

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** July 21, 2015

**Subject:** Correspondence

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

**Action Requested:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

**From:** School of Business, Hamline University [<mailto:hsb@hamline.edu>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:28 AM

**To:** [administration@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us](mailto:administration@ci.columbia-heights.mn.us); [cityoffices@ci.columbus.mn.us](mailto:cityoffices@ci.columbus.mn.us); [comfreyclerk@frontiernet.net](mailto:comfreyclerk@frontiernet.net); [comstockcc@aol.com](mailto:comstockcc@aol.com); [cityofconger@wctatel.net](mailto:cityofconger@wctatel.net); [city@cookmn.us](mailto:city@cookmn.us); [mail@coonrapidsmn.gov](mailto:mail@coonrapidsmn.gov); [general@ci.corcoran.mn.us](mailto:general@ci.corcoran.mn.us); [koeppcorrell@fedtel.net](mailto:koeppcorrell@fedtel.net); [cosmoscity@mchsi.com](mailto:cosmoscity@mchsi.com); [cityadmin@cottage-grove.org](mailto:cityadmin@cottage-grove.org); [charlie@cityofcottonwoodmn.com](mailto:charlie@cityofcottonwoodmn.com); [ctclerk@comcast.net](mailto:ctclerk@comcast.net); [cityofcromwell@frontiernet.net](mailto:cityofcromwell@frontiernet.net); [lisa.sova@cityofcrosby.com](mailto:lisa.sova@cityofcrosby.com); [cityclerk@crosslake.net](mailto:cityclerk@crosslake.net); [anne.norris@crystalmn.gov](mailto:anne.norris@crystalmn.gov); [currie@iw.net](mailto:currie@iw.net); [bbedard52@hotmail.com](mailto:bbedard52@hotmail.com); [cyrus1jr@runestone.net](mailto:cyrus1jr@runestone.net); [daltoncityhall@prtcl.com](mailto:daltoncityhall@prtcl.com); [cityclerk@cityofdanube.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofdanube.com); [cityofdanvers@fedtel.net](mailto:cityofdanvers@fedtel.net); [lisaschumann@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaschumann@hotmail.com); [clerk@darwinmn.com](mailto:clerk@darwinmn.com); [dassel@dassel.com](mailto:dassel@dassel.com); [cityclerk@dawsonmn.com](mailto:cityclerk@dawsonmn.com); [info@cityofdaytonmn.com](mailto:info@cityofdaytonmn.com); [danayoung@mchsi.com](mailto:danayoung@mchsi.com); [cityofdc@abetterwireless.com](mailto:cityofdc@abetterwireless.com); [drcity@paulbunyan.net](mailto:drcity@paulbunyan.net); [jeffturk@cityofdeerwood.com](mailto:jeffturk@cityofdeerwood.com); Phil Kern; [delavan@bevcomm.net](mailto:delavan@bevcomm.net); [dellwoodcityhall@comcast.net](mailto:dellwoodcityhall@comcast.net); [deskog@wildblue.net](mailto:deskog@wildblue.net); [cityofdennison@yahoo.com](mailto:cityofdennison@yahoo.com); [denticity@eot.com](mailto:denticity@eot.com); [cityofdetroit@ci.detroit-lakes.mn.us](mailto:cityofdetroit@ci.detroit-lakes.mn.us); [nats25@frontiernet.net](mailto:nats25@frontiernet.net); [dilworthcityhall@ci.dilworth.mn.us](mailto:dilworthcityhall@ci.dilworth.mn.us); [adminasst@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](mailto:adminasst@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us); [dny@runestone.net](mailto:dny@runestone.net); [jwkhenry@gmail.com](mailto:jwkhenry@gmail.com); [rshaw@windom-mn.com](mailto:rshaw@windom-mn.com); [gailbobt@hotmail.com](mailto:gailbobt@hotmail.com); [cityhall@dundas.us](mailto:cityhall@dundas.us); [cityofdundee@centurylink.net](mailto:cityofdundee@centurylink.net); [dunnell@bevcomm.net](mailto:dunnell@bevcomm.net); [webmaster@cityofeagan.com](mailto:webmaster@cityofeagan.com); [ebcity@midwestinfo.net](mailto:ebcity@midwestinfo.net); [cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com](mailto:cityadmin@eaglelakemn.com); [jack.davis@ci.east-bethel.mn.us](mailto:jack.davis@ci.east-bethel.mn.us); [admin@egf.mn](mailto:admin@egf.mn); [robegl@scicable.com](mailto:robegl@scicable.com); [easton1@bevcomm.net](mailto:easton1@bevcomm.net); [cityofecho@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:cityofecho@mvtvwireless.com); [comments@edenprairie.org](mailto:comments@edenprairie.org); [cityofev@meltel.net](mailto:cityofev@meltel.net); [ross.edgerton@iw.net](mailto:ross.edgerton@iw.net); Edina Mail; [cityofeffie@live.com](mailto:cityofeffie@live.com); [eitzen@acegroup.cc](mailto:eitzen@acegroup.cc); [tehaack@hotmail.com](mailto:tehaack@hotmail.com); Jeff Holsen; [elgincity@hbc.com](mailto:elgincity@hbc.com); [elizabeth.city@outlook.com](mailto:elizabeth.city@outlook.com); [tallard@elkrivernm.gov](mailto:tallard@elkrivernm.gov); [info@ci.enm.mn.us](mailto:info@ci.enm.mn.us); Kari Haarstad; [cityofellendale@frontiernet.net](mailto:cityofellendale@frontiernet.net); [ctyells@frontiernet.net](mailto:ctyells@frontiernet.net); [elmore@bevcomm.net](mailto:elmore@bevcomm.net); [elyod@ely.mn.us](mailto:elyod@ely.mn.us); [p.nusbaum@frontier.com](mailto:p.nusbaum@frontier.com); [clerk@emily.net](mailto:clerk@emily.net); [emmons@wctatel.net](mailto:emmons@wctatel.net); [erhardcity@prtcl.com](mailto:erhardcity@prtcl.com); [cityerskine@gvtel.com](mailto:cityerskine@gvtel.com); [evansvil@gctel.com](mailto:evansvil@gctel.com); [stephanie@evelethmn.com](mailto:stephanie@evelethmn.com)

**Subject:** The James F. Miller Scholarship in Public Administration

Good morning:

As past or present city officials, we – Karen Anderson, Ardell Brede, and Jim Scheibel – are working in conjunction with Dean Anne McCarthy of the Hamline School of Business to head up an effort to raise a scholarship in Jim Miller's name on the occasion of his retirement from the League of Minnesota Cities.

Attached to this email is a letter and a detailed description of the motivation for and benefits of a James F. Miller Scholarship in Public Administration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please contact one of us or the Hamline School of Business with questions or to give.

Sincerely,

Karen Anderson

Ardell Brede

Jim Scheibel

Richard Brainerd

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Lauren Anderson <landerson@govtech.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 8:06 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Can you join us on July 22nd?

Dear James,

By now you may have seen information regarding the upcoming 10th annual Minnesota Digital Government Summit, July 22nd in St. Paul. Are you considering joining us?

The program is crafted by an advisory board consisting of state and local public sector leaders in Minnesota and will address topics such as: *Going Mobile: What You Need to Know Before You Build*, *The Future of the IT Workforce*, *Making Your Business Smarter Through Data Analytics*, *Engaging Citizens in Digital Services*, *The Untethered Workplace*, *Living in the Cloud* and more.

We don't want you to miss this year's program – it's going to be well worth your time! If there is anything preventing you from attending, we would love to know why. You can register now, or I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and assist you in registering.

Thank you in advance and I look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully,

Lauren

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Registration Coordinator  
Government Technology  
(800) 940-6039 ext. 1378  
[landerson@govtech.com](mailto:landerson@govtech.com)

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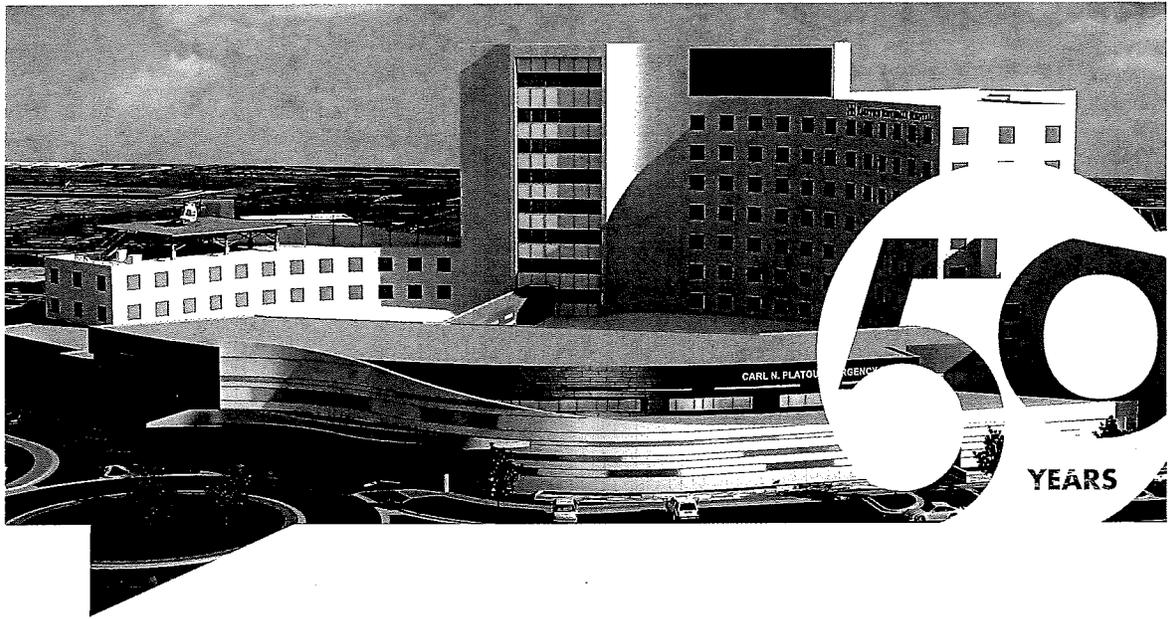


You are cordially invited  
to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the  
Carl N. Platon  
Emergency Center

Please park in the hospital's East Ramp, reached via Drew Avenue South, off West 65th Street.  
Follow signage to the ceremony on the north side of the hospital, overlooking Highway 62.

For more information, call Fairview Foundation at 612-672-7777.

*Featured on cover: Original artist's sketch promoting the grand opening of Fairview Southdale  
Hospital in 1965.*



As Fairview Southdale Hospital celebrates 50 years together with our community, the grand opening of the new Carl N. Platou Emergency Center sets the stage for another half-century of dedication to our friends and neighbors, in sickness and in health.

Please join us for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new  
Carl N. Platou Emergency Center  
at Fairview Southdale Hospital

Friday, August 14, 2015

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fairview Southdale Hospital

6401 France Avenue

Edina, MN 55435

RSVPs are encouraged to 612-672-4956 or [Inguye13@fairview.org](mailto:Inguye13@fairview.org).

**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** CenterPoint Energy <eric.bartusch@centerpointenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:59 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** CenterPoint Energy Torchlight Parade VIP Event Invitation

**Be our VIP guest!**  
**JULY 22**



**Jim - a premium seat is waiting for you!**

Join us at CenterPoint Energy's Torchlight Parade. You and a guest, or family, are invited to experience the parade with us in our VIP seating. Enjoy a premium view of the parade, as well as a catered meal and special VIP gift!

**Space is limited! RSVP by July 15 to save your seat!**

**RSVP**

[Click here for regrets.](#)

6:30 p.m. Registration, food and refreshments at the Technical Building, just to the left of the VIP seating area.

7:00 p.m. Meet and greet with this year's Grand Marshal.

8:15 p.m. Take your seats

8:30 p.m. Parade starts

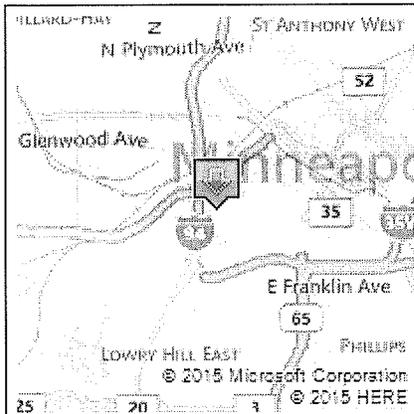
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**VIP EVENT**

July 22nd 6:30 p.m.

**VIP EVENT**

1501 Hennepin Ave  
Minneapolis Community and  
Technical College



If you are unable to accept a complimentary VIP seat due to job related restrictions, donations for the \$10 estimated value are accepted upon arrival. If you have any questions, please call 612-321-4580.

Sincerely,  
CenterPoint Energy

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Mark Ritchie <Mark=expo2023.info@mail163.atl121.mcsv.net> on behalf of Mark Ritchie <Mark@expo2023.info>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 1:43 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Expo 2023 July Update - News from Mark Ritchie

Friends of Expo 2023 Update

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### July 2015 Update

Dear Friends of the Minnesota World's Fair;

Our Minnesota World's Fair bid prospects just got a huge boost this last month thanks to the excellent work of our bi-partisan delegation of political, business, and civic supporters that just returned from Europe.

First stop was the Bureau of International Expositions (BIE) General Assembly – the semi-annual gathering of representatives of the BIE's 168 member countries. We were warmly welcome by all of the delegates, the leadership and staff, and were formally included as observers to this very informative and productive meeting.

In addition to an update from the Expo 2015 Milan there were progress reports from Astana and Dubai, the sites already chosen to host the next two Expos – 2017 and 2020. Bottom line - Milan is exceeding expectations, Astana is under construction, and the woman who presented the vision for the Dubai Expo "stole the show" with her amazing presentation. Thanks to the good work of our delegation members we were able to talk directly to all of the key leaders and many of the country representatives – all of whom welcomed us warmly, offered their assistance, and encouraged us through their enthusiasm for our theme and ideas.

