

# REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



**To:** MAYOR & COUNCIL

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

**From:** Debra Mangen  
City Clerk

**Date:** September 1, 2015

**Subject:** Correspondence

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

**Action Requested:**

No action is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Elizabeth Goff <liz@livingearthtile.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:54 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** New city ordinance - concern

Hello,

I am writing today to express a concern over a new registration issue passed in the city of Edina. I am currently a member of Edina Arts Center, but am not a resident of your city. The city I live in does not offer an art center, nor does it have plans for one in the future. I have taken many classes at Edina Art Center, as I am a full-time potter and it allows me a place to explore my craft. I find it a wonderful facility that offers up to a very diverse mix of people from all sorts of backgrounds and income levels from throughout the Twin Cities. The staff there is helpful, funny, and highly informative. It is a place that allows other artists from the Twin Cities area to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and explore new areas that we may have never thought of as artists. It also offers up programs that no other facility I know of offers, to kids, teenagers, and adults alike. I have donated to this facility many times as I believe that the arts are a key influence on our community at large and I believe in the message it brings forward.

The city of Edina has currently passed a new ordinance that does not allow me or other nonresidents to register for classes until all Edina city residents are allowed a full week to register first. This was passed for all of the city of Edina's offerings, not just in the Edina Art Center. Having to have had to deal with cities in the past, and understanding how cities work, I can see how Edina would want their residents to enjoy its offerings. Although from a nonresidential point of view, I defiantly object to this decision this city council has made. In addition I view it as preferential treatment, bias, and potentially discriminatory.

I have been informed that approximately 30% or more of the classes there are currently filled with Edina residents with its current sign up system. Taking into account, if things were to stay the same, 30% of the class is 3-4 students of the 10 maximum student intake for the rest of the Twin Cities. Now, with the city of Edina's new changes, after waiting for one week to be even allowed to sign up, this puts the possibility of places left in the class to potentially less then half for the entire Twin Cities residents. Odds are many others will not have the opportunity to sign up and in turn could then decrease the desire to even attend classes there. It adds to the already perceived idea that the city of Edina is a "private club". Again, I understand that this was the city of Edina that choose to do this, and is not the decision of Edina Art Center, but I cannot say that as a current student and member I agree with it at all. I will keep this in mind when deciding if or when I have the choice to renew this fall. I hope that the city of Edina reconsiders their view and decision in this matter. Food for thought: If I am reaching out with this, for only one of your city's offerings, think of how many others are thinking the same thing for your other offerings throughout the city.

Elizabeth Goff

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** David Arbit <davida@mplsrealtor.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 2:02 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; Scott H. Neal; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; Mary Brindle; 'swensonann1@gmail.com'; Edina Mail  
**Subject:** MAAR July 2015 Housing Market Update

Dear Mayor Hovland and Members of the Council:

After purchase demand reached a 10-year record high in June, the Twin Cities metropolitan housing market continued to delight in July. With the spring and summer peak buying season coming to a close, activity levels should begin to cool month-to-month, though most indicators are still expected to show year-over-year improvement. Many buyers are still frustrated by low inventory levels, making seller activity and new construction activity popular metrics to watch. The U.S. Census puts the homeownership rate at 63.4 percent for the Q2-2015. To put that in context, the highest figure was 69.2 percent in 2004, while the 50-year average is 65.3 percent. Here is what's happening in your neck of the woods.

- New Listings in Edina increased 2.5 percent to 163.
- Pending Sales were up 4.7 percent to 112.
- Closed Sales increased 0.9 percent to 114.
- Days on Market was up 6.4 percent to 83 days.
- The Median Sales Price decreased 5.6 percent to \$391,775.
- Inventory levels grew 8.0 percent to 405 homes.
- Percent of List Price Received at Sale decreased 0.4 percent to 97.7 percent.
- Months Supply of Inventory was up 8.7 percent to 5.0 months.
- Distressed sales made up 3.5 percent of all Closed Sales.
- Single-Family homes made up 66.4 percent of all Closed Sales.
- New construction properties made up 6.1 percent of all Closed Sales.

Barring suddenly negative economic data, the Federal Reserve is poised to normalize rates by lifting the Federal Funds rate off of zero starting in September. Mortgage rates are still just below 4.0 percent, compared with a long-term average of over 7.0 percent. Lower energy costs and solid job growth combined with rising wages helped boost Q2-2015 GDP. Nationally, the economy added 215,000 new private payrolls in July while the unemployment rate held steady at 5.3 percent. The most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows the Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington metropolitan area has the third lowest unemployment rate of any major metro.

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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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Nick Orum <nickorum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 7:28 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Re: Xerxes Ave South bump-outs

Mayor Hovland and City Council Members,

About a year has passed since the bump-outs on Xerxes Ave have been installed. In that time, I've met with Jim Grube (County Highway Engineer) and members of my community, both in community meetings as well as at my home, to discuss potential improvements to the bump-outs as currently designed.

To date we've tested a couple of adaptations to the design, but based on feedback at recent community meetings that Jim has hosted, it's clear that we need to think more expansively about the current situation. Residents, myself included, really think that any adaptation to the current design would still be a poor reflection on the neighborhood ... these traffic elements are just visually unappealing and I am certain are negatively impacting property value.

