

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: IX. A.

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Date: October 7, 2014

Subject: Correspondence

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:

No action is necessary.

Attachment:

Attached is correspondence received since the last Council meeting.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Thank you so much for participating in this year's Homecoming Parade. It is always such a fun event that everyone looks forward to, and it wouldn't be the same without you. We really appreciate you taking the time to ride in the parade and make the event extra special. Thanks again for helping to make a super fun parade and we can't wait for many more.

Thanks again.
Michael O'Neil, Edin Student Council

Living Family

Best boy

R D P
L J R

ame Lurdell

Paula Roth & Jim Hill

Kathy "Duck" Magnus


Dear Jim -
Thank you for your vote of support for 66 West!

Auntie Edmund

Dob Strand

Thanks for supporting more LIS!

Amy Ed
Jen Peter son
Karen Anderson

Heather Branigin

From: Pamela Page <PamelaP@veap.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: VEAP Video - filming September 26, 2014 @ 9:30 am at VEAP

Hello Jim,

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed for VEAP's new video.

It will premiere at the upcoming gala on November 14, 2014. If you visit the page <http://www.veapvolunteers.org/events/gala/> you can see where we are headed with this year's theme. I look forward to hearing some of your reflections on VEAP and its value to the community, a description of the history and partnership our organizations share, and your vision for this community and its people as we all move forward.

Please plan to park in the parking lot on the west side of the building and use the staff volunteer entrance on the west side. You will check in with the volunteer receptionist and then be directed to wait in the volunteer gathering area. There is coffee and treats there that you will be free to help yourself to while you wait. The filming will take place in our community room and so when we are ready for you, someone will come to the volunteer gathering area to get you and will bring you to the conference room. I don't anticipate that you will wait long, we tend to keep to a very tight schedule on film days.

As you think about what to wear for the camera, keep in mind that solid colors are preferred over busy print patterns. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks so much,

- Pamela

Pamela Page

Event and Community Partner Manager | [Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People](#) | 9600 Aldrich Avenue South |
Bloomington, MN 55420 | (ph) 952.955.8322 | (f) 952.881.8322

Find out what's going on at VEAP by visiting our [Facebook page](#) and subscribing to our [e-Newsletter](#)!

Heather Branigin

From: vicki@victoriamartzgolf.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 3:41 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: to Mayor James Hovland

Dear Jim,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the warm reception and welcome at The Braemar golf course for our presentation last Wed. Mike and I enjoyed meeting the staff and Task Force members and appreciated the interest in our vision. Obviously, we are sorry to not have received the nod from the city but we do know that your beautiful facility will find the right course and it will continue to be a jewel of Edina.

On a personal note, please thank Pete Lloyd for bringing me to your attention. He is such a great guy and I know you must enjoy being his friend. Please give him my very best.

Best regards,

Vicki Martz



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Heather Branigin

From: Dan Gieseke <daniel.gieseke@lpl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 4:20 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Attention: Mayor Hovland

Hi Jim,

This is Park Board Chair Dan Gieseke. I met recently with John Gunyou for coffee, and we discussed having a closer relationship between the city of Edina and their park district.

Three Rivers Park District would love to work more closely with us and John invited you and I to meet with him to discuss what might be possible by joining forces with them in the re-purposing and re-development of Fred Richards.

I would like to make more out of the Fred than is currently being discussed, and with the Nine Mile Trail intersecting with the park, this is the perfect opportunity to work with Three Rivers. Maybe we can get them to invest and build out an oasis for bikers at a trail stop at the Fred; maybe they would be willing to share some park programming, etc. to make the park a draw for more folks than otherwise might be possible?

Are you interested? Please let me know when and where you might have some time, and I will convey that to Gunyou for a get-together.

Regards,

Dan

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Heather Branigin

From: Morningside Neighborhood Association <edina.morningside@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 9:54 AM
To: Scott H. Neal
Cc: Helen Burke; Jennifer Janovy; Jon Gross; Katie Ayotte; Kay Johnson; Mindy Ahler; Pat Corcoran; Paul Thompson; Robert Kearney; Scott Smith; Mary Brindle (Comcast); Joni Bennett; Ann Swenson; Josh Sprague; Edina Mail
Subject: Weber Woods

September 18, 2014

Dear Scott:

I am writing on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Morningside Neighborhood Association. Like many residents of Edina, we are interested in the disposition of the undeveloped land northeast of Weber Park.

As you know, this undeveloped land is used by many residents of Edina as an informal dog park. It is also used for recreational purposes by mountain bikers and others. Furthermore, some of the land could be used to expand the storm water retention pond to the east of Weber Park.

We understand that you believe that City of Minneapolis (the current owner of this property) should give that portion of the land within Edina to the City of Edina for no cost. This would obviously be preferable than expending public funds to acquire the land, but there is an assumption among the committee that the land does have some value and could be sold to a developer for some amount greater than zero.

We have two requests:

- We would like City staff to determine the value of the land within the City of Edina for a variety of purposes, including public uses such as an informal dog park, passive use or a retention pond.
- We would like City staff to research the terms under which the Village of Morningside originally sold or gave the property to the city of Minneapolis.

We would be grateful if you could provide us with the value of the property and the history of its sale to Minneapolis by October 13.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Kearney

Steering Committee,

Morningside Neighborhood Association

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The MNA was formed in 2003 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 2005. The purpose of the MNA is to promote a better community through group action, to promote involvement in decisions made by local government, and to represent the interests of all residents and property owners in Morningside.

For more information see edinamorningside.org.

Heather Branigin

From: Betsy Cussler <betsycussler@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Beacon Annual luncheon

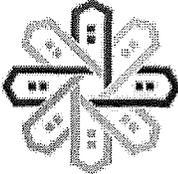
Dear Jim,

I am deeply grateful that you and the City Council members supported Beacon's petition and made it possible for us to build affordable, supportive housing for our youth who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk. It was obvious at both the Planning Commission meeting and the City Council meeting that everyone had done lots of homework, carefully studied various points of view, and weighed conflicting sentiments and priorities. I was impressed by the government is done in Edina. I was also overjoyed that at the end of the day--quite literally! :)--you chose to support Beacon.

Especially since Beacon will continue to be a presence in Edina and questions will continue to arise, I would be honored if you would be my guest at Beacon's annual luncheon, November 12, noon to one pm. It is literally and strictly a one-hour event, one that will give you an understanding above and beyond what you will have learned by touring Nicollet Square and listening to other Beacon supporters and beneficiaries. It will also give us a chance to chat, which I always enjoy!

The invitations have not gone out officially, but I include it below. I hope that you can join me.

Betsy Cussler
5825 Vernon Lane
612-636-6333



Beacon
INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE



*Youth in the computer lab at
Beacon's Nicollet Square apartments*

I'd like to invite you to join my table *for formerly homeless youth.*
at Beacon's **annual Ending**

Homelessness Together fundraising luncheon. This lunch will feature tenants living in Beacon housing whose lives have changed since having a home. Like me, I know you'll be inspired by what you learn about Beacon.

What: Annual fundraising lunch to end homelessness.

When: November 12, 12 noon - 1 PM. Check in and informational displays open at 11:30am.

Where: Minneapolis Convention Center, Ballroom A, 1301 2nd Ave South, Minneapolis MN 55403

Why: 13,000 people will be homeless tonight in Minnesota. Together we can end homelessness.

I'd like to save a seat for you at my table. Please let me know if you can attend. I'm looking forward to sharing this experience with you--homelessness is reaching epidemic proportions in our community and I know you'll be moved by the work being done at Beacon.

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Heather Branigin

From: jesse@olson-homes.com
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Jesse Olson

Organization: Capital Equity LLC

Website:

Address_1:

Address_2:

City:

State: MN

Zip_Code: 55424

Email: jesse@olson-homes.com

Phone: 612-298-4595

Referrer: google

Message: Hello, My message is for the city council members. My name is Jesse Olson, I am a resident of Edina. I have interest in the 2 parcels of land that is owned by the city of MPLS. I have interest in purchasing this land, however I need to know that I can build 15-20 or so home on that plat. I spoke to Scott Neal briefly, he told me to send this email to the city Council. I'm wondering if I could view all of the information you have on this plat of land including but not limited to Flood plain issues, elevation, etc. I have experience dealing with selling and building homes in Edina and know the issues that accompany them. Please let me know what the next step would be to pursue this plot of land. Thanks for your time. Jesse Olson 612-298-4595

Heather Branigin

From: Lori Grotz <lori@lorigrotz.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2014 5:00 PM
To: Ross Bintner; Chad Millner; David Fisher; Scott H. Neal; James Hovland; Ann Swenson; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Charlie Gerk
Cc: jim@jimgro.com
Subject: Any 5509 Park Place Updated Drainage Plan?