For example, the Ambassador from Turkey reminded us that his country had bid for one of the large Expos on the theme "health for all" with a large symposium almost exactly like the one we are planning with the help of Mayo. He offered to help us by providing background information and anything else we needed - and he proudly but somewhat shyly told us that he was a Badger – a graduate of the UW Madison.

Under BIE rules we cannot make our official bid proposal until 7 years before our proposed start date (May 15, 2023) so the semi-annual General Assembly that will be held in June of 2016 is the first time that our "candidacy" can be formally discussed.

We then visited the BIE to meet with the Secretary General and his team. He shared some important history about US engagement with the BIE and we reviewed a number of important documents relating to our federal government's long history with the BIE and expos in general. We also got to see a small part of the important archives that are available for review there in the offices. It was clear that there is much that we can learn from a "deeper dive" into archival records of the BIE.

It was an extremely positive and productive meeting. One insight gained was that the US government had made a "reservation" when signing the treaty that governs World Fairs stating clearly that the Expos in the United States are private sector initiatives and as such the government is not responsible for any financial affairs of expos held in the US.

Our final meeting was with State Dept. and Commerce Dept. staff at the U.S. Embassy in France. They clearly understood the tourism, trade, and foreign direct investment benefits that would come from Minnesota's bid and they had several very useful suggestions for us to consider.

After these successful meetings the delegation headed to Milan to experience the Expo 2015 Milan. It was a very amazing experience for everyone.

In addition to touring many of the pavilions our Minnesota folks were able to meet with a number of the key Milan-based organizers of the entire Expo to get a sense of what this effort requires on the administrative side. There were also meetings with leaders from the US Pavilion and a spectacular evening meal with the featured chefs of the week at the James Beard Restaurant of the U.S. Pavilion – Minnesotans Lenny Russo and Sean Sherman. There was a lot of activity in regards to the visit by First Lady Michele Obama that was the following week – and this was an opportunity to connect with new and old friends from the White House who were there to do the advance work. There will be a number of follow-up conversations thanks to all of the great energy that was generated by our delegation.

If you an opportunity to visit Expo 2015 Milan please take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity. It is both a chance to experience what the world has to offer when it comes to food and it is a powerful way to see with your own eyes what hosting an Expo in Minnesota could do for our state, region and country. You'll be amazed!

Warmly,

Mark Ritchie

President/CEO Minnesota World's Fair Bid Committee



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Tao Marwell <tao@environmentamerica.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** EPA's Fuel Efficiency Draft Rule - Sign on Letter

Dear Mayor Hovland.

Thank you to your office for taking the time yesterday to speak with my colleague Bronte.

**I am writing to remind you about our sign-on letter in support of continued improvement in fuel efficiency standards for semi-trucks, buses, vans, and other large vehicles.** Your support as an elected official and steward of the environment is critical to passing strong legislation.

As you may have heard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a draft rule last Friday that would make medium- and heavy-duty trucks more fuel-efficient. This rule would therefore save money on fuel since vehicles would use less of it. It complements the work these agencies have already done to advance the fuel efficiency of passenger vehicles.

At the links below, please find information on the draft rule:

- An EPA factsheet on the statistics of this rule;
- A story about the draft rule announcement; and
- The draft rule itself.

As you know, we at Environment America are circulating a sign-on letter to local elected officials. The letter applauds the Obama Administration, EPA, and NHTSA for their work on this draft rule and urges the administration to finalize the rule in its strongest possible form. Your signature can help ensure that America continues to make progress on this important issue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Travis Madsen  
Campaign Director  
Environment America  
[travis@environmentamerica.org](mailto:travis@environmentamerica.org)  
(303) 573-3871 x383

Please sign the letter to back improved medium- and heavy-duty fuel efficiency and emission standards. We anticipate closing the letter to signatures by July 15, so please sign the letter as promptly as you are able. **Again, you can sign the letter by visiting this webpage and filling out the form.**

Thank you for your time and consideration!

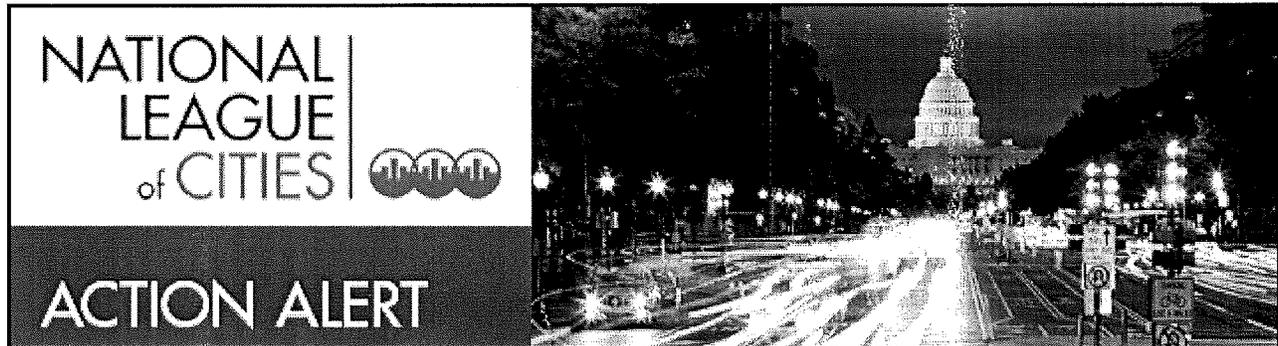
Sincerely,

Tao Marwell  
Intern, Global Warming  
Environment America  
[tao@environmentamerica.org](mailto:tao@environmentamerica.org)

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** National League of Cities <advocacy@nlc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:14 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** We need you to help us convince Rep. Keith Ellison



July 9, 2015

Dear James,

You know that it is long past time for America to close the online sales tax loophole, and allow your community to receive the tax revenue it is owed. However, Rep. Keith Ellison needs to hear that from you.

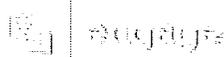
We think we can convince your representative to cosponsor H.R. 2775, the Remote Transactions Parity Act. This bill, which already has support from a bipartisan group of representatives and many businesses and business groups, would level the playing field between online and brick-and-mortar stores by closing the online sales tax loophole.

However, we need your help. Please take two minutes now to click this link and send our pre-written message to let Rep. Keith Ellison know how important this issue is to the people in your community. We've already drafted the letter - all you need to do is review it and sign your name!

P.S. - Want to review the text of the letter, or send it on your city's letterhead? Click here to download the letter. If you send it yourself, please forward a copy to [advocacy@nlc.org](mailto:advocacy@nlc.org)!

*For more information about this bill, contact Priya Ghosh Ahola, Esq. at [ghosh@nlc.org](mailto:ghosh@nlc.org) or 202-626-3015.*

Unsubscribe



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Natasha Flowers <natashaflowers7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 10:14 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Formal Invitation to Attend the Final Events For the Ride2Freedom Project in Washington, D.C. and New York City July 16 - 20  
**Attachments:** Official Proclamation.docx; Official Press Release.docx; Official Open Letter.docx; Proclamation From Mayor Bill Hennessy.pdf; Resolution From Missouri House of Representatives.pdf; Letter of Support From Missouri House of Representatives.doc; Letter of Support From Columbia Missouri.pdf

Dear Honorable Mayor James B. Hovland,

My name is Natasha Flowers. I am the VIP coordinator and a representative on behalf of Ride2Freedom. Ride2Freedom is a group of 25 youth ambassadors from 15 different countries who embarked on a 3,300 mile journey across the U.S. from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to spread the truth of and rescue children orphaned by the persecution of Falun Gong.

Falun Gong is a peaceful meditation practice that follows the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance, as well as containing five sets of gentle exercises, which are meant to improve one's character and physical health, respectively. The principles combined with the exercises form a holistic practice of mind and body, improving one's overall mental and physical wellbeing. However, since July 10 of 1999, the practitioners of Falun Gong have been jailed, tortured, and murdered for their beliefs.

The children of these practitioners are left homeless and abandoned, with no one to care for them. Ride 2 Freedom cares for these most innocent of victims. Thus, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the Ride2Freedom road team began their 3,300 mile bicycle journey from Los Angeles (joining parades and making multiple stops for Press Conferences all along their route), and will be arriving in Washington, D.C. on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 culminating with a Coffee Reception from 9:00 am to 10:00am at the Gazebo in Takoma Park, MD, where you will have a chance to talk to the riders one-on-one to hear their stories and experiences of why they are a part of Ride2Freedom, what Ride2Freedom means to them, and what Ride2Freedom is all about. Followed by a Rally on Capitol Hill at 11:00am in which the riders will be requesting a meeting with President Barack Obama, asking him to sign a Proclamation in support of Ride2Freedom. There will also be a large-scale, A-List concert on July 17 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lincoln Memorial National Monument, followed by the largest candlelight vigil ever held in the U.S. from 8:00pm to 9:00pm, also in front of the Lincoln Memorial National Monument. July 18 and 19 the road team will be driving into New York City for a Press Conference at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on E. 47th St on July 20, followed by a group discussion with Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, as well as with the United Nations General Assembly, regarding Ride2Freedom, its purpose, its cause, and its goal. The Ride2Freedom team will then fly to China to meet with the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, Xi Jin Ping, to call for an end to the persecution and to rescue five children orphaned by the persecution.

Attached in this e-mail you will find a Proclamation, a Press Release, and an Open Letter. Please take a few minutes of your time to read through these three documents. We kindly ask that you sign the Proclamation (name, date, city and state), and/or write us a Letter of Support, stating your understanding and appreciation of this project. Signing a Proclamation declaring July 20 (when the events for Ride2Freedom officially end here in the United States), to be Ride2Freedom Day in your city or town is the biggest showmanship of your support for our project. However, you may do whichever you feel more comfortable

with (signing the Proclamation or writing us a Letter of Support). Either way, please scan and e-mail it back to me (after you are done signing or writing one or the other), so that the team has it on file for future reference (as most of them, if not all of them, will be uploaded to our website at [www.ride2freedom.us](http://www.ride2freedom.us) to show the public and President Barack Obama that we have national support for our project). Attached you will find examples of Proclamations, Resolutions and Letters of Support from other government officials (more of which can be found on our website at [www.ride2freedom.us/support-letters/](http://www.ride2freedom.us/support-letters/)). Also, please take a moment to read through the Press Release to see if the road team will be coming to your city or town before their road trip ends on July 16 in Washington, D.C., so that you may come out to join them for any future Press Conference that may be held in your city or town, to show your support for this project. As well as, please read through our Open Letter to current Chinese President, Xi Jin Ping, describing our project, and asking him to end the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

We cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend the events in Washington, D.C. and New York with us to show your support for this project. Attached in the Press Release you will find a link to the Falun Dafa, Clearwisdom and Ride2Freedom websites, which describe the practice, the persecution and the project in detail, respectively. In addition, the Ride2Freedom website contains further details about the events in Washington, D.C. and New York.

If you are planning on attending the events in Washington, D.C. and/or New York, and would like to give a speech in support of our efforts in one or both states, at one or multiple events (at our Rally on Capitol Hill, at the Concert in Washington, D.C., or at our Press Conference in New York), then please RSVP to me, stating your full name, city and state via e-mail, by this coming Tuesday (July 14, 2015), as well as which of the aforementioned events you would like to make a speech at (you can make a speech at multiple events if you would like to).

If you cannot attend any of our events, but would still like to show your support for our cause, you can do so by signing the Proclamation, writing a Letter of Support, and/or by making a few phone calls to any contacts (governmental or otherwise) that you might have in Washington D.C. and/or New York, so as to facilitate support for this project.

We apologize in advance for the short notice, as there have been many details that have needed to be organized. However, we hope that this short notice does not prevent you from attending our events. We would be honored to see you, your family and friends there at all of our events.

Group rates are currently being negotiated for hotel, and transportation accommodations. Although you may have to provide your own if we cannot find reasonable group rates. More details to follow by Monday morning.

Thank you in advance for your time and support of our project.

Sincerely,

Natasha Flowers

VIP Coordinator and Representative on behalf of Ride2Freedom



Source Water Solutions, LLC  
St. Paul, MN  
612.701.7343  
www.sourcewater-solutions.com

Date: July 8, 2015

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  
Mr. Mike Opat, Commissioner, Hennepin County Board  
Mr. David J. Hough, County Administrator, Hennepin County  
Mr. Lars Erdahl, District Administrator, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District  
Ms. Laura Jester, Administrator, Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

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

**Re: City of St. Louis Park Wellhead Protection Plan Update**

On behalf of the City of St. Louis Park, Source Water Solutions, LLC is notifying neighboring and overlying units of government that the Minnesota Department of Health has approved St. Louis Park's Part I Wellhead Protection Plan Update. The goal of the plan is to prevent human-caused contaminants from entering water supply wells and to protect those who use the water supply from adverse health effects associated with groundwater contamination. This notice is required by Minnesota Wellhead Protection Rule, Part 4720.5560, Subpart 2.

Included with this notice are copies of the delineated wellhead protection area (WHPA), drinking water supply management area (DWSMA) and assessments of well and aquifer vulnerability.