I will be working with Jim and with interested residents in the near future to think through additional alternatives to the current design. I am not an engineer, but I am doing my best to think through how to improve upon this situation. I am writing to ask for leadership from the City Council on this matter. Here are some thoughts I'd like you to consider as you think through this issue:

- Please be open to continuing to fund updates and tests to the current bump-out design. I expect some ideas we may generate in the near future will require some partnership from the Council.
- More importantly, I really would like the Council to start thinking about how to work with Minneapolis to approach this issue more holistically. Lyndale Ave, also a county road, was able to receive an excellent traffic-control update through thoughtful design and funding. I perceive the issue with Xerxes Ave could have been solved ahead of time if the two Cities had worked together to implement a similar design from the beginning.
- Personally, I would really appreciate it if the City Council Members would attend the bump-out community meetings that Jim has been holding. Jim has been working hard on working with us to find acceptable solutions, but the residents' feedback really needs to be heard by the City at this point, and not the County, as really the core issue from the beginning and certainly now (in my opinion) is around City engagement and funding.

On a personal note, I've tried to stay engaged in this process for the past year and half, and am probably the Xerxes Ave resident that has met and corresponded with the County the most frequently on this issue. I have a bump-out right outside my home, which has a profoundly negative impact on sight-lines around my property, and thus this is a very important issue for me. I'm sure this is trite to say, and that you hear this perspective often, but I really would ask that you consider whether you'd want these bump-outs in your neighborhood.

Finally, I'm open to any advice you have on how I can be more helpful on this issue. I'm working on thinking of solutions on behalf of the community, but the feedback I'm hearing from residents is that we need better solutions.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear my thoughts on this. If at any time you'd like to talk about this in person or believe that it will be discussed at a City Council meeting in the future, I would be more than happy to meet and attend.

Regards,  
Nick Orum  
5712 Xerxes Ave S

On Wed, Nov 5, 2014 at 9:25 AM, Edina Mail <[mail@edinamn.gov](mailto:mail@edinamn.gov)> wrote:

Dear Nick,

Thank you for your interest in the City of Edina.

I have forwarded your message to Mayor Hovland.

If I can be of additional assistance to you please contact me.

**Lynette Biunno, Receptionist**



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**From:** Nick Orum [<mailto:nickorum@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 04, 2014 5:25 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail; [jan.callison@hennepin.us](mailto:jan.callison@hennepin.us)  
**Cc:** [cbremer1@gmail.com](mailto:cbremer1@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Xerxes Ave South bump-outs

Mayor Jim Hovland, and Commissioner Jan Callison:

I wish to provide feedback on the recent implementation of bump-outs along Xerxes Ave South.

I attended the original presentation of the bump-out solution at the Edina Community Lutheran Church earlier this year. The county engineer leading this project did an EXCELLENT job presenting the solution, answering ALL questions, and encouraging attendees to reach out to their representatives to voice their perspectives.

At this meeting, I asked what other technologies were evaluated to achieve the goal of pedestrian safety. I got the sense that the bump-out was the strongest candidate due to funding, but there are perhaps better solutions at some expense. I am not clear what those alternatives might be, but I must indicate my dissatisfaction with the implementation of bump outs as currently designed.

I think that the work done on Lyndale Ave in the Kingfield neighborhood several years ago is a great model that we should aspire to, assuming we can work out funding.

I set aside time to participate in this process, questioned the design, let my point of view be known in the meeting not supporting it, and yet ended up with a bump-out outside of my home (see attached); bad luck. I understand that this is how communities make decisions and act on them, but I hope you can consider this context for my feedback, for what it's worth.

There appears to be some discussion that the bump-outs, as implemented, did not match expectations set in that meeting. I disagree, as the engineering drawings presented, as I recall them, seem to match the implemented solution exactly. I think perhaps the attendees at the meeting were unable to visualize the solution based on these drawings, which suggests that perhaps in future discussions a more life-like rendering would be helpful.

As an aside, communication from the County has been excellent. The engineer responsible for reviewing plans with residents was extremely helpful, took time to meet with me after my work hours, and was conscientious that our neighbors were similarly informed ahead of construction.

I appreciate your listening to this feedback, and thanks for representing your constituents.

Regards,  
Nick Orum

5712 Xerxes Ave South

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** hwpl20chicago@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 8:16 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** HWPL requests your assistance for work of peace  
**Attachments:** letter.pdf

Your Excellency,

We, as a non-governmental, non-profit organization, have the vision of bringing peace and ending all wars in this world. Hence, we hosted the World Alliance of Religions: Peace ("WARP") Summit last September; inviting the heads of states, youth leaders, women leaders and religious leaders to attend. At the summit, all the heads of states signed an enactment of international law for the cessation of war. In addition 1000 religious leaders and youth leaders from 161 countries signed the peace agreement to work together for peace.

Please find attached the newsletter of the peace activities we have been working on; as well as, the letter from our Chairman Man Hee Lee to Your Excellency.

To briefly update on one of our activities, we are currently in the process of working on the draft of international law for the cessation of war with our HWPL Peace Advisory Council, as part of the continuous work started from the WARP Summit last year. As a member of HWPL Peace Advisory Council in Korea, Professor Sang Myeon Lee is working together on the draft. He was a Professor in Seoul National University and has expertise on international law.

Your Excellency, if you would like to assist us in our work of enacting an international law for cessation of war, please email us at [int.law@hwpl.kr](mailto:int.law@hwpl.kr) and we will send you more information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Castillo  
(847)710-6598

HWPL Chicago

**From:** John Plotnicky [mailto:[jplotnicky@yahoo.com](mailto:jplotnicky@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:40 PM  
**To:** Bill Neuendorf  
**Subject:** SpeakUp, Traffic Hazard, Edina Library and Senior Center

To Whom It May Concern,

Background. Our combined Edina Library and Senior Center is a valuable and much used service in our community. That value is partly degraded by a long-standing and clearly recognizable traffic hazard in the building parking area. That safety hazard puts customers, employees, and volunteers at risk daily.