Ross Bintner, Chad Millner, Charlie Gerk, Dave Fisher, Manager Scott Neal, Mayor Hovland, Ann Swenson, Joni Bennett, Mary Brindle, Josh Sprague,

September 18, 2014

Dear Mr. Bintner,

We have concerns of drainage from 5509 Park Place to our property at 5513 Park Place.

It has been three weeks since Lori left a voice mail inquiring if Mr. Sullivan, the owner/builder at 5509 Park Place, had made any changes, as requested by Engineering, to his storm water drainage and grading plan. We have yet to hear from you.

We wrote and submitted an extensive and comprehensive letter, dated August 28, 2014, regarding concerns and deficiencies at 5509 Park Place, which was delivered to the City Clerk on August 29, 2014 to be entered into the public record. You were listed on the letter to receive a copy and we gave Charlie Gerk a copy on August 29, 2014 at our home.

When a week went by without receiving any response from Engineering, Lori hand delivered two copies of that August 28th letter to Engineering, one addressed to you and one to Chad Milner.

We have yet to receive any response/contact from Engineering staff regarding our letter and the storm water management and grading plan for 5509 Park Place.

Mr. Ray Anderson, the owner of Ray Anderson and Sons Demolition, told Lori on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, that Mr. Michael Sullivan, (The New Old House Company AKA Sullivan Renovations), the property owner/builder of the spec house planned to have 5509 Park Place torn down on Monday, September 22, 2014. He said that the owner has had meetings with Edina Engineering and that Engineering has already approved the storm water management and grading plan. The owner of the demolition company, said they first had to add some additional erosion control and add the address to the sign out front (sign already has the address). They have added the erosion control.

We had an Engineer out to review the drainage plan after it was originally submitted. She could not do volumetric calculations as the plan had insufficient data. We requested in our August 28, 2014 letter to be contacted before City Engineering approves the drainage plan so we could have the plan reviewed and volumetric calculations performed with the completed information. Existing trees were not included on the survey.

We have had no contact from Engineering staff notifying us that a new storm water management and grading plan has been submitted or approved. If it has, we have not had the opportunity to look at it and have an Engineer look at it.

Jim went to the Building department yesterday, September 17, 2014, and there were no new plans available.

Lori spoke at the Edina City Council meeting on September 16, 2014 and expressed our concerns about drainage from 5509 Park Place to our property at 5513 Park Place and also about what appears to be the City's creation of and granting of an illegal drainage easement on our property to and for the benefit of the owner/builder of 5509 Park Place via what appears to be illegal back door eminent domain taking of our property rights. By City Engineering staff stating the existing drainage from 5509 Park Place goes south to private property (our yard), the City has told the builder where he can drain his storm water in.

Towards the end of the City Council meeting on Sept. 16, 2014, during the Mayor and Council comments, Mayor Hovland mentioned to Manager Neal, our legitimate concerns over drainage and that the drainage issue is important.

Manager Neal said that staff was actively working with the homeowners and property owners and will continue to actively work. We are disappointed as Engineering has not kept us in the loop.

If we had known what was happening regarding the storm water drainage, we perhaps would not have spoken at the City Council meeting.

Mr. Sullivan came to our house yesterday, September 17, 2014, and spoke with Jim. Mr. Sullivan has concerns about 5508 Dever Drive, the property immediately to the east of 5509 Park Place and 5513 Park Place. 5508 Dever Drive will also be torn down. One of Mr. Sullivan's concerns is increased drainage from 5508 Dever Drive to his development property at 5509 Park Place.

Mr. Sullivan told Jim that "The City" had heard "our concerns" about drainage from his property, at 5509 Park Place, to ours, at 5513 Park Place. According to Mr. Sullivan, he will re-grade his rear yard to direct some storm water to the north side of the house. He showed Jim that the re-grading would start at approximately the south end of the southern second set of steps in the east retaining wall and go to the north. This would be about 23 -24 feet north of the existing south iron fence in the rear yard.

The existing grade in this area is significantly lower than the existing grade at the north end of the rear yard of 5509. To achieve this required lower grade at the north end of the rear yard, Mr. Sullivan will most likely need to restack or redo the adjoining existing stone retaining walls. He has previously said that he is not going to touch the retaining wall and landscaping.

He has removed and saved the stone from the previous north rear yard 300 square foot patio and has told us he will re-use this stone to build a new patio outside the rear sliding doors at the southeast area of the new house. This will be close to our property. You do not grade the land under a large natural stone patio. Please keep in mind, this rear yard is very narrow, not unlike an airport landing strip, and any swale will have to be narrow and not deep. Over time, swales fill in and are not durable. When you include the volumes of water that run into the 5509 Park Place rear yard from both 5504 Dever Drive (rear yard and buried roof and sump drain) and 5501 Park Place (yard only?), a narrow swale in the walking area of the rear yard is inexpensive but not a durable lasting solution. This home will most likely be listed for approximately \$1.9 million.

If Mr. Sullivan is unable to sufficiently lower the rear yard grade to the north, then he may need to elevate the grade on the south, which would then create a hill and direct water to our property, that is, unless he plans to extend the south property block retaining wall all the way to his east property line. This is what Sunde Engineering said was needed back in their 1996 storm water management and grading plan.

His building plans, as submitted, show the existing foundation grade being elevated by almost two feet on the south side of the house. The existing foundation grade is essentially level. If he elevates this existing foundation grade by almost

two feet but does not increase the height of the existing block retaining wall, which is located 4.5 -5 feet to the south on the southern property line, then the storm water will run down onto our property.

Even though his plans show the new house being built about six feet farther to the north, there appears to be very limited room for the swale proposed on the storm water management and grading plan. There appear to be 2 proposed egress windows.

Mr. Sullivan told Jim that he plans to keep and reuse the existing catch basin on the SE corner of the existing house along with the drain tile that runs behind the south block retaining wall. He also plans to mark and save the existing drain tiles for the roof drains and sump drain. This is good.

The south block retaining wall is leaning to the south by about six inches and is coming apart on the west end. The demo owner said, the existing south foundation will be taken down until it is slightly below existing grade and kept in the ground to stabilize the six feet of property to the south. The demo owner, said the top edge of the remaining foundation will be slanted to the north (towards 5509 Park Place).

Will the drain tile be damaged with construction of a replacement retaining wall? If proposed grade on the south side of the house is two feet higher than the existing grade, then the new retaining wall will need to be taller to prevent runoff to our property. The height of the existing wall runs from approximately 30 – 33 inches. When the existing wall was built the owner cheated and elevated the grade of the land underneath the wall to avoid building a taller wall. The grade beneath the wall cannot be elevated again. If the retaining wall is greater than four feet in height, then according to City Code, it must be engineered and set back three feet from the property line. If the existing drain tile or catch basin is damaged, it will need to be replaced.

The existing elevation as shown on survey plans near the catch basin does not appear to be accurate. There is a shallow basin that collects the storm water from the rear yard.

The 7-27-2014 storm water management shows water being directed to our property.

Swales alone will not work. If Mr. Sullivan plans to use a catch basin, drain tile, and buried drains as he represented to us, then they must be shown on the storm water management and grading plan.

We have yet to see any new storm water management and grading plans. We have tried to be pro-active so as to get a good outcome for both the Sullivan's and ourselves. We request that Engineering please contact us and actively work with us.

Please do not let the home be torn down until we have been able to see the storm water management plan and also have an engineer review it and do the volumetric calculations as needed.

Thank you.

Lori and Jim Grotz

5513 Park Place 952-926-2672

Heather Branigin

From: Steve Curry <steve.curry86@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 10:36 AM
To: Ann Kattreh; Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail
Subject: More Urban Farm Information
Attachments: Minnesota Big River Farm.pdf

Greeting Ann, Scott and Jim:

I thought I would send this out from a local economic study entitled "Minnesota's Tomorrow" from Policy Link. Please read "Equitable Growth in Practice"- it outlines exactly what an urban farm could provide for all city residents! I hope we are thinking big on the Fred Richards- we have a very unique opportunity here!