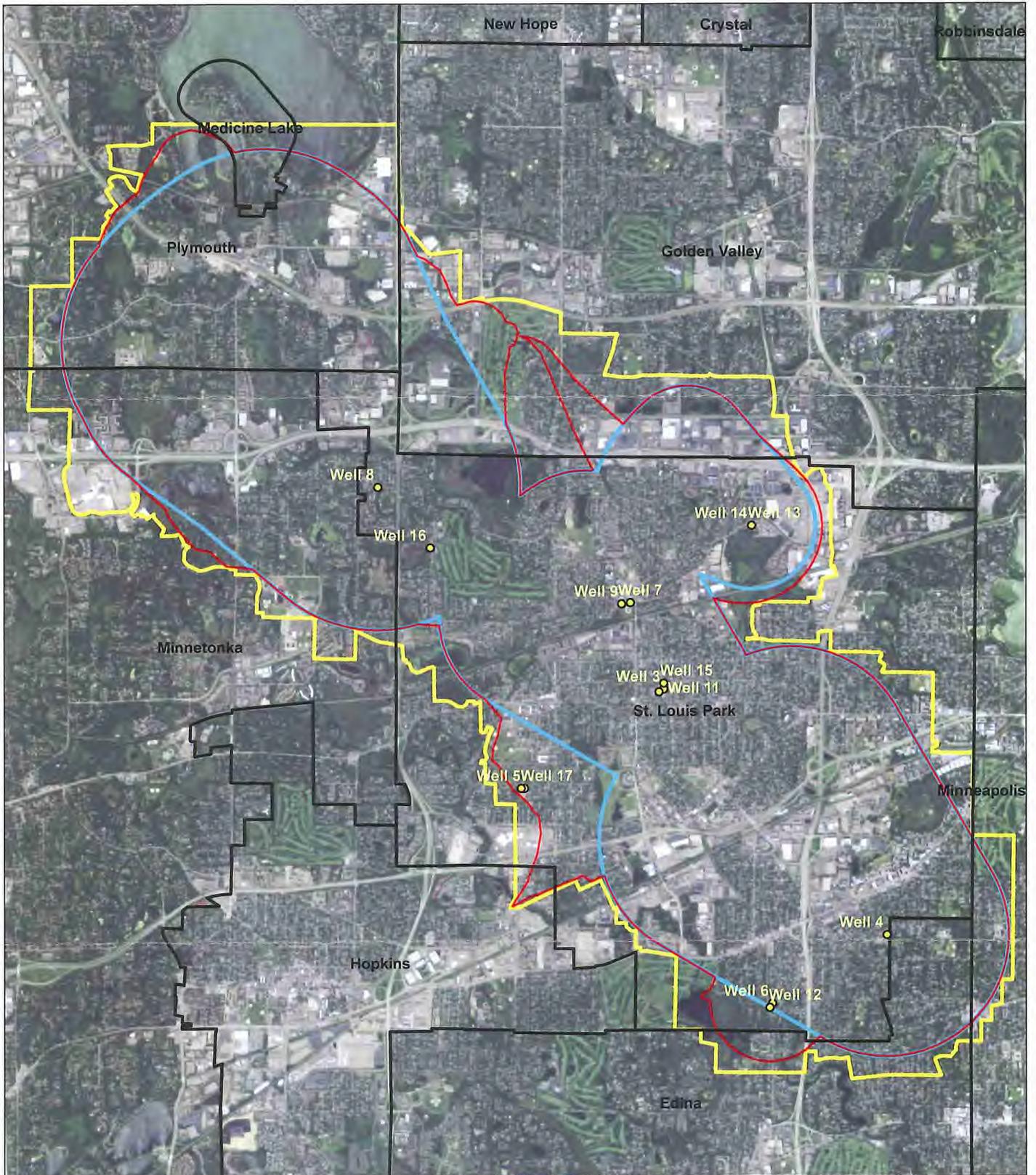
Per the requirement to host a public information meeting within 60 days of the plan approval notice, a meeting is set for:

**Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6 p.m.**  
**St. Louis Park Municipal Service Center**  
**7305 Oxford Street**  
**St. Louis Park, MN 55426**

At this meeting, the public will have the opportunity to review the Wellhead Protection Plan Update.

In July 2015, St. Louis Park will start Part II planning activities. If you have any questions about the Part II plan or about the City's plans for implementation, contact Jay Hall, St. Louis Park WHP manager, at 952-924-2557 or [jhall@stlouispark.org](mailto:jhall@stlouispark.org) or Erik Tomlinson, St. Louis Park WHP consultant, at 612-701-7343 or [erik@sourcewater-solutions.com](mailto:erik@sourcewater-solutions.com).

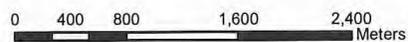
cc: Mr. Kevin Bigalke, Administrator, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District  
Mr. Richard Person, Chair, St. Louis Park Planning Commission  
Ms. Trudi Witkowski, Minnesota Department of Health



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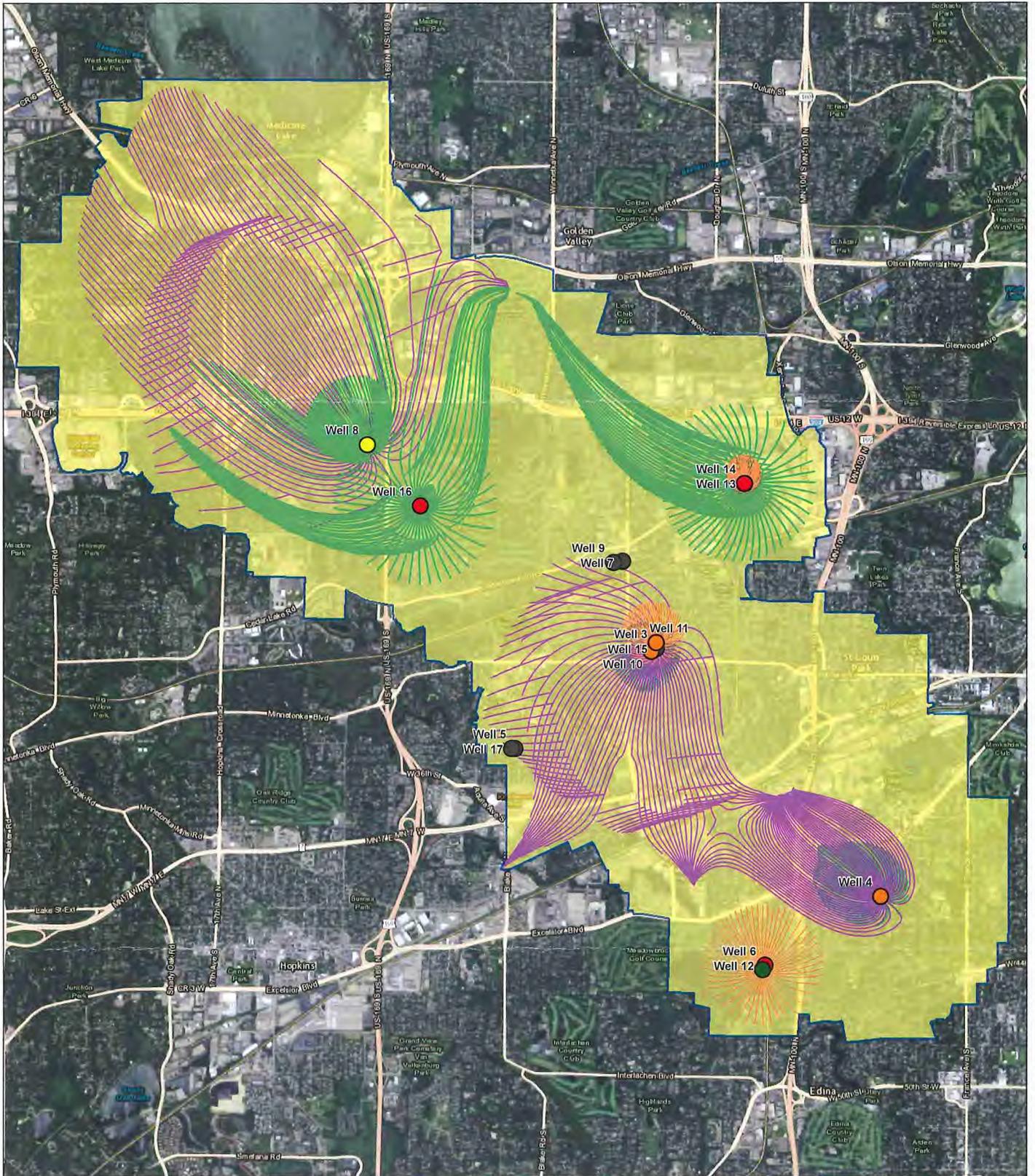
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- Municipal Boundary
- DWSMA
- Fracture Flow Delineation (10-Yr)
- WHPA (10-Yr)



**Figure 1**

WHPA and DWSMA

St. Louis Park Wellhead Protection Plan



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**Legend**

- Well Not in Use
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  - No
  - Unknown
  - Unknown (Nearby)
  - Yes

- Modeled Pathlines**
- OPDC
  - CJDN
  - CMTS

- DWSMA Vulnerability**
- Moderate



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**Figure 12**

DWSMA Vulnerability

St. Louis Park Wellhead Protection Plan

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Common Sense Edina <commonsenseofedina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** Scott H. Neal  
**Cc:** James Hovland; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton; Mary Brindle; swensonann1@gmail.com; Jennifer Bennerotte  
**Subject:** Re: Common Sense for Edina - followup to Posts from Edina Citizen Engagement blogs for 07/07/2015

City Manager,

When I try to log into the account in question on MailChimp using the domain from the email address - edinacitizenengagement and request help with the password I get the following contact at the city of Edina: J\*\*\*\*\*@E\*\*\*\*\*.gov

When I contacted Mail Chimp they said they would look into the matter and they removed my email from the previously mentioned MailChimp account:

Hi there David,

Thanks for getting back to us! While we can't disclose any course of action taken against the user or the account for privacy reasons, rest assured we have removed your address, noted the account with the information within this ticket, and are currently investigating.

Since the MailChimp account has a contact with the city of Edina it appears somebody from the city set up the MailChimp account and I am guessing used a very weak password. Does the city of Edina have a written policy on the use of strong passwords?

If there was an attempt to 'close' this MailChimp account and the information including emails should have been deleted and the account removed from MailChimp. MailChimp is a cloud based email distribution platform and all emails are stored on its cloud application. It has a process to load emails from most common email systems which is probably what was done.

Cybersecurity is a difficult field and smaller organizations have a hard time keeping up with all the issues. The director of the federal Office of Personal Management resigned today over a very large data breach. There is at least one university professor of Information Technology/Computer Science that lives in Edina and I would suggest he and other qualified individuals form an oversight committee to assist the city of Edina be prepared for something that is not going away.

I would recommend that there be policies on how outside cloud services are used and how all data is cleansed when they are no longer used. I would also recommend the city of Edina not use any cloud services that use email for customer support like MailChimp. Email is a very slow process to get problems like this resolved.

As I have always said however this is resolved the taxpayers have a right to know how this all happened and the resolution i.e. transparency.

If the City of Edina needs help I can put city staff in contact with the cybersecurity experts at the University of MN.

I am a little sensitized to electronic data breeches since my Personal Health Information (PHI) has been stolen from 2 Blue Cross Associations and unknown personal electronic information was breached from a US Department of Energy facility where I was a contractor.

David Frenkel

2015-07-08 16:26 GMT-05:00 Scott H. Neal <[sneal@edinamn.gov](mailto:sneal@edinamn.gov)>:

Mr. Frenkel –

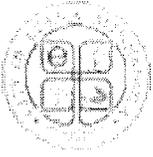
The URL in question was owned and operated by a communications consultant the City engaged for a public engagement process in 2011. The consultant closed and deleted the account after the assignment, but it appears that a Japanese organization purchased the dormant domain name last week and hacked into an old MailChimp account the consultant had used as part of the project.

City staff have directed the consultant to remedy this situation as soon as possible. Staff have been assured from the consultant that he is working quickly to resolve the situation.

None of the digital material involved in this matter is on a City of Edina server, so there has been no data breach of City equipment or systems.

Regards,

**Scott H. Neal, City Manager**



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**From:** Common Sense Edina [mailto:[commonsenseforedina@gmail.com](mailto:commonsenseforedina@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:32 AM  
**To:** James Hovland; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton; Mary Brindle; [swensonann1@gmail.com](mailto:swensonann1@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** Scott H. Neal  
**Subject:** Common Sense for Edina - Posts from Edina Citizen Engagement blogs for 07/07/2015

Evidently the City of Edina has used the email service MailChimp in the past for distributing information and from what I have heard is no longer being used.

Whatever the case it appears an unauthorized person has managed to get into the MailChimp account used by the city and has sent out emails in Japanese which appears to be a solicitation for some home based business.

I would suggest the City of Edina do a better job of monitoring and securing all of its social media related efforts and when a particular service is no longer used to close the account permanently. I have no idea what information has been accessed by this breach but at a minimum it appears an email list of city residents was hacked. I would appreciate it if the city would close this MailChimp account and do a better job of monitoring and securing city managed information. Cybersecurity is a serious issue for all organizations and should be taken seriously by the City of Edina. The City of Edina should know the state of MN does have laws regarding data breach notifications.

David Frenkel  
[612-237-1966](tel:612-237-1966)

----- Forwarded Message -----  
**From:** Edina Citizen Engagement <[news@edinacitizenengagement.org](mailto:news@edinacitizenengagement.org)>  
**To:** [frenkel@att.net](mailto:frenkel@att.net)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2015 3:02 PM  
**Subject:** Posts from Edina Citizen Engagement blogs for 07/07/2015

**BLOG UPDATES FROM**

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Common Sense Edina <commonsenseforedina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 5:38 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton; Mary Brindle; swensonann1@gmail.com; Scott H. Neal  
**Subject:** Common Sense for Edina - Speculation about drone flying over Grandview

I have heard speculation that the City of Edina in some capacity either on its own or using a third party has been using a drone or UAS to film the Grandview site in Edina.

The FAA has strict rules on the use of drones in US airspace and the only exceptions are for the US military. In order for the city of Edina or any subcontracted organization to fly a drone anywhere in US airspace including Edina they will need a Section 333 authorization from the FAA (see below). The FAA has the authorization to fine entities up to \$10K for noncompliance and they have already fined numerous people and companies.

If indeed the speculation is true I hope the City of Edina conducted a safe and legal flight operation. If any film shows up from an illegal flight the FAA can still fine the party who did the illegal flight and subsequent filming. Video from an illegal drone flight is like any other video of an illegal activity.

If this drone flight did happen and it was a legal flight I would still inform the community of any such flight so people do not call 911 or attempt to knock it out of the air which is illegal.

Government entities, except the US military, are NOT exempt from FAA requirements. If you are not sure what is legal call the FAA.