Traffic hazard. The perpendicular parking layout (versus and angled layout) and two-way traffic) versus one-way) is what causes the risk to those who use the facility. Those people who are vehicle operators, bicyclists, and pedestrians are vulnerable because of limited backing visibility. With the present perpendicular parking layout, backing visibility is severely limited creating a situation where a driver may back-up into oncoming traffic from two directions. The daily traffic, seven days a week, from morning to evening creates a significant exposure to accidents.

Recommendation. For the City to remark the parking area by using an angled parking layout and one-way traffic flow to improve driver visibility an reduce the risk of traffic accidents involving vehicles backing-up.

Remarks. The existing parking stripes appear to need repainting soon so this recommendation, if adopted, could be accomplished then. Prior to that the City may want to do a comprehensive traffic analysis to validate this change or find a different solution for this safety issue.

John Plotnicky

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Ralph Zickert <4311TwinOaks@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:22 PM  
**To:** James Hovland; Kevin Staunton; Robert Stewart; SwensonAnn1@Gmail.com  
**Cc:** Mary Brindle  
**Subject:** RE: Land Exchange (Lot Line Adjustment)

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of our City government. Your decision this evening was a thoughtful compromise between the long term interests of all Edina residents as well as the Burgers.

Regards,  
Ralph

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**From:** Ralph Zickert [<mailto:4311TwinOaks@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 16, 2015 5:08 PM  
**To:** 'JHovland@EdinaMN.gov'; 'MBrindle@EdinaMN.gov'; 'KStaunton@EdinaMN.gov'; 'RStewart@EdinaMN.gov'; 'SwensonAnn1@Gmail.com'; 'CTeague@EdinaMN.gov'  
**Cc:** Hayward, Ed  
**Subject:** Land Exchange (Lot Line Adjustment)

Good Evening,  
Both below and as an attached PDF are my thoughts on the Land Exchange up for discussion this Tuesday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,  
Ralph Zickert

August 15, 2015

To: Mayor Hovland, City Council Members, and Community Development Director - Cary T

Subject: Land Exchange (Lot Line Adjustment) 6629 West Shore Drive. Liz and Tony Burger

My name is Ralph Zickert, I am a 25 year Edina resident and a homeowner on Lake Cornelia past 3 years. I am opposed to all options as they are currently outlined before the Council particular the sale of City property. I do however believe there is an accommodation that can both the Burgers and the Council.

Why the swap currently proposed is not appropriate:

Most importantly, the proposed swap is opposed by the only neighbor directly affected, Ed and Hayward. Therefore approval would be to the benefit of one neighbor at the detriment of a with no benefit to the City. Also, as noted in the July 14, 2015, Park Board minutes, no member supported the swap and three specifically noted the highly irregular configuration as the basis for their decision. Six members expressed a preference that the Burgers pursue a variance.

Why a variance is currently not appropriate:

The Planning Commission's minutes of July 22, 2015 noted: "Even with a variance, the construction would require encroachment into the park land." (italics and emphasis added) Two items deserve an answer are: "Did the 2008 approved variance, which was allowed to expire, require 'encroachment into the park land' and the Planning Commission failed to notice the encroachment have the Burger's, changed their plans since 2008?" and 2) has the current addition been formed in plans that have been submitted to the City. I would hope both these questions could be answered at the council meeting.