Thanks

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Regards,
Steve Curry

- Raise the floor on low-wage jobs.** Improving the pay and quality of low-wage jobs would boost the pay of hundreds of thousands of low-income Minnesotans, allowing them to better support their families while contributing to the economy. Legislation is on the table that would raise Minnesota's minimum wage from \$6.15/hour (lower than 46 other states and below the federal minimum) to \$9.95 an hour by August 2015 and index it to inflation.⁷⁴ Raising the minimum wage would result in raising the wages of one in four of the state's black and Asian workers and 43 percent of Latino workers.⁷⁵ The state should pass this legislation immediately. It should also explore guaranteeing paid sick days for all workers as Connecticut has done, and strengthen workers' rights to organize.
- Expand entrepreneurship among people of color.** Because entrepreneurs of color are more likely to hire people of color and locate their firms in communities of color, fostering their start-up and growth can create more job opportunities for the groups who need them the most while bolstering the economy.⁷⁶ Despite facing significant barriers to accessing the capital, information, and training needed to launch, sustain, and expand successful enterprise, Minnesota's residents of color started businesses at 3.5 times the rate of all businesses between 2002 and 2007 (the most recent period for which data are available). Fair access to credit for entrepreneurs of color is essential to maximize entrepreneurship and business growth. And other Minnesota communities can develop effective small business support organizations (potentially modeled after Saint Paul's Neighborhood Development Center, see text box on page 20).

Below:

Despite facing significant barriers, Minnesota's residents of color started businesses at 3.5 times the rate of all businesses.



- Leverage anchor institutions for economic inclusion.**

Anchor institutions, including universities, hospitals, government agencies, and cultural institutions like museums, are major economic actors that often are the largest employers in regions and spend millions of dollars of goods and services every year. Thoughtful economic inclusion and procurement strategies can link low-income communities of color to the jobs and business opportunities produced by anchors. The University of Minnesota requires that at least 10 percent of its contracts go to local, minority- and women-owned businesses and has been held up as a model that other anchors can emulate.⁷⁷ Another potential model exists in Cleveland, Ohio, where a set of anchors located in University Circle (including the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University, and the municipal government) are engaged in an ambitious effort to use their spending power to catalyze new resident-owned cooperative businesses—building wealth as well as incomes in the low-income communities where they are located.

Equitable Growth in Practice

Big River Farms Training Program

More than six years ago, the Minnesota Food Association—a farm incubator—started the Big River Farms Training Program for immigrant, limited-resource, and historically underserved communities. The program began as a way to serve the state's growing immigrant population that wanted to learn more about farming. Trainees are immersed in a three-year program that includes farming skills and business courses; 0.25-0.75 acres of land; access to farming tools, supplies, and resources; and assistance with marketing and selling produce. In addition to the education components, trainees earn profits immediately through the produce they provide to the community supported agriculture (CSA) and wholesale accounts run by Big River Farm. Since its inception, it has trained more than 100 immigrant and people-of-color participants to become independent small-scale, certified organic vegetable farmers. Graduates of the program are the first and only USDA certified organic immigrant farmers in Minnesota.⁷⁸

Heather Branigin

From: J M Schedin <schedvi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 11:33 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Honeybees

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I was recently contacted by Dianne Latham of the Edina Energy & Environment Commission about the topic of honeybees and was asked to come and address the Edina City Council on October 7th, 2014.

Although I would enjoy addressing the council on the topic of honeybees, I think it's important to send you an email so that I can cover all of my points. I feel that I have a unique perspective to offer for a number of reasons:

- I am a lifelong Edina resident who lives on a relatively small parcel on the northeast side. As a father of a child with life-threatening allergies who must carry an epi-pen, I was a biased, anti-honeybee opponent before being tasked by the Eden Prairie City Council to research honeybees.
- After researching honeybees, I authored the honeybee ordinance that is now in place in the City of Eden Prairie. This is the ordinance that the EEC is now using as a general model.
- Since January of 2014 I have registered sixteen (16) apiaries in the City of Eden Prairie. Of those 16, I have personally inspected eleven (11) operating apiaries. My inspections involve me getting within a few feet of each apiary while wearing no protective gear (it's not necessary, as I am not threatening the hive by removing the cover or frames). In total, this summer I have stood within 2-3 feet of over one million honeybees, without any special protective gear and without incident.
- Since the eleven apiaries have begun operations I have received zero complaints and zero inquiries from neighbors. The apiaries have become a non-issue in terms of complaints and in terms of staff time dedicated to registrations and inspections.

One thing that I would like to address is the topic of setback requirements. I believe that a five foot setback is adequate, but I understand that because of people's misconceptions about honeybees that a ten foot setback might help alleviate some concerns.

I am opposed to a twenty foot setback simply because it would effectively prevent most people living on smaller parcels (such as mine) from keeping honeybees. At the end of the day, having a setback requirement of 5', 10' or even 20' feet will not make any difference to the honeybees – if a nearby neighbor has clover or flowers in their yard, the bees will go there. In fact, if any of you have clover or flowers in your yard right now, you are most likely visited by hundreds of honeybees and other native pollinators every day.

By having stricter setback requirements, the City will in effect be appeasing the uniformed (of which I used to be a member) and will be limiting the number of residents that can enjoy the hobby. The City will not, however, be limiting the number of honeybees that will come to residents yards (they travel several miles).

As I have said, I am the parent of a child with life-threatening allergies. That burden comes with never-ending worries about exposure to certain toxins. But having conducted extensive research on honeybees, having registered and personally inspected apiaries and having conducted in-depth interviews with beekeepers (while standing next to active hives), I would have no objections with any of my neighbors having hives, nor would it matter to me if the setback requirement was as little as five feet. Honeybees are simply that much of a non-issue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Schedin
6041 Wooddale Ave
Edina, MN 55424

Heather Branigin

From: Whelan, Robbie <Robbie.Whelan@wsj.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2014 2:12 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Southdale Place

Importance: High

This is a message for Mayor Hovland:

Hi Jim,

I'm a reporter at the Wall Street Journal and I'm working on a piece about the trend of mall owners building apartments on the same sites as the malls. I interviewed some of the folks from StuartCo and Simon about this, and one thing we talked about was how there are a lot of mall-walkers at Southdale Mall, and one of the folks from Stuart mentioned to me that you sometimes walk the mall for exercise.

Can you give me a call? I wanted to make sure that fact was correct before I print it in my story. I also would love to just chat with you in general about the mall at Southdale and about the town of Edina in general because I only really have a passing familiarity with it.

Please call me at 212-416-2905 at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
Robbie

ROBBIE WHELAN
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Dear Employer:

Commuter Services invites you to participate in our fall campaign, *Carpool to Work Month*. Your employees who carpool to work at least once in October are eligible to win a \$500 Gas Gift Card and other great prizes! Please help us promote Carpool to Work Month by hanging the enclosed poster or postcard in your employee break room.

We can assist your employees in finding others from their area to carpool with.

We are happy to provide you with additional posters and postcards. And we would be delighted to come on site to host a commuter fair at your convenience, anytime. In addition, we can create copy and provide graphics for employee newsletters and email blasts. Please also consider including us in your Health and Benefits fairs, as our resources align perfectly with these programs.

We would also like to update you on the 2014 Commuter Challenge which ended on June 30. This annual spring campaign encourages Twin Cities' commuters to try an alternative to driving alone at least once. We want to extend a big *Thank You* to all the employers who promoted the Commuter Challenge at their worksites.

Here are two 2014 Commuter Challenge winners and what they had to say:



Greg Peterson – Carlson
\$500 Visa Gift Card

"I put my bike on the bus bike rack and bus to work in the morning, and then I bike home. Biking is a relaxing way to end the workday and I get my exercise in."



Emily Meyer – Optum
TV

"Working from home is both convenient and good for the environment. I am also gearing up to commute to work on my bike!"

Please contact us if we can provide additional materials, meet with you to discuss programs such as discounted transit passes or to schedule an event. Email Melissa@494corridor.org or call (612) 749-4494.