David Frenkel

UAS - Unmanned Aerial System (or drone)

[https://www.faa.gov/uas/legislative\\_programs/section\\_333/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/legislative_programs/section_333/)

By law, any aircraft operation in the national airspace requires a certificated and registered aircraft, a licensed pilot, and operational approval. Section 333 of the *FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012* (FMRA) (PDF) grants the Secretary of Transportation the authority to determine whether an airworthiness certificate is required for a UAS to operate safely in the National Airspace System (NAS).

This authority is being leveraged to grant case-by-case authorization for certain unmanned aircraft to perform commercial operations prior to the finalization of the Small UAS Rule, which will be the primary method for authorizing small UAS operations once it is complete.

The Section 333 Exemption process provides operators who wish to pursue safe and legal entry into the NAS a competitive advantage in the UAS marketplace, thus discouraging illegal operations and improving safety. It is anticipated that this activity will result in significant economic benefits, and the FAA Administrator has identified this as a high priority project to address demand for civil operation of UAS for commercial purposes.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Karl Gensheimer <gensheimer.karl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2015 10:27 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** 5616 Countryside

Dear Mr. Mayor: Paula and I thank you so much for trying to help us with our situation . With all th e responsibilities you have on your table this is a minor one but we truly appreciate your involvement and trust it will be taken care of.I did e-mail CEMSTONE the concrete suppliers to this site who decided on Friday afternoon to pull up to the east and west side of my driveway to wash down their trucks after unloading concrete, I took a few amateur photos which I will forward to you under separate cover. I did e-mail CEMSTONE as well the Contractor Drews Concrete in Shakopee asking them to discontinue that procedure of washing their trucks. The pictures should show the mess.

Thanks again for your help and have a good weekend.

Karl & Paula

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Karl Gensheimer <gensheimer.karl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2015 10:35 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Cc:** Scott H. Neal; kstaunton@edinaMN.org  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** IMG\_0455.JPG; ATT00004.txt; IMG\_0475.JPG; ATT00007.txt; FullSizeRender.jpg; ATT00010.txt; FullSizeRender.jpg; ATT00013.txt

Just some amateur photos of what it looks like in front of our property. Cemstone decided to wash their trucks on either side of our driveway after delivering concrete down the street and I e-mailed both Cemstone as well as the DREWS Concrete contractor of Shakopee to find a different way of conducting their business in this neighbourhood. Thanks for your help .

Karl

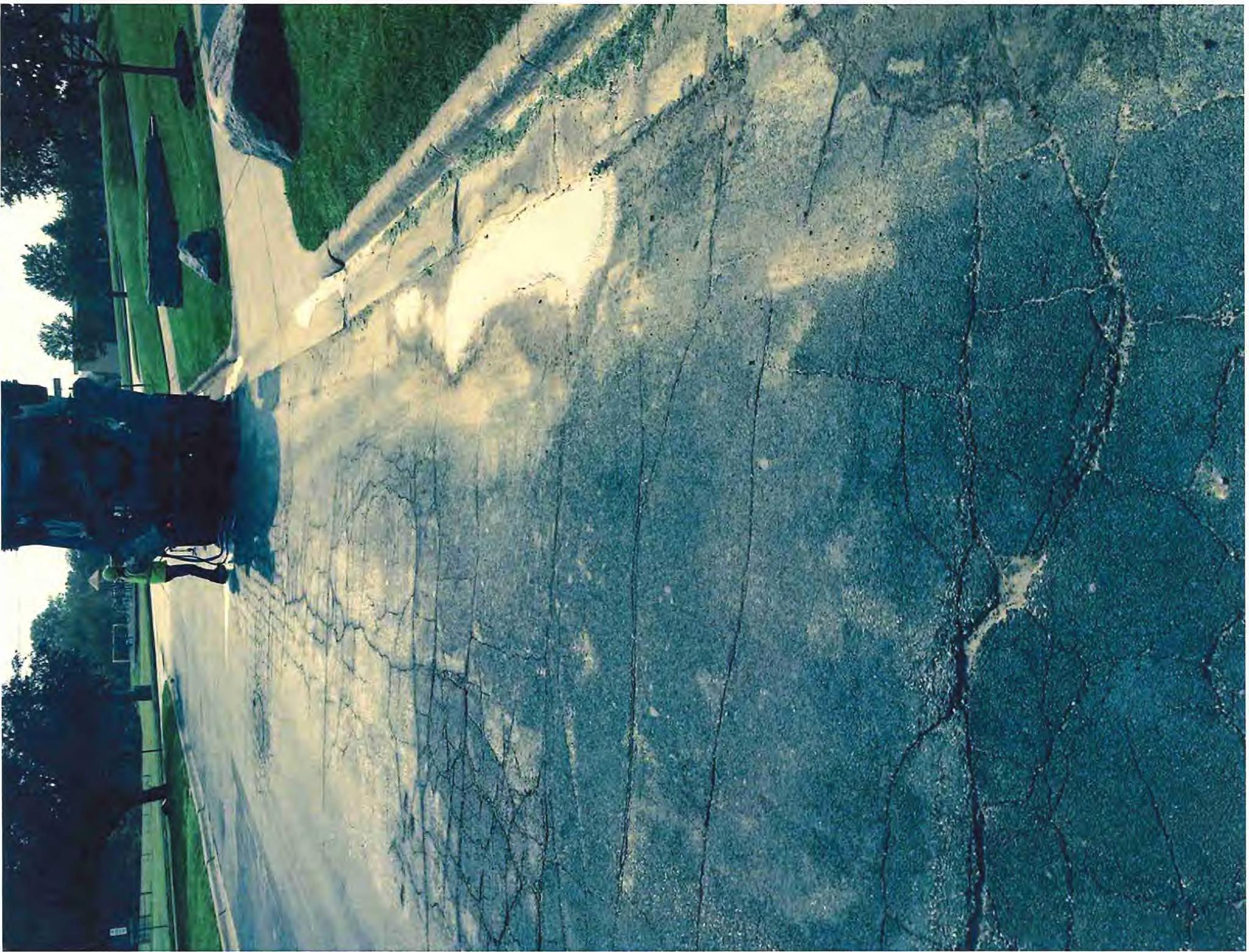
-----Original Message-----

**From:** Karl Gensheimer [<mailto:gensheimer.karl@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 6:51 PM  
**To:** [gensheimer.karl@gmail.com](mailto:gensheimer.karl@gmail.com)  
**Subject:**









## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jeff Northrup <jeff.northrup@concordusa.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 10:12 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Ann Kattreh; Susie Miller; Eric Boettcher; Susan Faus; Janet Canton; dgiese9@aol.com; bmccormick@valspar.com; cac7123@aol.com; good2gray@gmail.com; gerry.greene@gmail.com; khawk8878@yahoo.com; morethanthislife@yahoo.com; julie.strother@gmail.com; ellen.jones@mac.com; lmsegreto@msn.com  
**Subject:** Edina's Outdoor Futsal Court Grand Opening!  
**Attachments:** JAMBOREE2015.pptx

You are invited to ESC's Grand Opening of Edina's newest sports asset: the Braemar Outdoor Futsal Court.

When: Friday 17th, 4:30-9:30pm  
Where: Braemar Field (turf) and the Outdoor Futsal Court

Note: ESC is combining two wonderful events: Our annual Jamboree, which celebrates all things Edina soccer through our youngest competitive age groups (U9 and U10), and a grand opening of the Futsal Court. The City of Edina and Braemar have helped pull off a last minute change of venue from Kuhlman to Braemar so that we could combine these events. We typically have 500+ players and family members attend this annual celebration. With food trucks and some inflatables, along with the consolidated Braemar venue, it should be a great event and we hope you can find some time to swing by.

Hope to see you there!

Meanwhile, check out the Futsal Court Video below!



Futsal Anyone?.mp4

**Jeff Northrup**  
**Vice President, Edina Soccer Club**  
ph: 952-241-1002  
cell: 612-910-0833  
[jeff@concordusa.com](mailto:jeff@concordusa.com)



# SOCCER JAMBOREE

July 17, 2015 Braemar Arena



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

### U9-U10 Matches:

4:45- 8:30 p.m.

Field 1 games on Edina Arena Futsal Court  
Field 2-5 games on new Braemar turf

### DINNER:

5-8 p.m.

Chill Grill Road House

Taco Truck

Fro Yo Soul Food

### ENTERTAINMENT:

5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Inflatable obstacle course and bouncy house.  
Soccer challenges with prizes.

8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

King-of-the-hill Futsal tourney for ESC players  
of all ages. Prizes to top-scoring teams.

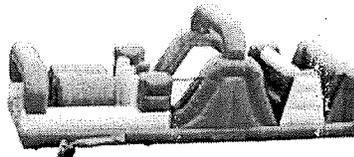
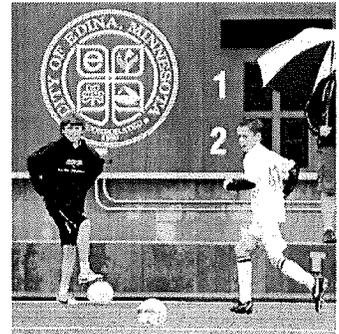
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Annual ESC Coaches' Game

### T-SHIRTS:

Free jamboree shirts to ESC players in  
attendance.

Champion T-shirts presented to MYSA  
division winning teams.



Celebrate a successful ESC summer season and a new era of Futsal at Braemar.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Common Sense Edina <commonsenseforedina@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; Robert Stewart; Kevin Staunton; swensonann1@gmail.com; Mary Brindle; Scott H. Neal  
**Subject:** Common Sense for Edina - 6629 West Shore land swap and new MN state law requiring 50ft buffers from lakes

[http://www.minnpost.com/earth-journal/2015/07/many-misconceptions-about-minnesotas-new-buffer-program?utm\\_source=MinnPost+e-mail+newsletters&utm\\_campaign=4e0cc7f738-7\\_13\\_2015\\_Daily\\_Newsletter7\\_13\\_2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3631302e9c-4e0cc7f738-123638006](http://www.minnpost.com/earth-journal/2015/07/many-misconceptions-about-minnesotas-new-buffer-program?utm_source=MinnPost+e-mail+newsletters&utm_campaign=4e0cc7f738-7_13_2015_Daily_Newsletter7_13_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3631302e9c-4e0cc7f738-123638006)

# The many misconceptions about Minnesota's new buffer program

Has Minnesota's chronic underperformance on protecting public waters with buffer strips been a problem of over-ambitious goals, weakness in the law or lax enforcement in the face of landowner resistance?

As the state begins an ambitiously revamped buffers program, the answer matters. And if you've understood past problems to lie primarily in the enforcement realm, then we share in what I heard described recently – and authoritatively – as a widespread misconception.

Speaking at an Environmental Initiative forum on the water-quality impacts of agriculture, Sarah Strommen, who manages the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' side of the new buffer initiative, said it has been commonly believed (and reflected in news coverage) that state law has long required 16½-foot buffers along public drainage ditches and 50-footers beside most lakes and streams.

In fact, she said, about 80 percent of the public ditches in Minnesota's agricultural counties – and nearly two-thirds of watercourses overall – hadn't been subject to buffer requirements prior to enactment of Gov. Mark Dayton's landmark program this year.

Being among the scribblers who had helped to perpetuate this misreading of the regulatory history, I made a note to learn more and stop repeating the error. And then it occurred to be to wonder:

*What else may be poorly understood about the new buffers program, and the past deficiencies it aims to correct?*

So on Thursday I put that question to Strommen and to John Jaschke, who heads the state Board of Water and Soil Resources, the agency that will have the primary enforcement authority role on buffers going forward.

Because matters of compliance and enforcement are so crucial, we began by digging into why things didn't go better under the old system – and why they're likely to improve with the new one.

## **Limits of the old laws**

“The problem was really with the laws being inadequate to get buffers in place,” Jaschke said. “There were some laws requiring some buffers in some cases, in some places.”

For public ditches, he explained, there was indeed a 1977 statute requiring that a one-rod buffer strip be left uncultivated – but it only applied after the county, watershed district or other local ditch authority had gone through a proceeding known as a “redetermination of benefits.”

These proceedings establish whose land benefits from the ditch, and whose has been harmed, and how costs and compensation should be apportioned among landowners. Not surprisingly, it's a process that can take some time and doesn't necessarily foster enthusiasm.

“In the case of Freeborn County, they very systematically took that on and made determinations for all their ditches, and established one-rod buffers for them,” Jaschke said. “But overall, the rate of progress has been 20 percent over the last 38 years – so the projection was, this will take 150 years to complete under that system.”

As for lakes and streams, Strommen explained, there was a state rule requiring 50-foot protective buffers in most cases. But the requirements weren't officially applied, or enforceable, until enactment of local zoning ordinances.

In egregious cases, Jaschke said, it was always possible to prosecute bad behavior in the buffer zone. But that required action by the county attorney, “and county attorneys typically have their hands full with so many other things.”

Nevertheless – and this is the really good news from Jaschke's and Strommen's point of view – there are plentiful examples of landowners doing the right thing without threat of prosecution. Jaschke again:

*There were six counties we looked at more carefully than others because they undertook a more systematic implementation of shoreland buffers, and they had*

*compliance rates in the upper 90 percent range because they were able to get people good information about how to take care of the requirement.*

*Enforcement is important, but in the end it's a very small portion of the work. More comes from giving people information and assistance to get the work accomplished.*

*In Olmsted County, I think they contacted 470-some landowners and they ended up with only about three where they had to take some kind of action to get compliance.*

## **About 'one size fits all'**

I asked about the frequent refrain from certain ag quarters during the legislative session that the Dayton plan was a "one size fits all" approach, too inflexible to address the diversity of protection needs across the landscape.

Jaschke said that while buffers are the default requirement – and an effective tool against soil erosion and sedimentation, still, despite "being kind of a 1940s technology" – other options can be used where they make more sense.