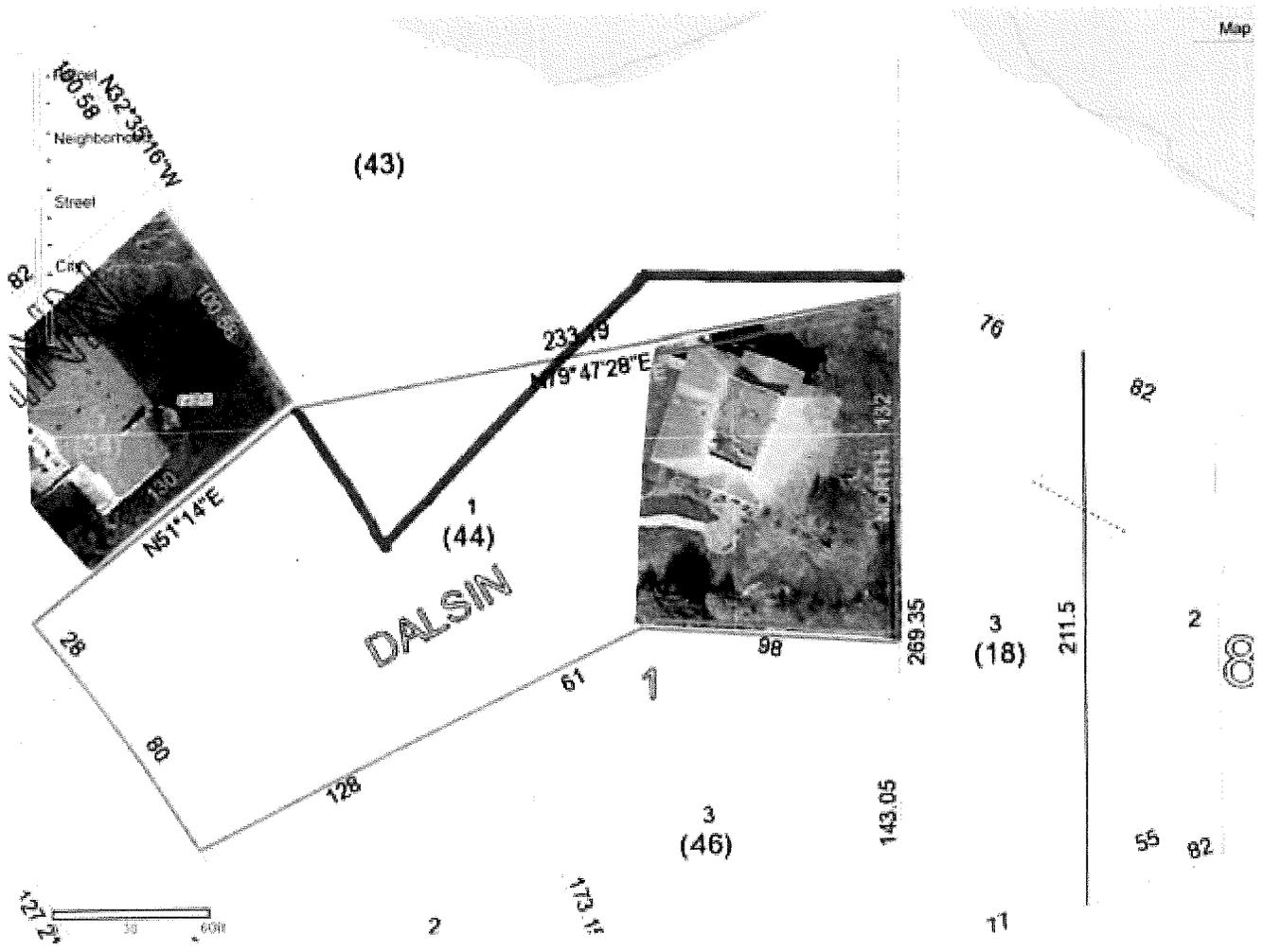
Possible solution:

Appendix A below is a hand sketched representation of a solution that addresses many expressed concerns. If such an option could be supported by Ed and Ellie Hayward, I would support it in spite of there being no direct benefit to the City. I believe it could be supported by the Council as a good faith gesture to clear an open conflict with 1) the original development of the lot and 2) current building codes. Both of which would be key to moving forward with an unusual transaction. However, if any swap or sale option is approved, I strongly encourage the Council to include verbiage that the transaction 1) be contingent upon the Burger's building a second story on the existing house, 2) that similar to an unused variance, the swap would be void after two years and the land revert back to the City if the addition is not completed, and 3) no variances be requested to accommodate the addition. I believe these are all reasonable conditions given the time and effort devoted to the issue by the City and the conditions under which approval was requested. And, if the Burgers are not in a position to make such a commitment, then the swap should be tabled until they can.

Regards,

## Appendix A

For the area deeded to the City, extend the existing City lot line, that runs behind the six ho the left of the Burger's, along the same tangent a sufficient distance to create an area greater l equal to the smallest area needed to accommodate the proposed addition. For the area dee the Burgers, as was noted in the July 22, 2015, Planning Commission Staff Report, providi where it is most needed at "the Northwest corner of the house". Therefore, utilizing the current marker for 6629 Lakeshore Drive (the Burgers) and 4520 Laguna Drive (the Tamtes), positi 'triangle' so the peak is to the Northwest providing the most relief to the original positioning house. This also helps preserve neighbor sight lines from the east.



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Adrienne Beckett <adrienne.beckett@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 10:44 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request for review of Planning Commission decision - Thank you!  
**Attachments:** Edina City Council\_Hovland.docx

Mayor Hovland-

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your objective evaluation of SunOpta's position this evening regarding our petition for variance on signage. As you and the other council members pointed out, there is opportunity to match the language of the regulation and the intent to better match the current environment. As I mentioned in my letter last week, I am both a resident and an employee of Edina, and I am proud to see the city work so well for business and citizens.

Kindest regards,  
Adrienne

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*Adrienne L. Beckett*  
cell: 714-349-9937

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Adrienne Beckett <[adrienne.beckett@me.com](mailto:adrienne.beckett@me.com)>  
**Subject:** Request for review of Planning Commission decision  
**Date:** August 12, 2015 at 9:10:26 PM CDT  
**To:** [jhovland@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:jhovland@EdinaMN.gov)

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*Adrienne L. Beckett*  
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Scott & Adrienne Beckett  
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August 12, 2015

Edina Mayor James Hovland  
Edina City Hall  
4801 West 50th St.  
Edina MN 55424

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am writing to express my concern about a recent Planning Commission decision not to grant a variance regarding signage on my employer's building.

For some time, we have been petitioning for the logo sign of our firm to be allowed to be installed facing Highway 100. I see this as a way to highlight our company, the city's support of prominent local businesses, and promote the Edina business base.

Our petition has been denied, citing an ordinance allowing signage on only the side of the building facing the official street address. There must be allowances we can gain, as two other large companies – International Dairy Queen and Regis – have signs on building facings other than their street addresses.

As both a resident and employee in the city of Edina, I urge you to reconsider this decision and overrule the Planning Commission. We are a thriving and growing company, and SunOpta has added over 100 jobs to the city in the last year. We should be afforded the same opportunity that other local businesses have enjoyed.