Sincerely,

Melissa Madison
Executive Director

Kate Meredith
Director of Outreach

CARPOOL^{TO} WORK MONTH

October 2014



Win a \$500 Gas Gift Card!

It's Easy to Enter and Win...

Carpool to work at least once in October. Carpooling can include sharing a ride with a spouse, neighbor, friend or co-worker. If you don't know someone to carpool with, we can help! Request a free carpool match.

Participate and you will be eligible to win a \$500 Gas Gift Card!

Go to 494corridor.org



Heather Branigin

From: Robert Nelson <rdnelson100@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 7:09 AM
To: sean.broom@mail.house.gov; johnpaul.yates@mail.house.gov;
rep.paul.thissen@house.mn; rep.frank.hornstein@house.mn;
sen.scott.dibble@senate.mn; sen.melisa.franzen@senate.mn;
betsy.hodges@minneapolismn.gov; Edina Mail
Subject: Thanks For Your Leadership

TO:

U.S. Representative Keith Ellison
U.S. Representative Erik Paulsen
Paul Thissen, Minnesota Speaker of the House of Representatives State Senator Scott Dibble State Senator Melisa Franzen State Representative Frank Hornstein Mayor Betsy Hodges, City of Minneapolis Mayor James Holvand, City of Edina John Quincy, Minneapolis City Council Linea Palmisano, Minneapolis City Council Joni Bennett, Edina City Council Scott Neale, City Manager, City of Edina Loren Olson, Policy Aide John Dybvig, Policy Aide

CC:

Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senator Al Franken
Governor Mark Dayton

Thank you for your leadership with the airport issues. The recent FAA announcement indicating that they will not implement Area Navigation (RNAV) departure routes at MSP would not have been possible without representatives like you and the community coming together in a unified front to find a solution.

We look forward to your active leadership as we continue to push for other changes impacting this issue, including:

- Mandating an environmental impact study (EIS) for all changes at MSP - land and air
- Changing how noise is measured to be fair for all our neighborhoods
- Creating a long-term statewide aviation plan that addresses the inevitable airport growth at MSP

Our community is always better when we come together. Thanks, again, for all you do.

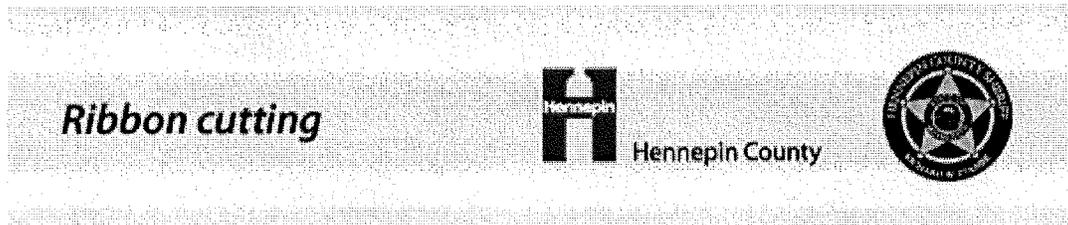
Regards,

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Robert Nelson
rdnelson100@hotmail.com
4268 Queen Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Heather Branigin

From: Sheriff Stanek <Sheriff.Stanek@hennepin.us>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 3:39 PM
Subject: You are invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the 911 Emergency Communications Facility

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The Hennepin County Board and the Hennepin County Sheriff
invite you to a
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**Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
911 Emergency Communications Facility**

When

Friday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Program at 10:30 a.m.

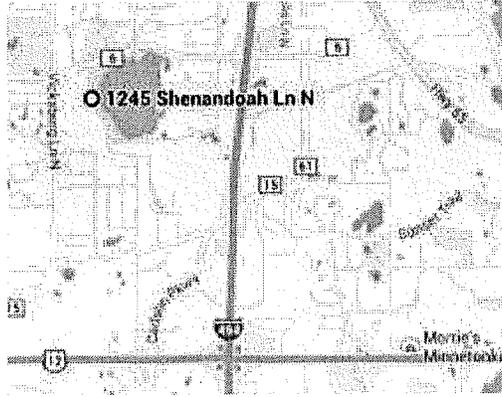
Includes the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office
Honor Guard, speakers, and ribbon cutting.
Refreshments will follow the program.

Where

1245 Shenandoah Lane, Plymouth, MN
(adjacent to the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility)

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Heather Branigin

From: Christine Ott <extramileamericafoundation@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 11:49 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Extra Mile Day in Edina

Dear Lynette,

Thank you for sending this email to your Mayor and City Clerk.

Dear Mayor Hovland and Debra,

Extra Mile Day is almost here, and I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Shawn Anderson, and I am the Founder of 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.*

Last year Edina declared November 1 as Extra Mile Day, and we hope that you will join the celebration again.

As of this email, I am happy to report that 391 inspirational mayors have declared Extra Mile Day and are recognizing the value "extra mile" individuals and organizations have in making their local community stronger.

I still have my fingers crossed that Edina will also honor this November 1 extra-mile date with a proclamation.

Extra Mile Day acknowledges the power we each have to create positive change in our communities when we personally go the extra mile. Of course, it's easy to feel that our single voice or actions do not matter. Extra Mile Day, however, is about declaring the opposite.

Whether it is one elected official or one non-elected government employee, whether it is one citizen, one business, or one organization...ONE going the extra mile does make a difference. Extra Mile Day is a chance to acknowledge all the unique ONES in your community...and celebrate their contribution.

When I first envisioned Extra Mile Day in 2009, I was pedaling a bike across the 110 degree Nevada desert as a part of an ocean-to-ocean bike ride symbolizing what it means to "go the extra mile" in life. Thankfully, our team was able to share the power of that sun-assisted vision with 23 mayors who thought the idea was pretty good.

This year on November 1, we expect **500+ cities** to join the cause and recognize those in their communities who give so generously of their time, passion, and resources to make the community stronger.

I hope you give Extra Mile Day one final consideration; I hope that we can count on your city to make this unique declaration. (Declaration language is below.)

With gratitude,

Shawn Anderson
Founder
Extra Mile America

Here is sample wording you could use in your proclamation:

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 500 Extra Mile cities in America** and is proud to support **“Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2014.**

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor of (city, state) do hereby proclaim **November 1, 2014 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 us or mailed to:

Extra Mile America Foundation
5034 Runway Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

PS: If you need additional information, please contact our own superstar volunteer, Christine Ott at Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org or call her at [310-619-3205](tel:310-619-3205)

Christine Ott
Director of Media and Public Outreach
310-619-3205
Christine@ExtraMileAmerica.org

Heather Branigin

From: Barry LeBlanc <barry0404@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 10:20 AM
To: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
Cc: steve.elkins@metc.state.mn.us; Steve.Devich@cityofrichfield.org; debbie.goettel@cityofrichfield.org; JStark@cityofrichfield.org; egarcia@cityofrichfield.org; pelliott@cityofrichfield.org; tfitzhenry@cityofrichfield.org; jonibennett12@comcast.net; joshsprague@edinarealty.com; Edina Mail; Mary Brindle (Comcast); swensonann1@gmail.com; tcarter@rbhonda.com
Subject: Response to region's Housing Policy Plan

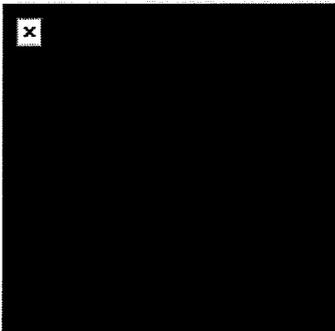
Hi,

First of all, ask the wealthier cities to do their fair share of affordable housing. You look at the city of EDINA and how they deal with affordable housing...They have not even suggested to build one unit within their school system. Not one section 42 work force housing unit. They have the abundance of the entry level jobs in the south metro. They have transit but yet They will not build one SECTION 42 housing unit in EDINA school district. Housing opportunities should be free from illegal housing discrimination and exclusionary zoning or other exclusionary policies. Housing opportunities that promote racially and economically integrated neighborhoods.

Second of all, Stop requiring cities like Richfield to concentrate poverty. By your own standards you identified concentrated poverty in Richfield but you continue require the city of Richfield to build section 42 units. Richfield already has well over 54% affordable housing units and a POVERTY HOUSING BAND on your data map. Here are the links.