*In some places we're not ever going to get the stream bank stable with just roots, because the bank is very high or there's high velocity in the stream. Some people use rock, that's common, but we could be using more bioengineered techniques. ...*

*And there may be places where the issue is filtering runoff better than a buffer can do, subsurface techniques that use, say, wood chips to de-nitrify water before it goes into the stream. These are different techniques that are being tried in real places, with real results.*

*None of them are on the front edge of being fully certified or widely adopted, but there's always room on the landscape to try new practices as long as we've got a good design and a little money to help it happen.*

And Strommen pointed out that the program includes substantial new funding for riparian protection from Legacy Amendment revenues; additional money may become available through bonding and state/federal conservation efforts such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement program.

## **Central vs. local control**

Another possible misconception: Making the buffer requirements more uniform, and creating new enforcement authority at the state level, necessarily diminishes local control.

The new law retains local enforcement options if officials want to exercise them, Jaschke said; what's different is that, should those efforts prove insufficient, his agency can step in. In addition, the new law creates the possibility of civil enforcement (and penalties) by county administrators or conservation district as an alternative to cumbersome criminal proceedings.

And the redetermination-of-benefits process will continue, Strommen noted. But it no longer must precede application of the buffer rules to a particular system of drainage ditches.

This decoupling of the of the two steps means that “the landowner is responsible for putting in the buffer regardless, and when they’re ready to do it – they don’t have to wait for the system,” she said. “And the redetermination of benefits can come later – possibly resulting in some financial assistance for the work they’ve done.”

And the new law also applies statewide the provisions of a little-used, county-option soil erosion statute that empowered counties to take action in cases where excessive soil erosion resulting from poor management practices was damaging public waters or other landowners’ property.

Only five counties, all in southeastern Minnesota, bothered to “opt in” and only two ever tried to use its enforcement provisions, Jaschke said. Now all counties have the power to take action in such extreme cases, and also have the option to pursue civil enforcement instead of criminal prosecution.

“People will view new law this as a centralized response,” Jaschke said, “but from the very beginning there’s been emphasis on keeping the local approach through the soil and water conservation districts.

“They’re in every county, they work with landowners, they’ve been doing it for decades, building relationships conservation districts. And that’s going to be the most important part of this going forward: having local experts help landowners figure out how to comply, offering technical assistance and helping them to do it themselves.”

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Shirley Maltby <smaltby@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Lot Line Change

After watching the City Council Meeting, I have a question. Why are the Bergers given special treatment? Don't all people requesting a lot line change have to go through Planning? Also in this case, Why is the Park Board not contacted?

Thank you

Shirley Rerat 4913 Payton Court 55435 952/927/9263

Please give a copy of this to each City Council Member

Thanks again

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Bildsten Roger <rogerbildsten@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 8:45 AM  
**To:** Scott H. Neal  
**Cc:** James Hovland; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Re: Arden Park Road Reconstruction

Hi Scott,  
Could you please provide us an update? We, and our neighbors, are confident that the city will act to improve this situation.

Thank you!

Roger

Roger Bildsten  
[rogerbildsten@gmail.com](mailto:rogerbildsten@gmail.com)  
+1 612 308 9900

On Jul 6, 2015, at 4:49 PM, Bildsten Roger <[rogerbildsten@gmail.com](mailto:rogerbildsten@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you.

Roger Bildsten  
[rogerbildsten@gmail.com](mailto:rogerbildsten@gmail.com)  
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On Jul 6, 2015, at 4:04 PM, Scott H. Neal <[sneal@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:sneal@EdinaMN.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Bildsten –

I'll look into it.

 **Scott H. Neal, City Manager**  
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**From:** Bildsten Roger [<mailto:rogerbildsten@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 3:55 PM

**To:** James Hovland; Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Arden Park Road Reconstruction

I am writing to express disappointment with the City of Edina's handling of the installation of a power box on 51st Street between Arden and Juanita Avenues.

The box was installed last week without advance consultation. It is highly visible from Arden Avenue, Juanita Avenue, and 51st Street (photo attached). The box is 5' tall (apparently so that Xcel's meter reader doesn't have to bend over to see it) on top of a concrete slab. It is an industrial eyesore in the middle of a residential street with considerable pedestrian traffic going to and from the 50th & France area.

We have lived at 5100 Juanita Avenue for over 30 years. With a little effort and collaboration this box could have been placed more discreetly to the benefit of all concerned, even on our property. Why couldn't the city have communicated with us in advance and involved us?

Wise urban planning should be a component of Edina's Living Streets plan. Communication with residents about important changes should be a part of good governing. I believe that Edina's handling of this power box reflects poorly on city government and should be remedied.

Sincerely,

Roger Bildsten

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+1 612 308 9900

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randy.johnson@co.hennepin.mn.us; editor@edenprairienews.com;  
michelle.doeden@ecm-inc.com

**Cc:** rick.king@thomsonreuters.com

**Subject:** MAC District B Summer 2015 Update

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**July 14, 2105**

**Subject:** News from Rick King, your District B Metropolitan Airports Commissioner (MAC)

Welcome to the Summer 2015 Update

Its summer and that means travel via the MSP Airport. Whether you are departing to another destination or have friends and family spending time during a layover, I want to point out a few opportunities for you to experience and share:

- There is a new wall mural by Bill Ferenc in Concourse C near Gate 22 and banners in Terminal 1 – Lindberg. It's a whimsical piece celebrating the airport's eclectic and vibrant atmosphere.
- While traveling through Concourse C, please also note the Thomson Reuters Art Gallery Exhibit near Gate 12, Magna Carta to Minnesota: The Rule of Law.
- The Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year through 52 weekly birthday surprises. Thomson Reuters is proud to host one of the surprises, Watch it Grow, by Crop Artist Stan Herd. He is creating Van Gogh's Olive Trees on 1.5 acres on our campus in Eagan.

This note also includes operation and report updates:

- MSP News – Latest information highlights
  - Expansion of Terminal 2- Humphrey moving forward
  - Tips for a smooth parking experience
  - Delta begins daily nonstop service to Honolulu in November
  - Calling all clay & tile artists to design 10 ft. scale mosaics
- Monthly MSP Runway Use System Report now available. This report provides a description of the MSP Runway Use System which prioritizes the order that runways are assigned to ensure safety and efficiency.
- MSP Noise Oversight

- July 22, 2015 NOC Meeting Packet
- MSP Monthly Operations & Noise Reports

I'm proud of the enhancements and improvements at the airport and hope you enjoy them too! Have a great summer!

**By mail:** Commissioner Rick King, c/o Thomson Reuters, 610 Opperman Drive, D5-N429, Eagan, MN 55123. **By phone:** 952-960-2902. **By email:** [rick.king@mspmack.org](mailto:rick.king@mspmack.org).

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** L L ERICKSEN <emmajune4@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:32 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** City Assessors Policy

Hello Mayor Hovland,

Recently I received a letter from Nate Stule of Edina Assessing Office requesting I set up an appointment with him to assess my home. The only times offered were 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. While I can make this work, I prefer not to miss work. Currently residents are forced to miss work to accommodate the city. The scheduling policy will reduce the number of residents that will comply with the request.

In the past, the appraisers would offer non work hours. I find the current options total unacceptable.

Sincerely yours,

Laura L. Ericksen

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Laura Ericksen >^..^<  
[EmmaJune4@msn.com](mailto:EmmaJune4@msn.com)

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**From:** David Arbit <davida@mplsrealtor.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; Scott H. Neal; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** June 2015 Housing Market Update

Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of the Council:

June 2015 marked an important milestone in the Twin Cities housing market recovery. Both pending and closed sales volume officially reached 10-year highs. The last time purchase activity was this strong was June 2005. Educated buyers—including first-timers—understand that interest rates won't remain this low indefinitely and that prices are likely to continue their ascent. In light of that, consumers are feeling motivated to close deals this summer. Here is what's happening in your neck of the woods. Note that the information below may not match your city's Local Market Update exactly because this data reflects any changes that have occurred since June 9.

- New Listings in Edina increased 9.4 percent to 187.
- Pending Sales were down 0.9 percent to 105.
- Closed Sales decreased 5.9 percent to 112.
- Days on Market was up 7.6 percent to 85 days.
- The Median Sales Price increased 8.2 percent to \$407,250.
- Inventory levels grew 11.5 percent to 425 homes.
- Percent of List Price Received at Sale increased 0.7 percent to 98.2 percent.
- Months Supply of Inventory was up 12.8 percent to 5.3 months.
- Distressed sales made up 4.5 percent of all Closed Sales.
- Single-Family homes made up 64.9 percent of all Closed Sales.
- New construction properties made up 6.3 percent of all Closed Sales.

Despite some loud distractions from Greece and China, the U.S. economy has been performing relatively well. Locally, the latest BLS release shows the Twin Cities MSA has the third lowest unemployment rate of any major metro area. The financing environment remains attractive for borrowers. The Fed has indicated that the earliest rate hike would be September, assuming the economic data stays positive. Not only should interest rates move slowly, they should remain below their long-term average for some time. Aside from rates, inventory levels and new construction activity are hot topics that are worth monitoring.

Here is the link to your local report: <http://maar.stats.10kresearch.com/docs/lmu/x/edina>. It highlights buyer and seller activity as well as other housing indicators such as home prices, days on market and absorption rates in Edina. The Twin Cities Metro report can be found here: <http://maar.stats.10kresearch.com/docs/lmu/x/TwinCitiesRegion> If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Also, be sure to check out all of the market reports on our website - <http://www.mplsrealtor.com>. Thank you!

Regards,

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**Richard H. Anderson**  
Chief Executive Officer

July 7, 2015

The Honorable Jim Hovland  
Mayor of the City of Edina  
4801 W. 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
Edina, MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland:

On behalf of Delta Air Lines leadership and our more than 80,000 employees, thank you for standing up for U.S. carriers and American cities by supporting Resolution No. 55, "Restoring a Level Playing Field Through Open Skies", at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Your support and leadership on this important issue are invaluable.

I know you were a strong supporter of Resolution 55 at the USCM meeting in San Francisco and brokered a compromise during the International Affairs committee meeting. American workers and businesses benefit greatly from leaders like you who are willing to stand up and speak out on critical issues such as the massive subsidies that the Gulf carriers are providing to their state-owned airlines.

U.S. airlines are powerful economic engines for the communities they serve. Delta Air Lines and our employees take pride in the fact that helping communities goes far beyond providing reliable air service. We are proud to have you as one of our partners in our effort to restore a level playing field, and we hope that you will continue to work with us to encourage the federal government to open consultations with Qatar and the UAE.

I know that when the playing field is level, Delta Air Lines will succeed because we have great people who are committed to their company, their customers and their communities. But, when the playing field is tilted and companies are competing against foreign treasuries, it is difficult for any airline to compete. Together, we will continue to work to ensure that airlines and cities reap the benefits of a fair and competitive passenger air travel market.

Thank you again for your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Sharon Blaine <Sharon.Blaine@Mortenson.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 4:46 PM  
**To:** jclement@sehinc.com  
**Cc:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Minnehaha Boulevard Roadway Construction

How can you possibly permit the roadway construction to leave the road in a condition where the residents cannot access their driveways? The way things are going, it represents sloppy and slipshod construction. This is an extreme inconvenience and we are very concerned it is going to continue without proper construction practices.

Thank you.

M. A. Mortenson, Jr.  
5233 Minnehaha Blvd.  
Edina, MN 55424

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Beaujos Bistro <beaujos@beaujos.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 4:54 PM  
**To:** Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Liquor Food Ratios in Edina Restaurants  
**Attachments:** Dear City Council Members.doc

Thank you for your prompt consideration. Please see attached.

July 14, 2015

Dear City Council Members,

It has been 8 months since the city of Minneapolis overwhelmingly eliminated the food to liquor ratio ordinance. We restaurant owners in Edina are still waiting for our city council to do the same. We are now at a disadvantage with Minneapolis restaurants across the street.

We are currently planning our Fall menu and know that the outdated ordinance is preventing us from competing for sales with the Minneapolis restaurants. Our goal is to offer the kind of specialty wines and craft beers that our customers are requesting and that we cannot provide due to the current food & liquor ordinance.

We strongly urge you to take on this issue and resolve it as did the city of Minneapolis this summer.

If any of you have questions, concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Jayne Reid-Walen  
CEO/President

Ruth Johnston  
Secretary/Vice President

**Heather Branigin**

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**From:** NLC University <nlcmail@nlc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:01 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Stay sharp--in Orlando



*Loews Universal Portofino Bay Hotel, Orlando*

## **Build on what you learned in D.C.**

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Lieutenant with the Tampa Police Department.

**Read more about the [NLC University Summit](#), and register soon to ensure that you get a spot in this exclusive training program! The hotel is steps from Universal Orlando--book now to secure your room.**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 11:36 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** Mark K. Nolan; Ann Kattreh  
**Subject:** The Seven Elements of a Healthy Parks System

Dear City + Council members:

I thought you may find the below resource interesting as you're considering the new Parks master plan. Among the many worthwhile points it makes, it points to the importance of Parks and Transportation working together.

Our streets not only provide routes to parks and recreational facilities, but also are in themselves a primary recreational facility for many residents. Looking at our streets through this lens helps us to ask some important questions:

- How well do our streets function for recreational uses (facility design, maintenance, enforcement)?
- In what ways do recreational uses conflict with transportation uses and how can these conflicts be managed (facility design, education, enforcement)?
- How integrated are the city's recreational and transportation plans?

The ETC was not invited to review and comment on the routes to parks section of the Parks master plan.

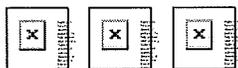
The great thing about transportation is that it touches so many different areas. A joint meeting between the Park Board and ETC could be a great opportunity to talk about transportation as it relates to the work of both bodies.