Best Regards,

*AL Beckett*

Adrienne L. Beckett

Vice President, Customer Logistics Services  
SunOpta, Inc.  
Edina MN

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Angela Johnson <Angela.Johnson@tigeroak.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:10 AM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina Magazine Interview Request

Mayor Hovland~

It was nice to see you on Tuesday at the city council meeting. I'm glad I could be there to help celebrate the winners of this year's Images of Edina photo contest. Edina is truly a lovely place in so many ways and local art is just one way to depict that reality. I look forward to featuring each of the winning photographs in upcoming issues of Edina Magazine.

I'm also still hoping that you and LaRae might grant Edina Magazine an interview for a future story. I recall you asked Mayor Giuliani Stephens about her experience being featured in our sister publication, Woodbury Magazine, and that she thought it was good for her city. So might you consider letting us spotlight some interesting facets of your life in Edina? We are willing to accommodate your busy schedule for an in person interview at a time that is convenient for you.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.  
Have a great weekend.

Best,

**Angela Johnson**

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**From:** Joel Stegner <joel.r.stegner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 5:31 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Edina City Council deliberations on the Walgreen's project near 50th and France

I am very supportive of creating additional opportunities for people to live in Edina, particularly focusing on housing options that are attractive and affordable to young singles, couples and families that work in the city, but who don't currently live here. While affordable housing as a concept is targeted at certain low incomes populations, young people who are paying off school loans, getting married, moving ahead on careers and thinking about permanently living here often start by looking for smaller, less expensive housing that fits their current situation. If they cannot find it in Edina, they will live elsewhere and frankly are most likely eventually to permanently settle there and seek employment closer to home. At one time, Edina was a community who attracted professionals and executives in their late 30s and early 40s, not worrying particularly about attracting those in their 20s and early 30s. As the city becoming more urbanized, with more apartment living, with younger people around the country preferring not to pay dearly for space or possessions they don't need, Edina risks being left behind as the world evolves if it doesn't cater to this group.

I read with interest about the proposed development at the Walgreen's site. It was pointed out that the high end units are often rented first. Why would that be? People who already live in Edina with significant financial resources who want to downsize, but not that much, want to have larger, more lavish units - and have the liquidity to move on them without having sold their family homes. With younger people, with more limited resources and less community awareness, it simply takes more time to be made aware of what is out in the community. In a big change in where I now live (the Colony of Edina), we are seeing more and more young couples who cannot afford and don't want the big home - they don't have time or money for it - yet. When they have two children, they will move, but for now, the Colony is as good as option for them as for their elders. Without them, we would have many more vacancies.

Likewise, the Walgreens site works well both for long term Edina residents who want to downsize and people who are new to the community. Older households have lots of possessions and want to keep most of them. Younger people are lucky to have furniture and are not that far from crowded dorm rooms. Their expectations in terms of creature comforts are not as high. Frankly, the convenience of being close to work is more important than having a bigger place with a big commute. There is no reason the City Council needs to serve one group to the exclusion of the other. Edina is a more attractive place to work if people can afford housing here - they need to be convinced to come here, while our long-term residents have many, many options and don't want to leave - unless it is to the cabin or somewhere warm.

Of course, Edina does also have a reputation of being very easy to work with from the viewpoint of the developer. If the developer builds bigger, more expensive units, there

are fewer to sell and perhaps a less complicated building design, but if in fact Edina is an in demand community, the city has more leverage in working with developers than it is using. Recently, I read that there was an effort to give developers to buy their way out of building any affordable housing in their projects, with the specifics of the buy-out left undetermined, which leaves the city with one hand tied behind its back when it comes to negotiating a high developer cost for not helping to meet a public priority. If you want more night life at 50th and France, put in a brew pub and build some apartments that are affordable to up and coming 20 and 30 somethings. The mature set that goes for downsizing will only be in the community for a limited period of time, which the younger folks are Edina's long-term future.

Of course, for the select few young people who have a lot of money (most typically inherited), they will go directly to the big Edina house, but the bright creative types that will bring new ideas to the community need to have affordable spaces to live, and cutting them out of every project is no way to make that happen.

Thanks,  
Joel

Joel Stegner  
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August 21, 2015

Dear friends and colleagues,

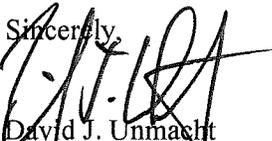
It is with great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the new executive director of the League of Minnesota Cities. I bring more than 30 years of work with local government to this position, but more than that, I have a true appreciation and respect for the diversity that exists within Minnesota and a passion for helping cities and communities work together to address challenges and achieve common goals.

Taking on a leadership role at LMC is truly a wonderful opportunity, and with your support and guidance, I am confident we will do great things together. My new office at LMC overlooks the state Capitol building in St. Paul, and it's a daily reminder of LMC's critical role in representing *all* of Minnesota's cities, no matter the size or location. In my first few weeks at the League, I have had the pleasure of stopping by our legislative policy committee meetings to introduce myself to the many members who are involved in helping the League set policies that drive our legislative agenda. I have also had the opportunity to meet with executive directors from many other state municipal leagues, and I can tell you with pride that Minnesota's national reputation for excellence in local government is real and well-recognized.

I have traveled to all four corners of Minnesota and have worked on projects with our biggest cities and our smallest. My career began with the Minnesota cities of Belle Plaine and Prior Lake, and I then spent a number of years working for both Dakota County and Scott County. In 2009, I took a position with Springsted, Inc., a public-sector advisory firm. I was fortunate there to gain experience working with municipal clients of all shapes and sizes, with all kinds of challenges, and I loved traveling our state working directly with communities on areas such as organizational development, executive recruitment, facilitation, goal setting, and strategic planning. Along the way, I have continuously worked closely with local government associations, serving on the board of GTS Educational Events and volunteering for a variety of roles and positions in my own community of Eagan.