I have CC'd Richfield City council, Edina City council and Richfield city manager,
Thank You,
Barry LeBlanc
7521 Pillsbury Ave South
Richfield MN 55423
PH: 612.861.1142

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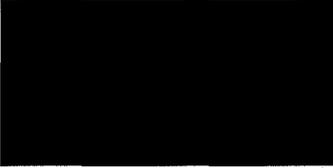
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Submit comments on the Housing Policy Plan through Sept. 26



This is the last week to submit your comments on the region's Housing Policy Plan - the public comment period will close on Friday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. You can submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Mail: Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101
- TTY: 651-291-0904
- Email: public.info@metc.state.mn.us
- Record on our Public Comment Line 651-602-1500
- Share via Your Ideas website <http://yourideas.metrocouncil.org/ideas>

Learn more about the [Housing Policy Plan](#).

Brownstones on France

Attn: Mayor James Hovland
Council Member Joni Bennett
Council Member Mary Brindle
Council Member Josh Sprague
Council Member Ann Swenson

Re: Arden Park D Neighborhood Road Reconstruction

Dear Mayor Hovland, and City Council Members,

September 17, 2014

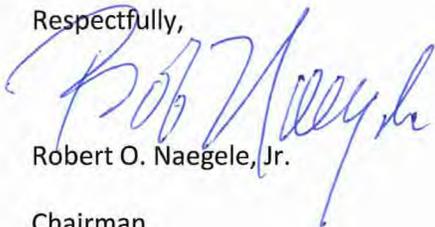
My name is Bob Naegele. I am Chairman of The Brownstones on France Homeowners Association, consisting of twenty residents. Our development was a creation of Ed Noonan. When he signed the eleven page development agreement with the city in May of 2006, the city required the developer to install "storm sewers, sanitary sewer improvements, and water main improvements." These improvements were installed on a former parking lot in the north end of the Grace Church Campus. All the engineering and permitting costs, payments, bonds, etc., estimated at \$100,000 plus or minus were levied against the development, to be paid over three years. They were then passed on to us as the owners of the individual units.

All of our drainage and utilities are fully up to date, the sidewalk on 52nd Street was completely improved, landscaped, and lighted by us and the boulevard sidewalk on France Avenue which was required of us, but not required of other France Avenue residents, is in place and maintained by Brownstones on France.

The reason we have been included in this proposed "road reconstruction" seems to be our a curb cut on 52nd Street which is fully up to code, with all specifications met. The only open question appears to be the REU's regarding the road resurfacing on the south side of 52nd street.

In any case should the project proceed, the BoF being a multi-family development of 20 units, obviously should not be assessed at the same level as a single family home, on a per unit (REU) basis. Presently, we have 27 drivers using a single garage entrance, with nine units being used only on a seasonal basis. Our pressure on 52nd is minimal.

Respectfully,



Robert O. Naegele, Jr.

Chairman

CC: Phyllis Kohler

David & Robin Larkin

Heather Branigin

From: Dornfeld, Joanna (GOV) <Joanna.Dornfeld@state.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Dornfeld, Joanna (GOV)
Subject: Dayton Administration Asks Minnesota Communities Impacted by Increased Freight Traffic for Input

September 24, 2014

This summer, Governor Mark Dayton held a series of [rail safety meetings](#) in response to increasing statewide oil and freight traffic. On his behalf, I am seeking more comprehensive information about the impact to individual communities.

“In my meetings with local leaders across the state this summer, it became clear that increased traffic on our railways is having real and costly impacts on Minnesota communities,” said Governor Dayton. **“This survey will help identify those challenges, and provide a roadmap for the state to address these problems in the 2015 Legislative Session.”**

Minnesota relies on rail for freight movement to a greater degree than many other states. Railroads move more than 250 million tons of freight per year through Minnesota - 38% of Minnesota’s freight, measured by weight, moves on rail, versus the national average of 12%.

Railroads have reached their current capacity to efficiently move freight and your residents are feeling the impact of this increased rail traffic first hand. Governor Dayton would like to know the following from each community along Minnesota rail lines:

- What are your community’s biggest challenges related to rail traffic?
- What costs has your community incurred to address the increased rail traffic?
- What additional costs does your community foresee to address the increased rail traffic?

Please follow this [link](#) to answer a few brief questions that will inform how the State of Minnesota approaches this complex issue. Thank you, in advance, for your response on or before Friday, October 3rd. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at 651-201-3423, or via email at Joanna.dornfeld@state.mn.us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joanna Dornfeld | Senior Policy Advisor
Office of Governor Mark Dayton & Lt. Governor Yvonne Prettner Solon
116 Veterans Service Building
20 W 12 Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155
Office: 651-201-3423 | Cell: 651-343-8216 | Fax: 651-797-1873

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Heather Branigin

From: Lisa Hollensteiner <hollensteinerlisa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 12:35 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Woods by Calvin Christian

Mayor Hovland-I read in the newspaper that Minneapolis has offered sale of the woods by Calvin Christian to Edina. I strongly hope that Edina will buy this land and keep it undeveloped for the enjoyment of the people and dogs in the area. I live close to the woods and take my dog over there once to twice a day and he and I both enjoy a respite from the city traffic and noise. Please don't let this sanctuary of land get developed! Thank you. Lisa Hollensteiner

Heather Branigin

From: David Bly <Rep.David.Bly@house.mn>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 2:35 PM
Subject: Rescheduling: October 16, Dan Patch Regional Rail Advocacy Meeting

October 16, Dan Patch Regional Passenger Rail Advocacy Meeting

I am writing to invite you to a meeting of elected and appointed officials on **Thursday, October 16 in Northfield** to discuss the possibility of restoring **inner-city passenger rail service** in our region, and how we might work together to pursue this service. Following several meetings of regional leaders on this topic back in 2010, this meeting will provide an update on the State Rail Transportation Plan which is currently under revision, consider the map of regional passenger rail projects that are now being pursued across the state, and look also at options for connecting our region with the potential passenger rail network as well as with the light rail projects that are already underway in the metro area. We will also consider the organizing strategies of three other regional passenger rail initiatives that are now underway in the state.

Please join us to hear these reports and to share your ideas for how we might work together to advocate for needed policy changes and investment in our region.

2014 Regional Leaders Meeting for the Northfield Corridor Regional Passenger Rail Project

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (*note: if you were looking for a reminder for the meeting this coming Friday, this meeting will now be on October 16th*)

The Great Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota (Enter campus at College and 1st Streets; the Great Hall is accessible through the Sayles Hill Campus Center which will be on your left at the end of the cul-du-sac. On-Street parking is available on College and First Streets, immediately adjacent to campus.)

RSVP to rep.david.bly@house.mn

We thank Carleton College for hosting this meeting, which is being organized by a working group of the Northfield Grass Roots Transit Initiative. For more information on this project, feel free to contact me at Rep.David.Bly@house.mn or Suzie Nakasian in Northfield at SuzieNakasian@gmail.com.

Dear Edina Fire Department,
Thank you so much for your continued support and help with the Homecoming Bonfire. We truly appreciate taking time out of your day to set up & take down the fire as well as making it as fun as possible while also keeping us safe. Thank you again, and we look forward to working with you in the future!

-Edina student Council

Heather Branigin

From: J. Seidman <jms247@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 3:51 PM
To: Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail
Cc: jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; MJ Lamon
Subject: Edina's Religious Observance Policy

I'm writing regarding a concern related to the adherence of Edina's approved religious observance policy and steps that can be taken regarding planning future city events around religious observances.

In the past month, there has been some confusion as to when significant Jewish observances occur on the calendar. As a recent example, we have Edina residents who have voiced their concern regarding the Pamela Park neighborhood event originally scheduled for Saturday, October 4, on Yom Kippur. At the September HRRC meeting, commissioners were asked to review their 2015 meeting schedule. One of those meetings will occur on September 22, 2015 (Yom Kippur). If other commissions are being provided with their 2015 schedule dates, they would need to know if they are in violation of the Edina Religious Observance Policy. Perhaps the city can review those religious observance dates before providing information to commissioners.