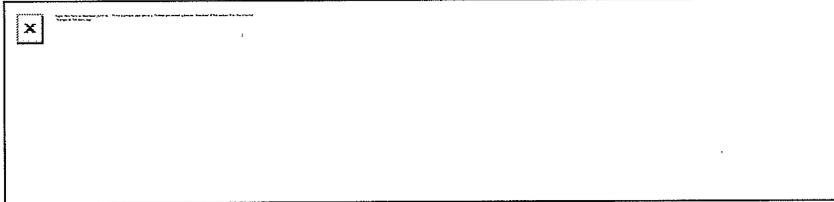
Sincerely,

Jennifer Janovy

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**From:** "ChangeLab Solutions" <[ChangeLab\\_Solutions@mail.vresp.com](mailto:ChangeLab_Solutions@mail.vresp.com)>  
**Date:** July 15, 2015 9:59:31 AM CDT  
**Subject:** The Seven Elements of a Healthy Parks System  
**Reply-To:** "ChangeLab Solutions" <[reply-45d8abe109-2031bb20cf-1234@u.cts.vresp.com](mailto:reply-45d8abe109-2031bb20cf-1234@u.cts.vresp.com)>





## The Seven Elements of a Healthy Parks System

Parks bring numerous social, environmental, and health benefits to a community. Every person in every neighborhood should be able to enjoy these benefits. Unfortunately, too many cities, counties, and neighborhoods are “park poor,” lacking adequate parks and green spaces. The residents of these places don’t have access to safe open spaces where they can play, exercise, and unwind after a long day.

Recognizing the important role parks play, many communities are now looking for ways to expand, improve, and maintain their parks systems. The *Complete Parks Playbook* can help jurisdictions assess a community’s parks system – the local or regional network of parks, green spaces, and open spaces – and determine areas in need of improvement as well as policy levers that can facilitate those improvements. This introductory resource can help decision makers and advocates develop a safe and accessible parks system that is integrated into a community’s built environment, hosts activities and programs, and addresses residents’ needs.

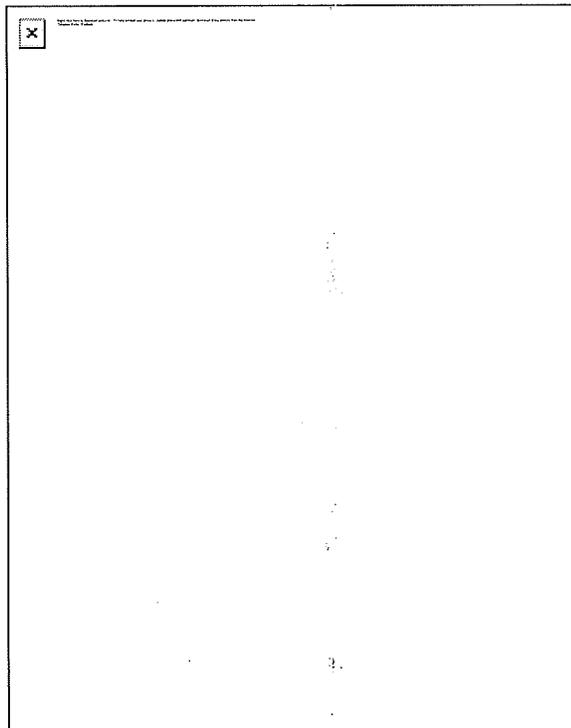
The *Complete Parks Playbook* provides an overview of the seven elements of a complete parks system. Each section focuses on an element, and includes both a successful community example of that element and a list of valuable resources.

The companion white paper, *Local Agency*

*Strategies for Funding the Development and Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities in California*, provides details on the most promising mechanisms and tools for funding a complete parks system.

Contact us to learn how your community can assess, improve, and expand your local parks system. For other strategies to help residents be more physically active, check out our resources for creating active, accessible communities and our shared use publications.

**Do you have a favorite park in your community? Share a photo on Twitter or Facebook, tag us, and tell everyone what makes it the #BestParkEver!**



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Please note new email address. Thanks!

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**From:** Lisa Ungar <LUngar@barr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 4:13 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** SME Twin Cities 2015 Annual Conference  
**Attachments:** SME 2015 Conference Brochure.pdf

Register now for the SME/FGIM technical program and field trips! Please see the attached brochure for a lineup of presentation topics and preliminary field trip agendas, or check out the conference website at:

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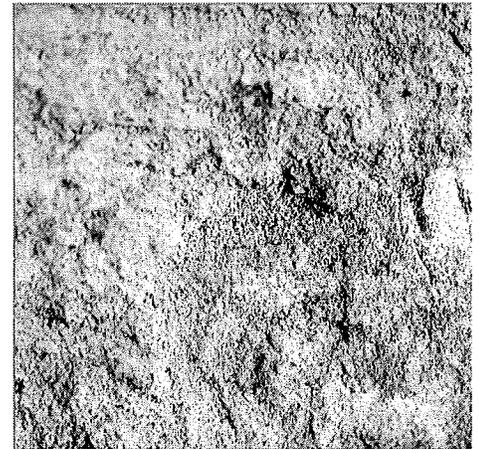
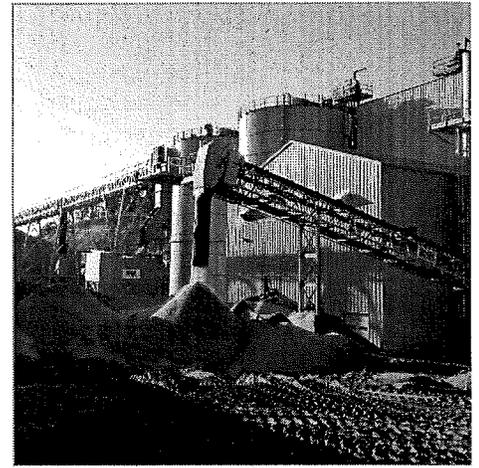
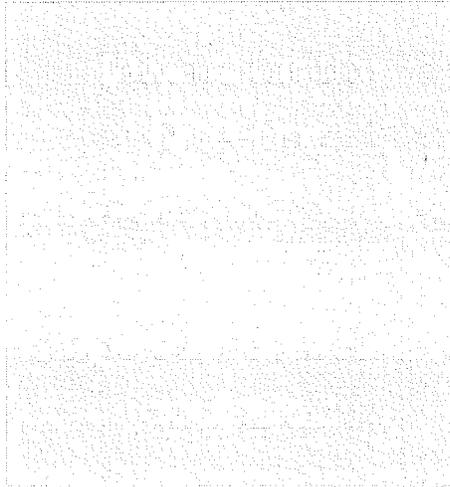
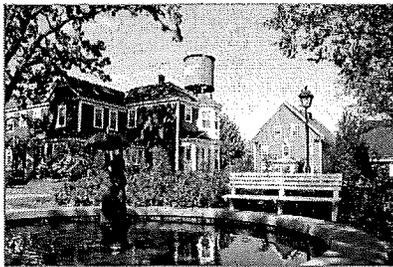
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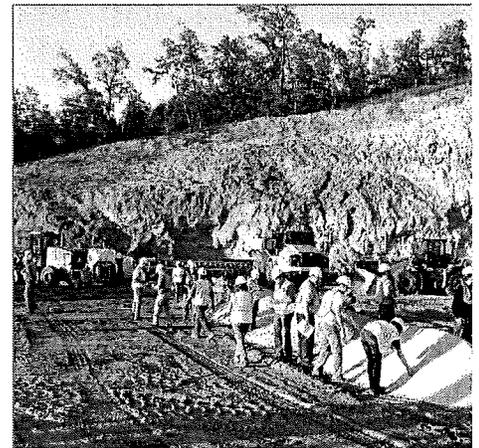
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## This year's technical sessions include:

- Fundamentals of successful land rehabilitation
- PM4 silica monitoring data review
- Peat mining and product applications
- Industrial mineral overview
- Legislative and regulatory updates for Minnesota mining
- Mineralogy and genesis of Jamaican Bauxite ores
- Silica sand market update
- Environmental impacts of industrial silica sand mining
- Industrial minerals exploration strategies
- Aerial reconnaissance using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)
- Land use investigations and historical imagery
- History of ice harvesting
- Assessing the alkali-silica reactivity of concrete
- Central Texas silica sands



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## AUGUST 17, 2015 Highlights Include\*:

**Tiller Corporation's** very large sand and gravel operation at Maple Grove, which mines Quaternary unconsolidated materials deposited by glacial meltwater.

The **Kraemer Mining and Materials** crushed stone quarry operation in Burnsville, which mines the Ordovician Prairie du Chien dolomite.

**Fairmont Santrol's** industrial silica sand operation near Shakopee, which mines the Late Cambrian Jordan Sandstone.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Field trip destinations are subject to change.

## AUGUST 19-20, 2015 Highlights Include\*:

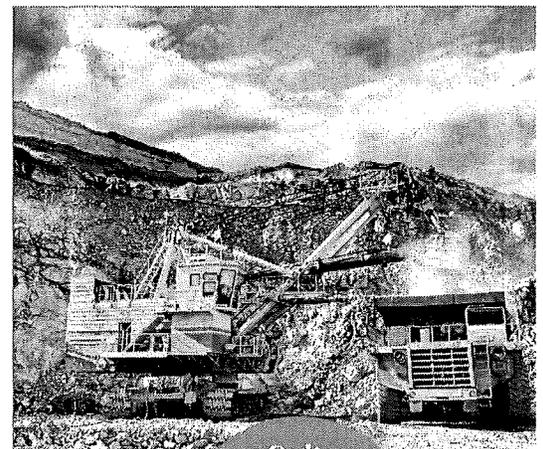
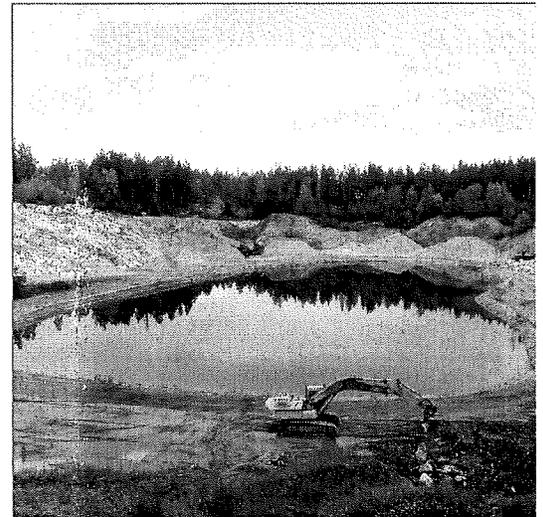
**Coldspring USA's** dimension stone quarry. See mining done in a Paleoproterozoic granite in Rockville, MN to obtain large 15-ton blocks with no cracks.

**Coldspring USA's** dimension stone processing plant in Cold Spring, MN.

**Premier Peat's** mine and processing plant, which mines Holocene peat near Cromwell, MN. Have you ever seen a vacuum as big as a T. Rex?

**Hibbing Taconite's** iron ore mine, processing plant and taconite pellet plant, and loadout rail facility, near Hibbing, MN. The mine is within the Paleoproterozoic Biwabik Iron Formation.

Get a glimpse of a historic site related to a famous Minnesota **ROCK** star!



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## AUGUST 18, 2015

### 2015 Forum on the Geology of Industrial Minerals

SME TC is also hosting the **51st Forum on the Geology of Industrial Minerals**.

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**From:** Sheriff Stanek [<mailto:Sheriff.Stanek@hennepin.us>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 4:58 PM  
**Subject:** Painkiller summit on Aug 25

To city leaders,

Attached please find the "Save the Date" announcement for an upcoming event that will be valuable to municipal leaders. I will send a link to registration when it becomes available.

The training will examine new issues that concern the opioid crisis. The Governor's Office, U.S. Attorney, and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office are among the co-sponsors of the event. I hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend, hopefully you will send personnel to represent your city.

**What:** Pain-Pill-Problem, a statewide summit on prescription medicine abuse

**When:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 8:30am -5pm

**Where:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, Minneapolis

**Who:** A wide range of government leaders and professionals are encouraged to attend such as attorneys, educators, health care workers. & law enforcement officers. It is open to the public as well.

**Cost:** No cost

Sincerely,  
Rich

Richard W. Stanek  
Hennepin County Sheriff  
350 S. 5<sup>th</sup>. St., Room 6  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
612.348.2347

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# PAIN. PILL. PROBLEM.



## Minnesota Moving Forward Together

Join stakeholders across our state and community to define Minnesota's problem with prescription painkillers and determine how to best address it. You'll hear from experts in the field as well as those directly and indirectly affected by prescription drug abuse. We will rally together to address the pain pill problem.

## Keynote Speakers Include

**Governor Mark Dayton | United States Attorney Andrew Luger**

**Senator Amy Klobuchar | Congressman Tom Emmer**

**Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek**

## Who Should Attend?

Physicians; dentists; nurses; pharmacists; public health officials; addiction treatment providers; peer and recovery coaches; educators; law enforcement officers; attorneys; drug court representatives; corrections officials; medical students; state, tribal and local government staff; community leaders; and anyone else interested in this important topic.

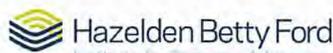
**Tuesday, August 25, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**The University of Minnesota  
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Minneapolis, MN 55455**

## Registration

**Admission is free.** Registration and information on continuing education credits coming soon.

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**From:** Steve Taylor <staylor@staylor.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 8:42 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Pedestrian Crossing at 70th and Metro Blvd

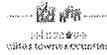
First I thank you for attending our Creekside Association meeting tonight. As you asked I think the pedestrian crossing at 70th and Metro Blvd could be safer. I'll try to explain my concern, cars traveling west on 70th and making the right turn to continue on 70th do not have a positive indication other than the white pedestrian symbol that tells pedestrians that it's ok to cross 70th. The traffic continuing onto Metro may have a green light but no light for those turning left. If no pedestrians they get a green arrow to turn right.

During peak travel times perhaps there could be a red arrow when pedestrians are crossing. In addition may cars run the red light turning right and it's difficult to see pedestrians due to vegetation and the signal control box on that corner. Thank you again for coming tonight.

Steve Taylor

## Heather Branigin

**From:** National League of Cities <lmctc=nlc.org@mail204.atl81.rsgsv.net> on behalf of National League of Cities <lmctc@nlc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 10:02 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties July 2015 Newsletter



NLC is working in conjunction with  
Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties  
to create healthier communities for healthy kids.