This is no doubt an exciting and challenging time for cities and city leaders. As we begin a new chapter in the League's more than 100-year history, it is an honor to be leading an organization that has consistently helped Minnesota's communities collaborate and work together to remain strong. I look forward to working with current—and new—friends and colleagues throughout the state and strongly value your ideas and suggestions as we move forward. Please feel free to contact me any time at (651) 281-1205.

I'll also be on the road this October for the 2015 LMC Regional Meetings and will be available to answer your questions and hear your ideas in person at all eight locations. To find the meeting closest to you, visit [www.lmc.org/2015RM](http://www.lmc.org/2015RM). Thank you very much for all you do for your city and community.

Sincerely,  


David J. Unmacht  
Executive Director  
League of Minnesota Cities

Rajesh Tandon  
7000 , Lynmar Lane  
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08/19/2015

To,  
The Honorable City Council Member,  
City of Edina

**Privacy affected due to roundabout near house**

I am writing this letter to bring your attention to the concerns that we are facing due to the roundabout on 70W Street, constructed 2-3 years back, near our house. I agree that the roundabout has greatly helped to regulate the traffic at the junction. Having said that, the roundabout near the house is affecting our privacy and has also raised concern about our security.

The 70W Street becomes busy during office hours. The traffic entering into the roundabout yields causing them to stop/slow down, thus giving clear direct view of our house and it's lawn to the passengers in the car. If the inside glass door is not blinded, then they can even see what's happening inside the house.

We are planning to go out of the country in November for 3 months. The obvious exposure of our house from roundabout increases the chances of people coming to know that no one is present in the house for long time. Anyone with malicious intent can use this information to their advantage. One of my close family friend in Edina had a burglary in his house when he and his family were away for long vacation. This experience has alleviated my fear more for the safety.

Lately, I have started to get concerned about the privacy after getting stares and sometimes uninvited attention. Summer is the time when family can spend quality time together in the lawn, doing barbeque, playing etc.. But, we have been getting lots of unwanted glares causing discomfort.

I request you to kindly look into it and suggest what could be done. One suggestion that I have is to plant full grown trees around the fence to obstruct the direct view of the passengers into the house. I would appreciate if you could help us with the problem that we are facing due to the roundabout.

Thanks and Regards,

Rajesh Tandon  
612-986-7000

From -

Rajesh Tandon  
7000 Lynmar Lane  
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612-986-7000

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Christine Ott <extramileamericafoundation@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 8:38 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** Extra Mile Day in Edina

Dear Lynette,

Thank you for taking a few moments to talk with me on Monday about a proclamation for Extra Mile Day.

Last year, 527 inspirational mayors and city leaders stood up and jointly recognized November 1, 2014, as **Extra Mile Day**...*a day to recognize the people and organizations who are creating positive change in our communities through their extra mile efforts in volunteerism and service.*

**Proudly, we hold up Edina as a 2014 Extra Mile Day city, and we hope that you will join the mission again by making the proclamation in 2015. (Proclamation language is at the end of this email.)**

This year, our mission continues...and builds. Supported by a volunteer staff, Extra Mile America ([www.ExtraMileAmerica.org](http://www.ExtraMileAmerica.org)) is unwavering in its commitment to remind individuals and organizations that creating positive change is not just a water cooler topic, but it is unselfishly tied to go-the-extra-mile action. We continue to be an organization that casts a bright light on the "Extra Mile Heroes" and change-makers who surround us and who continue to give their best.

Started in 2009 by Founder Shawn Anderson and a vision that one person CAN make a difference, *Extra Mile Day* has grown from 23 participating cities in its inaugural year (2009)...to an awesome goal of 550 cities this year.

**Whether it is one elected official or one non-elected government employee, whether it is one citizen or one business with 1,000 amazing people, ONE does make a difference. By declaring November 1, 2015, Extra Mile Day, your city continues to be a part of this nationwide movement.**

Will you join us again this year and proclaim November 1 as *Extra Mile Day*?

If the Mayor would like to do something beyond a proclamation, we have two options:

**1) Submit names of local "Extra Mile Heroes."** In addition to a November 1 declaration, submit 1-5 names of amazing extra mile people and/or organizations that are making significant contributions to your city. These people/organizations will be included on our website ([ExtraMileAmerica.org](http://ExtraMileAmerica.org)) with their specific contribution., and their names will be sent to the White House as extra-mile change makers whose service truly stands out and deserves to be recognized.

**2) Submit a quote from your Mayor.** In addition to a November 1 declaration, your Mayor's quote of what it personally means to "go the extra mile" will be highlighted on our website and shared with your local media.

We are looking forward to your city once again leading the way, and if there is anything we can do to help you plan something special, we are happy to jump forward with our best effort on your behalf.

**Can we confirm you as a November 1, 2015, *Extra Mile Day* city?**

We look forward to “going the extra mile” with you again!

Christine

Christine Ott  
Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org  
310-619-3205

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Here is sample wording:

***EXTRA MILE DAY***

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) is a community which chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, (city, state) acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create 550 Extra Mile cities in America and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of (city, state) do hereby proclaim November 1, 2015, to be Extra Mile Day. I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

\* Proclamations can be scanned and emailed to [Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org](mailto:Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org) or mailed to 5034 Runway Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Courtney Poja <courtneyp@cornerstonemn.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 9:32 AM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Meeting with Cornerstone's New Executive Director?

