apiaries and are expected to reach 50,000 in number on the courtyard roof. Mayor [R.T. Rybak](#), Council Member Lisa Goodman and Mdewakanton Sioux Chairman Charlie Vig are hosting the news media Thursday afternoon to show them what all the buzz is about.

Minneapolis said it is one of many cities around the country promoting beekeeping. Others include Washington, D.C., Chicago and San Francisco.

In April, the Mdewakanton Sioux began offering the public a 15-week course that covers all phases of beekeeping, including extracting and bottling honey.

Honeybee populations in the United States have been declining in recent years because of loss of habitat, use of pesticides, bee diseases and parasites. Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that 31 percent of honeybee colonies died over the winter.

The problem could be especially acute for beekeepers in Minnesota and the Dakotas, which are among the nation's top five honey-producing states. But it's also a problem for the nation's food system. Bees are key to the production of \$20 billion to \$30 billion worth of food each year, including such crops as alfalfa, strawberries and soybeans. Fully 100 food crops rely on pollination.

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