### JULY 2015 LMCTC NEWSLETTER



**KaBOOM! 2015 Playful City USA communities announced.** KaBOOM! and The Humana Foundation recently recognized 241 cities and towns from across the country making play a priority in their communities. Playful City USA communities utilize play as an innovative solution to address a number of challenges facing kids, families and communities. In turn, these communities retain a competitive advantage by creating healthier, more vibrant communities where families want to live and companies want to do business.  
**View the list of 2015 Playful City USA honorees.**

#### Every Body Walk! Collaborative Video Competition

The Every Body Walk! Collaborative is seeking video submissions from individuals and organizations about what walking means to them. The videos should be short and can focus on a variety of topics, including why walking is fun, walking with friends/family, favorite walking

#### Request for Proposals: Connecting Children to Nature Leadership Academy

Join National League of Cities and Children & Nature Network for a two-day convening in October 2015 to develop strategies and initiatives promoting stronger and more equitable connections to nature and

#### CDC Releases New Tools to Improve Community Health through Parks and Trails

To encourage outdoor activity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed a parks and trails toolkit to help communities create parks with

routes, and why America is a great place to walk. Videos are due by October 1st, and the videos with the most likes, shares and views will be highlighted at the 2nd National Walking Summit, featured on the Every Body Walk! Website and used by the partners at the Every Body Walk! Collaborative.

**More information.**

the outdoors for children. These leadership academies will provide participants with access to national experts, promising practice examples and opportunities for peer learning and action planning. Applications are due by Wednesday, July 29.

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expanded health benefits. Access to parks can help kids get the 60 minutes of aerobic physical activity each day recommended to maintain good health. The Parks and Trails Health Impact Assessment Toolkit provides a framework to help community planners address health when designing parks and trails. This tool also focuses on how parks and trails can contribute to health by highlighting key issues such as lack of access to parks and trails.

**Access the toolkit.**

## News & Events

July	National Park and Recreation Month
25 July	Deadline to submit survey for July medal awards
28-30 Oct	2nd National Walking Summit
4-7 Nov	National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities and Exposition
15-17 Nov	Southern Obesity Summit

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**From:** Haapala, Jay <jhaapala@aarp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:31 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** FW: Story on Edina Life Reimagined

Mayor Hovland,

I'm writing to give you a "heads-up" a print reporter will be contacting you for an interview on Life Reimagined - Edina. Every few months we get the chance to put a full page story in the version of the AARP Bulletin distributed within Minnesota. For the October issue we chose to highlight Life Reimagined and our activities in Edina.

You can see in the message below that the reporter actually lives in Edina and his deadline is July 31, so you should expect to hear from him soon.

Jay Haapala  
Associate State Director - Community Outreach | AARP Minnesota  
30 E. 7th Street, Suite #1200 | St. Paul, MN 55101  
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**From:** David Hawley [<mailto:dhawley3@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:21 PM  
**To:** Boffeli, Seth  
**Subject:** Story on Edina Life Reimagined

Hi Seth -- I'm at it again, working on a piece for the AARP Bulletin about Edina's Life Reimagined program. Larry Lipman says you suggested a focus on Jackie and Eric Grant. I just accepted the assignment yesterday afternoon, so I'm starting from scratch. I've also been told that our mayor (yes, I'm a resident of Edina) spoke to your board of directors last month about the importance of the program in his city. So I plan to contact him, too.

I tried reaching Richard Leider, but he's apparently on the verge of leaving the country for a vacation and won't be back until August. I'm hoping to at least chat with him briefly by phone. My deadline for the first draft is July 31.

Could you give me a call at your convenience? I'm at 952-944-9047. Thanks for the help!

David Hawley  
[dhawley3@comcast.net](mailto:dhawley3@comcast.net)

Tom Gulliford  
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Mayor Jim Hovland  
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Jim, I appreciated your taking the  
time to come to Creekside this  
past Wednesday. It was a very  
informative presentation. I also so  
appreciate all you do to make  
Edina such a wonderful place to  
live.

*Tom Gulliford*



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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Judith Andersen <judyandy@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 1:51 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Cc:** eclcsite@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Edina Community Lutheran Church building plans

To the Edina City Council:

As citizens of Edina, we wanted to write to the Edina City Council to support the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed building project for Edina Community Lutheran Church on 54<sup>th</sup> Street. We are also members of the congregation and know that this plan is vital to our mission as we worship, educate our youth and share with the community - homeless youth, VEAP, and many other social agencies. As a citizen, we welcome the design that fits into the landscape beautifully and enhances the neighborhood. The new plan will make the building safer, more accessible and more energy efficient. ECLC is a good steward of their property, including the woods near the creek. We hope you will approve the CUP as well as the forth coming plans.

*Judy Andersen and Kay Larsen*

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Judy Andersen  
[judyandy@comcast.net](mailto:judyandy@comcast.net)

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**From:** Environment America <kschweissing@gmail.com@mail27.wdc03.rsgsv.net> on behalf of Environment America <kschweissing@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 11:44 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Request to Support Continued Improvement in Fuel efficiency- Sign on Letter

Dear Mayor Hovland,

**I am writing to ask you to sign on to a letter in support of continued improvement in fuel efficiency standards for semi-trucks, buses, vans, and other large vehicles.** Your support as an elected official and steward of the environment is critical in order to ensure forward progress.

As you may have heard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently announced a draft rule that would make medium- and heavy-duty trucks more fuel efficient. **This rule would save each long-haul truck driver an average of \$30,000 in fuel annually and save 1.4 million barrels of oil daily by 2030**, reducing pollution and saving money for both truck operators and for consumers. This win-win proposal complements the work these agencies have already done to advance the fuel efficiency of passenger vehicles.

In order to demonstrate a strong base of support for this fuel efficiency rule, we at \*|MMERGE4|\* are circulating a sign-on letter to local elected officials. The letter applauds the Obama Administration, EPA, and NHTSA for their work on this draft rule and urges the administration to finalize the rule in its strongest form. Your signature can help ensure that America continues to make progress on this important issue.

**Please sign the letter by August 1st to back improved medium- and heavy-duty truck fuel efficiency and emission standards. Again, you can sign the letter by visiting this webpage and filling out the form.**

At the links below, please find additional background material on the fuel efficiency rule, including:

A White House report on the success of the first efficiency standards for heavy duty vehicles, which was enacted in 2011;

A White House factsheet with background on the current rule making;

An EPA factsheet on the statistics of this rule;

A story about the draft rule announcement;

An infographic describing the potential for the new rule to deliver meaningful advances in fuel efficiency.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Travis Madsen**  
**Campaign Director**  
**Environment America**  
[travis@environmentamerica.org](mailto:travis@environmentamerica.org)

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,  
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Environment America  
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**From:** gene yeager <gsyeager00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 3:03 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; LarryMcGraw34@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Creekside meeting

Thanks for meeting with us at Creekside. I thought that the most important thing about that meeting was what was not discussed: crime. In almost any other place it would have shown up in the first couple minutes and would have been the focus throughout.

Keep up the good work.

gene yeager

1-28-15  
#150381

E-82: Pete Fisher  
Shaun White

To Edina Firemen,

**THANKS!**

This is a long overdue note  
to thank you for coming to my  
rescue the end of January,  
suffering from back pain &  
needing to go for an MRI  
that my doctor had scheduled.  
I was unable to navigate the  
13 steps to get to my car.  
911 advised me that the Fire  
Dept could help me with a chair,  
they have for sick problems.  
So - thank you firemen!  
I was so grateful! Jo Kindell

6334 Malibu  
Edina 55424



## Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin

Changing Lives, Improving Communities

July 15, 2015

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

Dear Mayor James Hovland:

In honor of Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin's (CAPSH) 30th anniversary serving residents of suburban Hennepin County, CAPSH is hosting a gathering of community leaders, service providers, schools and elected officials. An invitation is attached with more details.

**We are writing to invite you to be a featured guest at CAPSH's 30th Anniversary Celebration on August 26, 2015 from 12:30-3:00PM at Brookview Park (200 Brookview Pkwy N, Golden Valley).** We would be honored to have you attend. We would also be grateful for the opportunity to share with you highlights on our new programs and projects in the community.

This celebration is designed as a way for community providers in all capacities to connect and find ways to partner for community progress. It would be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the needs in Hennepin County and meet front-line people who are working to improve the lives for the children and families in our community.

To confirm your attendance or to obtain additional information, please contact **Christine Hart at [chart@capsh.org](mailto:chart@capsh.org) or 952-697-1364.** We look forward to the possibility of you attending and speaking at this exciting celebration!

Best regards,

*Marty Kirsch*

Marty Kirsch  
Board Chair, CAPSH

Scott Zemke  
Executive Director, CAPSH



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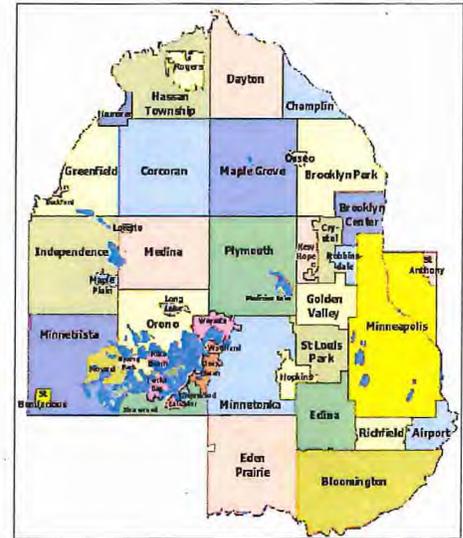
# Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin County Mid-Program Year Report 2015

Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) is a community action agency working in all of Suburban Hennepin County to improve the lives of low-income people. CAPSH's programs and services address the needs of residents in the 45 communities that comprise Hennepin County.

Together with over 270 partners and collaborations CAPSH strives to meet its mission:

**To improve the quality of life in suburban Hennepin County by creating and supporting links between individuals and communities through service, education & collaboration.**

## *Households Served by CAPSH in Suburban Hennepin County from October 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015:*



- Energy Assistance - financial assistance with energy costs (gas, heat, oil) and repairs 23,262
- Food Support (SNAP) screening and application assistance 141
- Foreclosure Prevention counseling and loan assistance 79
- Financial Literacy Workshops & Financial Security Workshops for Seniors 71
- Homebuyer workshops, counseling and assistance with obtaining loans 213
- Home Rehabilitation services, counseling, and workshops 31
- Homeless Transitional Services- intensive case management and financial assistance 85
- Legal Service Clinics 191
- MNSure Application Assistance 172
- Reverse Mortgage counseling 67
- Renter's Workshops & Renter Counseling- 63
- Supportive Services for Veterans & their Families 30
- Tax Assistance—preparation and e-filing of federal, state and property returns 738



## Suburban Hennepin County Community Report

CAPSH has adopted and operates under the Six National Goals set by the Office of Community Services (part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).

- The Six National / CAPSH Goals are:
- Low-income people become more self sufficient.
- The conditions in which low-income people live are improved.
- Low-income people own a stake in their community.
- Partnerships among supporters and providers of services to low-income people are achieved.
- Agencies increase their capacity to achieve results.
- Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive systems.

### Community Information for Suburban Hennepin County:

- **Population (Latest estimate 2014 – United States Census)**  
Suburban Hennepin County: 811,994                      Minnesota: 5,457,173
- **Individuals Below Poverty level:**  
Suburban Hennepin County: 7.9%                      Minnesota: 11.5%
- **Unemployment Rate (May 2015)**  
Suburban Hennepin County: 3.4%                      Minnesota: 3.6%
- **Persons 65+**  
Suburban Hennepin County: 14.2%                      Minnesota: 13.9%
- **Language other than English spoken at home:**  
Hennepin County: 16.7%                      Minnesota: 10.7%

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# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ABBHEY'S HOPE 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & PARTY

Dear Friend,

Fore! The 8th Annual Abbey's Hope Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. This event gives us the opportunity to have a bit of fun, raise some money, showcase our mission, bring you up to speed on what we've been doing, but mostly, to thank you for your time, expertise, donations and support.

To say that our Foundation has been busy would be an understatement. Today, we can confidently say that Abbey's Hope is now a nationally recognized drowning and entrapment prevention organization. The federal government regularly turns to our Foundation for help in spreading the word about water safety. The national media often relies on our staff to provide comments and prevention tips when there is a drowning or entrapment death anywhere in the United States. And national injury prevention organizations want our input before establishing national policy on how to make pools and spas safer. In fact, Abbey's Hope is now a member of the governing board of the most prestigious national water safety organization in the country – the National Drowning Prevention Alliance.

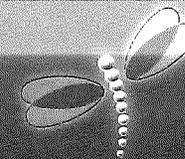
Just because we have made great strides on the national level does not mean we have forgotten our roots. We are still committed to the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area and the state of Minnesota. This past year, we awarded our 6th grant to the YMCA which helps educate children and families about the importance of water safety. Over the past year, our program with the YMCA has sent well over 4,000 children through comprehensive swim lesson classes. Our public service announcement (now also in Spanish) airs around the state. Last month, we again participated in the World's Largest Swim Lesson which we are most certain broke the Guinness World Record. Over 35,000 children participated globally and we had over 500 take a lesson at our event. CPR training, public policy efforts and local school education events round out just a few of the types of activities that continue on a daily basis.

Plans for this year's tournament and party are being finalized and, to be honest, each year is better than the one before. **We urge you to register for this event soon, because spots fill up quickly.**

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on September 14th!

All the best,

**Scott & Katey Taylor**  
Co-Founders – Abbey's Hope Charitable Foundation and  
Abbey's very lucky parents



## EVENT SCHEDULE

11:00AM REGISTRATION

12:00PM SHOTGUN START KICKING OFF THE DAY

5:00PM FOOD AND BEVERAGES, EVENING EMCEED  
BY BELINDA JENSEN, SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

### CORPORATE TEE SPONSORSHIPS: \$2,000

Tee signage, inclusion in the event program,  
18 holes of golf for four, plus one guest each to the evening  
festivities. Lunch included. (eight tickets total).