Dear Mayor Hovland,

Thank you for your ongoing support of Cornerstone. It was great to see you at the Edina Morningside Rotary Club meeting last Tuesday.

You and I talked briefly about Cornerstone's new Executive Director, Meg Schnabel. Would you be interested in a brief meeting with Meg to learn more about her vision for Cornerstone, specifically her focus on developing programming to help our clients attain economic stability and self-sufficiency?

If so, please let me know some dates and times that would work for you; we are happy to come to your office or another location that is convenient.

We are also scheduling one-hour tour/information sessions at Cornerstone for this fall. I would be happy to send you those dates if that works better on your end.

Thank you,  
Courtney Poja

**Courtney Poja**

*Director of Advancement*  
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Cornerstone's continuum of service helps to create communities where individuals and families are safe and children thrive. We advocate, educate and lead the way to social change.

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Scott Smith <sasmith699@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 11:33 AM  
**To:** Tom Horwath  
**Cc:** Terri Smith; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland  
**Subject:** Fallen Trees on Loch Moor

Dear Mr. Horwath (and Mayor Hovland and Mr. Neal):

We want to sincerely thank you for your efforts regarding the downed trees on Dick Anderson's and our properties on Loch Moor Drive. We are most grateful for your quick and above-and-beyond-the-call response to those trees and for solving the problems they caused for both Dick and us.

For the benefit of Mayor Hovland and Mr. Neal: we and Dick Anderson are next door neighbors on the south side of Loch Moor, and our back yards abut the City woods on the north side of Braemar Boulevard. Both Dick and we lost a couple of large trees during the July windstorm, and the downed trees caused a large swath of our back yard in particular to be cut off from the woods (and were also an eyesore). There was some question over whether the trees were on City property or our individual properties and what best to do with the fallen trees. Dick worked closely with Mr. Horwath, who came out, inspected the situation, and last Thursday caused both trees to be cut up, thus opening up the area in our back yard that was obstructed by the downed trees without us needing to do so. We are extremely pleased with Mr. Horwath's efforts on our behalf and wanted to commend him to each of you.

It's my understanding from Dick that you are retiring in a few weeks. If that's the case, best wishes on your retirement; we wish you well. And thanks again for your attention to our situation.

Scott and Terri Smith, 6313 Loch Moor Drive

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**From:** James Dier <jgdier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 2:14 PM  
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Regards,

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James Dier  
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**From:** Franise Bartley <fbartley@earthlink.net>  
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Regards,

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Adam Platt <APlatt@tcbmag.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 2:11 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** media inquiry

Hello Mayor Hovland,

I'm executive editor of Twin Cities Business magazine. We're working on a story about the coming of SWLRT to Eden Prairie and the implications for suburban "opt-out" systems like SW Transit. I know from listening to you on the CMC that you have a very thoughtful take on some rather complex issues, and as the mayor of a city that is not being touched by the extension, have the luxury of approaching it in a rather pragmatic, unemotional way.

I was interested in your take on a couple of things for my story and was wondering if you might have some time next week to chat by phone or in person?

Best,

Adam

Adam Platt  
Executive Editor  
Twin Cities Business  
612/336-9275

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Bill Campbell <bill@tricampbellfarms.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 3:04 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail

Hi Jim. It was wonderful to finally meet you and your wife at Rydells the other night. I don't know if I should bother you with this or you could give me who to talk to in this regard. 4350 and 4380 parklawn Ave., Edina is the property that we finally got on its feet to cash flow and then found out taxes were going up 50% in one year from \$30,000 to \$45,000 on only 22 units. Thought this was extremely high. Anything you can do for us would be greatly appreciated. See you at the Lake.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell



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800-222-7783

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jim Stromberg <js8778@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 8:15 PM  
**To:** Edina Mail  
**Subject:** For City Council

Hi - I'm Jim Stromberg, 3930 W. 49th St., and I'm writing (again) concerning the proposal on 49 1/2 St. and France, that involves the Walgreen's store and 64 apartments above it.

I want to draw attention to the article printed in the Star/Trib this morning (8/26) in the "West-Metro" section that concerned the Wayzata/developer lawsuit that was decided in favor of the city and their zoning of the parcel of land that the developer wanted to build on - 5 stories high. Their zoning restricted that height and they denied the permit. The developer sued the city, but the court ruled that the city was within their rights to deny.

As you consider the proposal that was brought to you earlier, please consider that the height in this project should (according to your codes) not exceed 4 stories. I hope that you would keep this in mind: the city can set requirements for buildings, and asking for variances can be denied.

Thank you!

Jim

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Jason Gadd <jgadd@HOPKINSmn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:56 PM  
**To:** Mary Brindle (Comcast)  
**Cc:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** RE: SWTC BTYR update and Benefit update for Edina City Council

Please pass along...

It is with a very devastated heart that based on items beyond our control, we have had to cancel the Benefit Concert at the Center for the Arts next Thursday. We had reviewed a number of options the last couple of days and feel we had to make the very difficult decision to cancel this year and just start ramping up for a bigger event next year with time to get corporate sponsorships and proper promotions..

I wanted to let you know right away as the word is just now being spread...

I can't thank you enough for the support you have shown for Beyond the Yellow Ribbon coalition. That means the world to Jocelyn and I.

Let me know if you have any questions...