In 2012, the Minnesota League of Women Votes approached the City administration department about developing a religious observance policy, restricting city public meetings and events on days of religious observance. The purpose of this policy is to encourage and include Edina resident engagement during decisions making processes. In response to this request, a religious observance policy was drafted and feedback solicited from the HRRC. The HRRC recommended that the policy be modified to better reflect significant Jewish, Muslim and Hindu days of Observance. The Edina 2012 Religious Observation Policy was passed on March 2012 by Mayor Hovland and City Council.

What is the current process for reviewing the dates of Edina's approved significant religious observances and communicating that information to Edina employees and residents prior to individuals scheduling city events or meetings within Edina?

Next Steps:

- It is important to add the 2012 Religious Observance policy to the City of Edina or HRRC website. The intent of the Religious Observance Policy is to encourage all Edina residents to participate in Edina government events and meetings. Posting Edina's Religious Observation Policy and related calendar dates would allow Edina employees and volunteers to review the religious observances dates before scheduling or approving meetings or city events within Edina.
- Attached is an example of a chart showing the beginning and ending of significant Jewish Observances for the next 7 years. Jewish Observances begin sundown the evening before and end the next day or two after sunset, depending on the observance. Each year, the dates of the religious observance change as they are linked to the lunar calendar, not the solar calendar that other holidays are linked to. The city needs to consider these dates when scheduling events and meetings.

<http://indyjrcr.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Jewish-Holiday-7-Yr-Calendar-2013-2021-For-Wall.pdf>

I hope a calendar indicating the dates of religious observances and Edina's Religious Observance Policy will be made available to City of Edina employees and it's residents on a yearly basis..

*Best Regards,
Jan Seidman*

Heather Branigin

From: dmswan2124@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 3:53 PM
To: Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Cary Teague; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Cary Teague; Edina Mail; jonibennett12@comcast.net; Mary Brindle (Comcast); joshsprague@edinarealty.com; swensonann1@gmail.com; Cary Teague
Subject: 6609 Blackfoot Pass - 6701 Cheyenne Trail

Some of us in the neighborhood have noticed in online MLS and a realtor magazine, that Scott Busyn has been advertising artist renderings of the two homes he has permission to build on Blackfoot Pass.

He has advertised the lower property as 6701 Cheyenne Trail. He made it clear to those who showed up at his first meeting in the neighborhood and subsequent other times that he would NOT be cutting a driveway in to Cheyenne Trail. There is a historic stone wall there that is evident in at least 7 or 8 homes in Indian Hills. He assured us that he would NOT be cutting that wall. What is happening? Can he do whatever he wants?

Many of us are also interested to know how many other subdivision requests that Planning and Zoning denied and consequently were approved by the City Council? We thought the Planning and Zoning input would have made more of an influence on decision making.
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Thank you, Mary and Dean Swanson (photo of wall below)



Also, there should be a silt screen as dirt is flowing over the wall on to the street.

Heather Branigin

From: Kyle Koop <getinshape674@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 1:56 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Water and Recycling

Dear Mayor Hovland,

We need to save water. Sloan/falcon urinals in all businesses would help do that. They save tons of gallons of water each year. Having recycle bins next to all trash bins would be a great thing as well.

Regards, Kyle

Heather Branigin

From: Pamela Page <PamelaP@veap.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: VEAP Video - filming September 26, 2014 @ 9:30 am at VEAP

Importance: High

Hello Jim,

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow. Ready to film at 9:30.

Here are the areas where I am hoping you can provide comment:

- Changes you have seen in the Edina regarding the nature of need
- Why Edina invests in VEAP and its neighbors helping neighbors mission
- Comments on the aging population and VEAP's transportation program...
- Thoughts about the holiday toy program and back to school
- Other thoughts and reflections that you want to share

Thanks again for your participation,

- Pamela

From: Pamela Page
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2014 2:56 PM
To: 'mail@EdinaMN.gov'
Subject: VEAP Video - filming September 26, 2014 @ 9:30 am at VEAP

Hello Jim,

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed for VEAP's new video.

It will premiere at the upcoming gala on November 14, 2014. If you visit the page <http://www.veapvolunteers.org/events/gala/> you can see where we are headed with this year's theme. I look forward to hearing some of your reflections on VEAP and its value to the community, a description of the history and partnership our organizations share, and your vision for this community and its people as we all move forward.

Please plan to park in the parking lot on the west side of the building and use the staff volunteer entrance on the west side. You will check in with the volunteer receptionist and then be directed to wait in the volunteer gathering area. There is coffee and treats there that you will be free to help yourself to while you wait. The filming will take place in our community room and so when we are ready for you, someone will come to the volunteer gathering area to get you and will bring you to the conference room. I don't anticipate that you will wait long, we tend to keep to a very tight schedule on film days.

As you think about what to wear for the camera, keep in mind that solid colors are preferred over busy print patterns. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks so much, - Pamela

Pamela Page

Event and Community Partner Manager | [Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People](#) | 9600 Aldrich Avenue South |
Bloomington, MN 55420 | (ph) 952.955.8322 | (f) 952.881.8322

Heather Branigin

From: Patty Schulz <PattyS@veap.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2014 4:34 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Susan Russell Freeman
Subject: City of Edina and VEAP
Attachments: 2015 Human Services request.pdf

Hi Jim,

Susan and I were talking this afternoon about VEAP's Edina clients and the support we receive from the City of Edina. I've attached our request for 2015, which I will be delivering tomorrow but we are wondering if you have ideas on other opportunities for funding? It would really be nice to have the City of Edina involved in the campaign at some level.

I know you are going to be in the office tomorrow for the video filming—thank you very much to being part of this project! If you like, we can touch base tomorrow. Otherwise please email or call me or Susan with any thoughts you may have.

Have a nice evening.

Patty

Patty Schulz

Advancement Director | [Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People](#) | 9600 Aldrich Avenue South | Bloomington, MN 55420 |
(ph) 952.955.8310 | (f) 952.881.8322

VEAP has moved! We are now located at 9600 Aldrich Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420. Please update your records.

Sept. 26, 2014

To whom it may concern:

The meeting on Sept 23 left me with a rather disturbing conclusion: your consultant and Edina do not have a comprehensive overall view of the final park design. There was no discussion of how the design integrates the parking of cars and the location of major activities that draw parking needs to them. My question to the consultant as to the concentration in the northeast section which will encourage parking along Parklawn Ave and the cul de sac on Kellogg Ave was answered by saying "Edina was looking at this problem." These issues cannot be looked at as if they are independent of each other. Having a parking ramp or area on 77th was discussed. The accomplishment of this is when????? The design and completion of the buildings by the Pentagon office on 77th St is stated to be as far away as 15 years. In the meantime????

In the past when the east side of Kellogg was a park, a parking lot existed where the 9th hole tee off is now. I believe that worked very well and stated that to the consultant. He answered by stating "that was just my opinion". I said, "No, it is a 20 year observation" Regarding the garden area, he stated it may not happen, but was not totally off the table. How many more negative comments need to be stated?!!!

After all the public input, the design remains as first proposed except for the regional trail going ^{North} ~~South~~ to the cul de sac. As stated before, the trail increases the likelihood and encourages access to the park at the end of Kellogg Ave. Yes, I live at the end of Kellogg Ave and your decisions can have a very negative effect on my retirement plans. My home represents a 40 year ownership that was achieved from a lifetime of hard work and saving. I have no intentions of giving that up now!!

As I have stated before in previous letters, Edina should seriously think about hiring a new consultant.

Sincerely,



Art Lowell

Heather Branigin

From: Johnson, Aya <Aya.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 4:22 PM
To: Johnson, Aya
Subject: FW: Presidential Memorandum -- Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians Extended
Attachments: 2014liberians.mem.rel.pdf; Ellison Letter to Obama re Liberian DED 9.24.14.pdf

Hello:

Earlier this week Congressman Ellison urged President Obama to extend Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberians for two additional years. I am pleased to announce that President Obama signed the attached memorandum within the hour to extend DED status and work authorization until September 30, 2016. More information about DED can be found [here](#).

Feel free to share this information with your networks.

Warm regards,

Aya Johnson
Community Representative
Office of Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-05)
2100 Plymouth Ave North
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Office: (612) 522-1212
E-mail: aya.johnson@mail.house.gov
Website: www.ellison.house.gov

From: White House Press Office [<mailto:noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2014 4:03 PM
Subject: Presidential Memorandum -- Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 26, 2014

Attached and signed today is a memorandum from the President to the Secretary of Homeland Security on Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians.