### FOURSOME: \$1,500

Enjoy 18 holes of golf, followed by an evening  
of festivities for four players. Lunch included.

### PARTY ONLY: \$100

Don't feel left out just because you don't golf.  
Starting at 5:00 pm, join us for delicious food, great entertainment  
and stories from your favorite golfers.



### FEATURED RESTAURANTS:

Bunny's Bar and Grill • Jake's City Grille • Jax Café  
Lucky's 13 Pub • McCoy's Pub & House • Red Cow • Rojo Mexican Grill  
Starbucks • Tiger Sushi • Tuttle's Bowling Bar and Grill

Register at [abbeyshope.org](http://abbeyshope.org)

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** meghan simons figueroa <meghanfigueroa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 19, 2015 12:10 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Re: Cahill Shops

Hi Anne,

Quick question: is there a forum where the public can share their ideas for what they'd like to see go into the Cahill shops when that node gets overhauled?

Thanks in advance,  
Meghan Figueroa

On Fri, Nov 14, 2014 at 9:08 AM, James Hovland <[JHovland@edinamn.gov](mailto:JHovland@edinamn.gov)> wrote:

Megan, welcome back home. Since these properties are all privately held a petition will not be helpful. We will be doing a small area plan for that node in the future. Currently we are working on a plan for the Wooddale and Valleyview node. Residents, property owners, and retail lessees all are asked to participate. We use professional planners to help the group come up with a framework for redevelopment that they will support. When that is in place it becomes easier for a property owner to redevelop. I understand your frustration. The area is ready for change. As a side note the restaurant in the current golf clubhouse will probably be leased out to an outside of Edina restaurant company that is interested in becoming a neighborhood place to go. We are also looking at winter activities to have there to compliment. All of this will start happening in the next year or two. After the planning ends at the Wooddale node we will have a timeline for the start of Cahill. If you go to the city web site and sign up to get the city "extra" then you will hear about all the things happening in the city.

Ann Swenson, council

Sent from my iPad

**From:** meghan simons figueroa [<mailto:meghanfigueroa@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 13, 2014 8:58 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Cahill Shops

Dear Edina City Council,

First of all, thank you for servicing our community. I grew up in Edina and recently moved back to raise my family. It's an incredible community with wonderful resources for families, and a surprisingly responsive city government, thanks to you!

My question/petition:

The Shops at Cahill. Whooooooooaaaaah. That area was dumpy when I lived here in 1990, and it still looks the same. I recently bought a house nearby and I'm so disappointed that this strip of commercial opportunity doesn't better service the neighborhood, both residential and the industrial park nearby. I don't mean to suggest a doing-away with the independent businesses that reside there; believe me, I'm not after a strip of Starbucks and Walgreens. I'm happy to patronize Queen of Cakes a Biryani. But the complex itself makes me want to cry every time I drive past it. Cracked pavement. Dumpsters. Not a single place to get a good cup of coffee on the morning commute. Not a single place to enjoy dinner with my husband on a weeknight date-night. Opportunities, missed.

I've lived in NYC for the past 10 years, and am new to owning a home and investing in a community (both obligations I'm excited about, by the way). I'm just curious, what does it take to make progress on this valuable strip on Cahill? There have been so many days I've been at Lewis Park with my kids and talked with other moms about how we wish we could just stroll the kids over to Cahill for dinner---but, there's nothing suitable. (No, TJs is sooooo not an option.)

With Braemar in mid-swing on renovations, a community of families with enough disposable income for some decent family (or grown-up) eateries, and Lewis Park brimming with sporting activities...it seems Cahill shops would service *everyone* better by, well, servicing more of what we all actually want.

I'd love your help and insight on how I might begin a petitioning process to get this area updated and enhanced in a way that benefits the community surrounding it.

Thanks in advance -

Meghan Figueroa

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Kathy Dahlheimer <kdahlheimer@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** Ann Kattreh; Cary Teague; Kevin Staunton; James Hovland  
**Subject:** Park Board meeting discussion on the "Burger" land swap

Hello...I have followed this since the June 17th meeting where City Manager Neal brought forth this idea of the land swap. I believe you have received concerns about the process here and it is now following the usual path of parks/planning and public hearing in Council.

Because the park board is not televised I decided to attend the meeting and see the discussion on this matter. I have long thought the park board should be available on video but apparently that is not a popular idea. It was obvious that there was not a ringing endorsement for this idea of a land swap and therefore I am sort of shocked to see that is being recommended after that meeting. Gerard Greene (park board member) invited the Burgers (in attendance) to just make an offer to the city and get done with it. I guess you can get an audio recording to hear it but I think that was completely out of place and frankly shows that he and some other park board members did not listen to the discussion of June 17th and do not understand that the city is not interested in selling park land. The discussion also included many members of the park board saying that the Burgers came to the city with this land swap plan...they did not as stated by the Burgers and at the city council meeting...staff suggested this to them. They came to the city in hopes of purchasing the land and were told that probably would not get approved by council or staff. I also noted that Ann K who is obviously very involved in so many huge projects in the city indicated she has spent a lot of time on this and found it challenging not being a usual request. It sure seems to be on the fast track. At the meeting there was also a neighbor who despite being very uncomfortable having to speak and not support the Burgers, indicated some very valid reasons why the city plan would not be in his best interest. If every homeowner who either did not do their homework or made some bad decisions on a property came to the council to fix the problem things could really get out of hand. Nothing that is there today is any different than when this property was purchased by the Burgers.

While I don't have the expertise to understand much of the technical info here I know what I heard at park board and most felt they should probably go for the variance via planning. I would encourage both planning members (please forward a copy of this to them) and Council to somehow get access to the discussion at park board as there was really much mis-information being tossed about.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kathleen Dahlheimer

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Paula Roth <paula.k.roth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 5:43 PM  
**To:** Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Edina teardowns

Mayor Hovland and City Council Members

I am disappointed that Edina has not followed in St. Louis Park's footsteps in determining the proper rules for new home building by developers.

The homes in the corridor area between Xerxes and France have been an area that the middle class could afford.

NOTE: in a study done for Edina in 2015... out of 21,000 households, more than 9,000 have incomes of less than \$50,000 per year and nearly 5,000 have incomes of \$25,000 or less. That is more than 50 percent of the households!!

Note prices for the "original 1950s" homes in our area:

5908 Zenith Ave. S.....\$270,000

5112 Zenith Ave. S.....\$265,000 (sold in 2012)

1950 one story Ramblers on average (1250 SQ Ft footprint) \$300,000 - \$350,000

Note SOLD or SELLING PRICE of homes that have been torn down and replaced with two story homes (height much taller than average the 2-story)

5932 Zenith Ave. S.....\$915,000

5832 Ewing Ave. S.....\$909,000

6212 Ewing Ave. S.....\$1,050,000

5836 Zenith Ave. S.....\$850,000

5936 Beard Ave. S.....\$845,000

NOTE: Median home value in Edina.....\$364,900  
But your decisions are going to push that median value up.

Edina is allowing homes that are 2 - 4 times the value to be replacing affordable, middle class homes. The Edina City Council and the Mayor are pushing out the middle class from Edina. And ruining our neighborhoods. You must be educated and know the philosophy of St. Louis Park. You do not have respect for those of us who have lived here for years. We have a young family that moved in a few houses from us. They are as upset about this

trend as we are. They were only able to buy their home because the developer ran out of money and backed out of buying the home that they were then able to purchase (thank goodness... in spite of the City Council )

Edina is not accomplishing "Hi-Density" affordable housing. But, what is more disturbing: you are allowing the developers to destroy well-built, quality SINGLE FAMILY homes that would be affordable for the middle class. (coved ceilings, plaster walls, wood floors, solid structure)

You are diminishing the sunlight in our neighborhoods as the massive homes over shadow our one-story homes. The footprint is often much larger than the original home so water shed issues are not optimal. Mature trees are coming down and it will take a long time before the young tree will do the job of managing rain water for the property.

The market is NOT driving this trend. Your argument is not valid. Homes would be bought by young, middle class families. But developers are mailing and calling and snapping up whatever they can before the general public has a chance.

I have always been proud of Edina but your greed for a higher tax basis has overshadowed your judgement. You have diminished our quality of life, our taxes will be going up due to these large homes, our neighborhoods are losing their character and people like us will no longer be able to afford Edina. Most of us are very angry.

Paula Roth and James Hill

6025 Zenith Avenue South

Edina, MN 55410  
952-929-8972

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Peter Choukalas <pchoukalas0207@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 8:28 PM  
**To:** Mary Brindle; James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com; MJ Lamon  
**Subject:** Lake Edina Neighborhood Association Blood Drive

Hello Mayor Hovland, Ms. Brindle, Mr. Staunton, Mr. Stewart, and Ms. Swenson,

My name is Peter Choukalas. My family and I have lived in Edina since 1986. Currently, my neighbors in the Lake Edina Neighborhood are involved in two projects. The first is organizing the Lake Edina Neighborhood Association. The second, and more important, is co-sponsoring, with the American Red Cross, a blood drive. We have made all the arrangements to co-sponsor a neighborhood blood drive for SEPTEMBER 19, 2015, FROM 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked at the SOUTH END of the CORNELIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT (7000 CORNELIA DRIVE) to accept donations.

I have been involved in other blood drives where I have lived or worked, and I have found that it is a "real shot in the arm" to see our elected officials donating blood to the American Red Cross. It will be a great way to meet neighbors one on one while donating blood. Giving a pint of blood will take only 30 minutes of your time, and that includes the juice and cookies break after donating. Because you are the first "neighbors" we are inviting, you get to choose what time you want to donate. AND, don't forget that the American Red Cross has an app that tells you when and where (and possibly more) your blood is used. I have received a short e-mail from the Red Cross for my last two donations telling me where and when my blood was used.

SO.....how 'bout it? Your blood is needed more than you think. Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. More than 38,000 pints of blood are needed in the U.S.A. every day. 38% of the population is eligible to donate and just a fraction of those eligible, 8% actually donate blood.

It's simple to sign up. Just send me a return e-mail with the time you wish to donate on Saturday, September 19, and I will make sure that you are signed up. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you in advance considering and/or donating the Gift of Life.

Best Regards,

Peter Choukalas  
Lake Edina Neighborhood Association  
952-456-2059

**Deb Mangen**

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**From:** Mike Menzel <mikemenzel2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** Deb Mangen  
**Subject:** Xcel Energy Franchise Proposal

To Members of the Edina City Council:

As residents of Edina, Minnesota I encourage the City Council to approve the proposed franchise agreement with Xcel Energy. This proposal will allow the city to have a voice in negotiating the type of energy we wish for our community.

The City of Edina has a history of being a good environmental steward and this agreement will serve the community of Edina for years to come with clean renewable energy. As the cost of renewable energy continues to drop and is now competitive with energy from fossil fuels, the proposal will also make good economic sense.

I have all the confidence in our council that they will give full consideration to this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Mike Menzel, MD  
Kathryn Iverson

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** crabtreejr@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 11:52 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail; Mary Brindle; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; swensonann1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** City Council Work Session - July 21, 2015 - Liquor Fund

Dear Mayor and Members of Council

The Liquor Fund numbers which are included for your review at tonight's Work Session are cause for great concern.

The operating income numbers below have been estimated from the chart in your "Business Meeting" document for tonight's meeting. The budgeted transfers have been taken from 2014-2015 City budget document found on the City web site. These were not included in the document.

Year	Approximate Operating income	Budgeted transfer
2010	\$1.280m	
2011	\$1.400m	
2012	\$1.450m	\$1.320m (actual)
2013	\$1.400m	\$1.340m
2014	\$1.100m	\$1.800m
2015	\$0.130m 1Q + 2Q	\$1.850m

1. After three years (2011-2013) of approximately steady operating income, there was a significant fall in 2014. Most of the decrease (ca. \$250k) took place in the 4th quarter. So what changed? One factor is that I understand that Total Wine opened in Bloomington on or around November 15th, 2014

2. What is the current estimate for the operating income for 2015 calendar year?. With these numbers the City will be lucky to have an operating income from the Liquor Fund of \$1.8m for 2014 and 2015 combined. Unless there is a huge, and unwarranted, reserve in the Liquor Fund, there is a big problem for the City budget.

3. 2015 has started very badly. Sales per customer in 2015 are about 5% below those in 2014. Operating revenue seems to have been ca. 10% below budget in the 1Q of 2015, and down a bit more in the 2Q of 2015. The document states that the number of customers is ca. 5% below the historical averages. Was there a budgeted increase in the number of customers in 2015?

BTW there is not much increase in the 4Q sales per customer, which suggests to me that Edina Liquor might not be the place where people go to buy Xmas presents and to stock up for Thanksgiving and Xmas. They seem to be more of a convenience store, as a friend and I observed when we stood outside the York Ave. store late on a Friday afternoon about ten days ago.

4. All of this begs the question as to what was planned to change in the business to get the budgeted transfers to grow from \$1,340,000 in 2013 to \$1,800,000 in 2014 ??? Doing more of the same was clearly not going to achieve this. Without a realistic and achievable plan, these numbers were and are a day dream.

5. So what is going to happen to improve these numbers? I have often been told that in the short (dependent upon circumstances) term almost all costs are fixed. That includes staff costs, unless there are no costs associated with shedding staff.

6. Edina Liquor has three stores. How has the performance of each store varied?

7. It has been said that the residents of Edina should support the City liquor stores as the profits go back to the community. This is all very well, but you need to understand that some of the Edina Liquor pricing is very uncompetitve. For a 1.75 liter bottle of a particular brand of Scotch whiskey, the price at Total Wine in Blloomington and Chicago Lake Liquors is \$24.99. The price at the Edina Liquor York Avenue store is \$35.99, ie 43% more. These are not sale prices and were checked with the last 10 days.

Very searching questions need to be asked., Please do so today.

Thank you and sincerely

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