Jason Gadd, City Council Member  
**City of Hopkins**  
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[jgadd@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:jgadd@hopkinsmn.com)

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**From:** Mary Brindle [mbrindle@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** Jason Gadd  
**Subject:** Re: SWTC BTYR update and Benefit update for Edina City Council

7:00. We would include your presentation as part of Special Presentations after the Consent Agenda.  
Mary.

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Mary Brindle  
[mbrindle@comcast.net](mailto:mbrindle@comcast.net)  
612-270-9887 call or text

**From:** Jason Gadd  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:55 AM  
**To:** Mary Brindle  
**Subject:** RE: SWTC BTYR update and Benefit update for Edina City Council

What time tonight? I could possibly be there as well if I would have a chance to speak about it as well?

Jason Gadd, City Council Member  
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**From:** Mary Brindle [mbrindle@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:52 AM  
**To:** Jason Gadd  
**Subject:** Re: SWTC BTYR update and Benefit update for Edina City Council

I am out of town on August 18 and will not be able to provide the SWTC-BTYR update. We are meeting tonight and I can do so at that time.  
Mary,

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Mary Brindle  
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**From:** Jason Gadd  
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**Subject:** SWTC BTYR update and Benefit update for Edina City Council

Mary,

Would you be able to provide and update of the BTYR and the info on the Benefit to the Edina City Council on the 18th? That is the same night as our council, otherwise I would be there...I can get you all the details...

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Minneapolis, MN

## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Ellen Kennedy <ejkennedy@worldwithoutgenocide.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2015 3:06 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Subject:** Affordable housing

Dear Jim,

I'm writing with a concern about housing in Edina. Many people who work and study in our community cannot afford to live in our city. Teachers, peace officers, service providers, health-care workers, and many others sustain the vitality of Edina for us - but they cannot afford to live in Edina. The inequity of this situation bothers me greatly.

Allowing developers to 'buy their way out' of affordable housing is not in our best interest. This effort to avoid creating 20% of all new housing as affordable will limit access to the middle class, will generate a fund that has no appropriate mechanism for oversight and transparency, and will deny the opportunity for community diversity and growth that ultimately benefits us all.

The ongoing practice of 'tear-downs' and the rebuilding of large, expensive homes in areas of previously smaller units requires that something be offered to replace properties that have been lost to the middle class. Indeed, we have lost two key members of the Edina Human Rights and Relations Commission in recent times because they have left Edina for more-affordable housing.

I know that you are deeply committed to issues of fairness, equity, and human rights on all counts. I hope you'll advocate for affordable housing in the immediate future, not for funds to be used at some undefined date. The need exists now.

Warmest regards,  
Ellen

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## Heather Branigin

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**From:** Mike Devine <Mike.Devine@helpsystems.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** James Hovland  
**Cc:** ebruscella@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Morningside Water Problems: Getting Ridiculous  
**Attachments:** image1.JPG

James –

I feel a need to escalate to you the seriousness of the ongoing water problem in Morningside. We are nearing two months of rust-laden water. The latest example from this morning is attached.

We have been encouraged to share our concerns with Mr. Gorgen and have done that. Repeatedly.

We cannot rely on this water for drinking, showering, washing.

Something must be done. And fast. And I believe something should be done to compensate us residents for extra costs incurred due to off-site laundry and purchased drinking water.

Thanks.  
Mike & Edi Devine  
4239 Lynn Avenue  
Edina  
612.245.5586



## Heather Branigin

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**From:** David Leonard <dl@keithellison.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2015 11:49 AM  
**To:** jhovland@krausehovland.com  
**Subject:** Congressman Ellison's Annual BBQ Honoring Labor  
**Attachments:** 2015 Labor BBQ Flyer.jpg

Mayor Hovland:

I hope this email finds you doing well.

I am just writing to extend a personal invitation for you to join us at Congressman Ellison's Annual BBQ Honoring Labor this Sunday, September 6th, from 12 pm (noon) to 2 pm at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis.

I've attached the flyer we're distributing, for your information. We would be honored for you to join us at this great event.

Feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions, or to just let me know if you'll be able to join us on Sunday. (You can also RSVP online at [www.keithellison.org/2015laborbbq](http://www.keithellison.org/2015laborbbq) )

Thank you for your service to our great state and I hope to see you on Sunday!

Best,

David

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**From:** Jason Grill <jgrillmedia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 01, 2015 1:50 PM  
**To:** Jason Grill  
**Subject:** 2015 Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship / Kauffman Foundation - 1 Week Left to Register!

Hello!

Hope you're having a great week.

**There is only one week left to register for the Kauffman Foundation's 2015 Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship: Recipes for Growth.**

This is an invite only conference for Mayors around the country from October 6th - 8th, 2015 in Albuquerque, NM. The Kauffman Foundation will cover travel expenses, including airfare, hotel, meals, and ground transportation for Mayors in Albuquerque, NM. In addition, there will be one \$25,000 planning grant awarded to a city through the Mayor's Recipes for Growth City Challenge at the Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship.

**Please register for the Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship before the deadline on September 9th, 2015 by visiting:**

<http://www.kauffman.org/microsites/mayorsconference2015/registration>

The Kauffman Foundation is among the largest private foundations in the United States with an asset base of \$2 billion focusing on education and entrepreneurship. Previous Kauffman Foundation Mayors Conferences on Entrepreneurship have taken place in Kansas City, Mo and Louisville, Ky. This is the third annual conference.

Please let me know if you have any questions or simply [RSVP here](#). Thank you. Have a nice day!

Best -

Jason Grill  
Consultant - Kauffman Foundation