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For Immediate Release

September 26, 2014

September 26, 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SUBJECT: Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberians

Since 1991, the United States has provided safe haven for Liberians who were forced to flee their country as a result of armed conflict and widespread civil strife, in part through granting Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The armed conflict ended in 2003 and conditions improved such that TPS ended effective October 1, 2007. President Bush then deferred the enforced departure of the Liberians originally granted TPS. I extended that grant of Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) to September 30, 2014. I have determined that there are compelling foreign policy reasons to again extend DED to those Liberians presently residing in the United States under the existing grant of DED.

Pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States, I have determined that it is in the foreign policy interest of the United States to defer for 24 months the removal of any Liberian national, or person without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia, who is present in the United States and who is under a grant of DED as of September 30, 2011. The grant of DED only applies to an individual who has continuously resided in the United States since October 1, 2002, except for Liberian nationals, or persons without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia:

- (1) Who are ineligible for TPS for the reasons provided in section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2)(B);
- (2) Whose removal you determine is in the interest of the United States;
- (3) Whose presence or activities in the United States the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States;
- (4) Who have voluntarily returned to Liberia or his or her country of last habitual residence outside the United States;
- (5) Who were deported, excluded, or removed prior to the date of this memorandum; or

(6) Who are subject to extradition.

Accordingly, I direct you to take the necessary steps to implement for eligible Liberians:

(1) A deferral of enforced departure from the United States for 24 months from October 1, 2014; and

(2) Authorization for employment for 24 months from October 1, 2014.

BARACK OBAMA

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 23, 2014

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our strong support to extend Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) status for Liberians currently residing in the United States. We ask that you extend this status, which expires September 30, 2014, for two years. We also request that you take swift action in extending this status for Liberians so as to avoid the unnecessary fear and anxiety of possible deportation.

In 1989, Liberia entered a civil war that resulted in human rights atrocities and displaced more than half the country's population. Thousands of Liberians found refuge in the United States, where they were granted the opportunity to register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) beginning in 1991.

Although Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has made tremendous strides in rebuilding the country now that the war has ended, the Liberian government, economy, and people continue to suffer from the leveling impact of Former President Charles Taylor's regime. The destruction and devastation Taylor left in his wake are intractable and will take many years to overcome. Unemployment is still high, infrastructure remains damaged, and violence in neighboring countries threatens the delicate peace the country has seen in recent years. Additionally, the current Ebola crisis has greatly weakened the country's infrastructure and stability, and it would be imprudent to send individuals into this environment and to risk exposing them to this deadly disease.

An unintended consequence of this prolonged conflict is that for over twenty years, Liberians have been living in this country, alternating between TPS and DED status. During this time,

many Liberians have made America their home and have started families, raised American-born children, gone to college, and contributed to our economy.

If DED status is terminated, Liberians who have made the United States their home would face forced repatriation, which would uproot many families, separate loved ones, and disrupt the lives Liberians have created for themselves over many years. We urge you to extend DED status for Liberians living in the US.

Sincerely,



Keith Ellison
Member of Congress



David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress

Heather Branigin

From: Chris Chesky <ches0130@umn.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 28, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Braemar Field school project

Mayor Hovland,

Hello. My name is Chris Chesky and I am a journalism major at the University of Minnesota. For a school project, I was assigned to attend a city council meeting and find a story to report. I have been quite interested in the proposed 2015 tax levy increase, the 54 percent that would be going towards Braemar Field to be exact, and I have just one question if you would be so kind to answer.

During the meeting you said there there was a great community outreach concerning the Braemar Field project. Is there any study or poll that has been done that backs up this statement?

Thank you so much for your time. I hope to speak with you soon

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Heather Branigin

From: Ronald Michalak <ronaldjmichalak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Sidewalk and retaining wall issue

Hello Jim,

My name is Ron Michalak, and I am a resident of Morningside. I met you briefly when you were walking our neighborhood and commented on the somewhat extraordinary height of a JMS property across the street from me on 45th Street. I happened to agree with you.

I wanted to see if I could get a meeting with you to discuss a serious concern I have about a failing retaining wall that sits between my property and the public sidewalk. I have had both Brian Olson and one of his managers from Public Works out to look at the wall, and, unfortunately, have been frustrated in my attempts at getting my concerns about the wall either understood or addressed. As such, my friend Kevin Staunton suggested that I take my legitimate concerns to you, a member of the City Council, and talk through the situation with you.

If you would be so kind, I would love to get 15 minutes of your time to share with you some information about the retaining wall and Morningside's streets and sidewalks. A friend of mine, Beth Howell, who has been through a similar situation with the City of Minneapolis, would also like to attend.

Mornings are typically best for me, as I do much of my work in the afternoon and evenings.

Please let me know if you would be open to meeting with me.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Best regards,
Ron

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Heather Branigin

From: jjaaa5@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:07 PM
To: Scott H. Neal; Edina Mail
Cc: jschroeder@commoncause.org
Subject: Common Cause Minnesota

Mayor Hovland and Mr Neal,

As I mentioned in the earlier email, your city's consideration of a Conflict of Interest Policy is a very positive step forward. To limit the discussion to just a Conflict of Interest Policy, however, falls short of what is needed. I would recommend you take this opportunity to add at least some of the items mentioned in that earlier email, e.g. Restrictions on gifts, Nepotism. If we can assist you, please let us know.

Do you have any idea of timing on this policy and your next step?

Thank you for your time,

Jerry Franck, Chair
Common Cause Minnesota

Heather Branigin

From: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul) <katie.knutson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:56 PM
To: Knutson, Katie (CI-StPaul)
Subject: MEETING REMINDER: 84% Coalition
Attachments: agenda 10_1_14.docx

Hello,

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow morning for the 84% Coalition: Mayors for Municipal Roads meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the River's Edge Convention Center, 10 – 4th Avenue South, Saint Cloud - Herberger Suite, 2nd floor – parking is available in the ramp below the building. I have attached the agenda for the meeting. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Best,

Katie



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October 1st, 2014 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
St. Cloud Civic Center

Agenda

10:00 a.m. Welcome

Mayors Chris Coleman and Fred Froehlich

10:05 a.m. Chamber Conversations – Report Out

10:30 a.m. Local Share Pressure

Minnetonka City Engineer Lee Gustafson

11:00 a.m. Transportation at the State Legislature

Senator Scott Dibble (by phone)

11:30 a.m. Lunch

11:45 a.m. Options for Cities

Margaret Donahoe, Transportation Alliance

12:15 p.m. Review Options Menu

12:30 p.m. MNDOT's Perspective

Commissioner Charles Zelle

Heather Branigin

From: Chris Bremer <cbremer101@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 4:28 PM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Mark K. Nolan; MJ Lamon
Subject: Xerxes Avenue concerns

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I am a resident of the Strachauer Park neighborhood and am writing to you with a deep sense of dismay over the new appearance of Xerxes Avenue. I expected that the permanent solution to the traffic and parking concerns there would involve something reasonably attractive, suitable for one of the most heavily used doorways to Edina. Instead, it looks truly awful. I have never seen anything like it. Rather than some greenery or flowers or lightposts with hanging pots or even grass, what has been put in place is concrete plus posts, and the posts are not even vertical -- they pop out at various angles like a bunch of Tinkertoys. In some ways it calls to mind the security-oriented stanchions put hastily in place in Belfast back in the 70s, a pell-mell approach in response to an emergency. Our situation was not an emergency, and I believe a better job should and could have been done to work with the county on a design that would be aesthetically acceptable while still meeting reasonable budgetary guidelines.

Beyond the aesthetics, I worry about safety. With just a little slip on a patch of ice, a bicyclist could lose an eye or suffer even more serious injury on these slender posts (I am cc'ing Mark Nolan for that reason). Please drive by there yourself and take a look -- I expect you may share my concerns. While I cannot speak on behalf of anyone else, I think it would be great if our neighborhood (which does have a neighborhood organization, of which I am co-chair) were consulted about this kind of thing. Otherwise, why have such organizations? It seems only the residents of Xerxes Ave were consulted, while this really affects the appearance of our entire neighborhood.

I look forward to hearing about how we can go about fixing this problem. I know there are at least a few of us who would be happy to attend a City Council meeting if that would be helpful.

All the best,

Chris Bremer
6001 Ewing Ave S

Heather Branigin

From: Dianne Latham <Dianne@LathamPark.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:09 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Insufficient Demand for Additional Community Garden Plots at this Time

9-29-14

Lynette,

Please acknowledge receipt and forward to the Edina City Council.

Honorable Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members,

Before adding more community garden plots, the City of Edina needs to carefully review the usage of the Yorktown Park community garden to see if demand supports additional plots. Take note that 50% of those having community garden plots at Yorktown Park in 2013 did not renew their plot. Although there were 38 on the waiting list for the 2013 plots, there were only 10 on the 2014 waiting list for community garden plots. At least 7 of the 2014 plots were officially abandoned (4, 18, 44, 47, 32, 40, and 50). This would appear to be an opportunity for the plots to be offered to those on the waiting list because late season crops can still be planted in midsummer. When I visited the Yorktown Park community garden on 8-27-14, there appeared to be at least 8 abandoned plots given the weeds and lack of crops in them. Either those on the waiting list did not avail themselves of the opportunity to rent a plot, or more than 10 plots were abandoned. This data does not suggest a need for additional community garden plots at this time.

The cost of setting up a community garden is substantial, with Yorktown Park costing the City of Edina well over \$30,000 including staff time, soil prep, fencing, benches, adding plumbing for water, picnic tables, redirecting the bike path, adding a sidewalk in front of the garden, and adding a parking lot.

The value of community garden plots is not the small amount of produce they provide. The real value is that they are another source of recreation for residents and that they are a learning site, which results in residents subsequently beginning vegetable gardens on their own property. At a community garden, residents come and learn how to grow a vegetable garden with the help of commendable volunteers like Master Gardener Larry Cipolla. But it soon becomes apparent to those with plots that community gardening is very inconvenient, even if the community garden is in your neighborhood. The result is that community gardeners often take their new skills home, trim their trees, remove their sod and plant a garden on their own property. Those that live in townhomes or apartments subsequently lobby their landowners to allow a community garden, which then becomes an amenity and selling point for their facility. This is what has been happening at the Yorktown Park community garden and explains, in part, why some do not renew their plot. Former Yorktown Park community gardeners Louise Weaver and Lisa Childs are to be commended for starting (Louise) and expanding (Lisa) a community garden at their apartment complexes.

Soil conditions in city parks are generally poor. City parks are often the result of low areas which were filled in with construction debris and then topped off with soil to make a level park area. Although some park areas look suitable to the casual observer, they are not. The Lake Edina site has been proposed for another community garden, but it is located on an extensive peat bog, which is not suitable for gardening and would have to be heavily amended. A Lake Edina site would also very likely have drainage problems as does the Yorktown Park community garden into which the skate park drains.

The August 11, 2009 John Keprios staff report identified 3 locations for possible city community gardens. These were Yorktown Park (currently completed), Pamela Park (the recommended area has since been taken over by an athletic field and is not available) and Lake Edina. The Lake Edina (site of the former Fred Richards golf course) site is located proximate to high density housing, a desirable feature. But this location serves the same southeastern quadrant of Edina as

does the Yorktown Park community garden. If Yorktown Park is not renting at capacity (at least 8 vacant plots during the 2014 season), would a Lake Edina community garden fill?

Before considering other community gardens on city property, the City of Edina should wait until there is a more robust waiting list at Yorktown Park such that few, if any, plots are standing fallow at the end of the season. If another site is desired, a location other than the southeastern quadrant should be selected so as to provide opportunities to those in other areas of Edina.

The City should nevertheless encourage owners of single family homes, multifamily housing, corporations, schools and churches to establish community gardens on their property, which if successful, will meet many more residents' community gardening needs than a city community garden ever could. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Heather Branigin

From: Dianne Latham <Dianne@LathamPark.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 9:34 PM
To: Lynette Biunno
Subject: Response to K.K. Thomson's e-mail of 8-19-14 Regarding Honeybee and Chicken Keeping

9-30-14

Lynette,

Please acknowledge receipt and forward to the Edina City Council.

Honorable Mayor Hovland and Edina City Council Members,

I am writing in response to Ms K.K. Thomson's e-mail of 8-19-14 regarding honeybee and chicken keeping in Edina. There are no new pet management issues listed in her comments that are not already addressed by the current Edina city ordinances or in the Energy and Environment Commission's proposed city ordinance amendments. The points Ms Thomson raises are as follows along with their solutions from existing and proposed ordinances.

Chickens Attracting Fox/Coyote – Ms Thomson who lives at 5521 Code Ave. in Edina suggests that her next door neighbor's chickens are attracting fox/coyote to her neighborhood. In fact, a wide range of Edina's small mammals attract fox/coyote including cats, small dogs, rabbits, chipmunk, squirrels, mice, voles, moles, raccoons, fawns and shrews. Prohibiting chickens will not reduce the local fox/coyote population. These predators are found in neighborhoods having no chickens at all. Chicken owners could as easily maintain that cats and small dogs should be prohibited in an effort to reduce fox/coyote being attracted to their neighborhoods where they then prey upon their chickens. All small mammals, wild and domesticated, would need to be prohibited in order to reduce the local predator population - an entirely unrealistic objective. Fox and coyote enter Edina along the 9 Mile Creek and Minnehaha Creek corridors as well as along Edina's railroad corridors. Ms Thompson's property is about 500 ft from a major railroad corridor, which is most likely the avenue through which predators are directed to her property. They may also find the water in her swimming pool attractive. Like it or not, fox/coyote are here to stay. Residents must do as the Edina Police Department recommends – haze fox/coyote and do not let small pets outside unattended as these predators can indeed scale a 5-6 ft fence. Realistically, the City cannot guarantee predator free neighborhoods.

Chickens and Odor – Ms Thomson indicates that “my neighbors do keep their coops clean” but that she can smell something “anytime a strong north wind is blowing.” Apparently this doesn't happen often as the wind must be both north and strong. Nevertheless, Edina does have a nuisance ordinance. If any odor rises to the level of an Edina's nuisance ordinance violation, the offending resident should be reported. If the City Sanitarian inspects and finds a violation, the offender should be cited. If pet dog feces are not picked up, they too can cause an odor. But dogs are not prohibited merely because odor is possible. I have been in the residential yard of a long-time chicken keeper. In walking throughout the yard and I smelled nothing offensive. The proposed ordinance amendment limits residents to 4 hens. This limited number is not likely to cause odor problems. There is an ordinance process to address odor problems, which enables residents to enjoy a wide range of pets. This process can be used if odor problems occur.

Hens and Noise – Ms Thomson states that “they have a sort of noise that they make when they are laying eggs.” While hens are not completely silent, the light clucking they make hardly rises to the level of a barking dog's noise. And most certainly hen sounds do not rise to the level of a city noise ordinance violation. But if a neighbor believed that the city noise ordinance was violated, they could request that the City Sanitarian measure the number of decibels emitted by the hens to determine if the city noise ordinance was actually violated – a highly unlikely possibility. Dogs are not banned merely because they are capable of making some sound, nor should hens be. Residents cannot expect cities to be noise free. The proposed ordinance does not permit roosters, which crow, unlike hens, which do not crow.

Roaming Chickens – Ms Thompson states that “When our neighbors let their chickens out to get some exercise, they end up in my lawn”. The proposed ordinance requires chickens to be “confined at all times by fencing.” If they get out of the confinement, the owner should be cited just as any cat or dog owner can be cited if their pet gets out of confinement. Cats and dogs are not prohibited merely because they have the ability or get out of their confinement occasionally. The same pet standards should be applied to chickens.

Bee Stings – Ms Thompson indicates that she is “highly allergic” but does not indicate that she has suffered past anaphylaxis specifically due to honeybee stings. One can be allergic to one kind of bee, wasp or hornet, but not to others. If one is subject to anaphylaxis due to any kind of stinging insect, one must carry an EpiPen for emergency treatment if they elect against allergy shots. This is true whether or not their neighbor has an apiary. European honey bees are bred for gentleness and rarely sting. If a person is stung, it is more likely by that of a wasp or hornet. In 2000, the most recent year for which data has been reported to the World Health Organization, 54 people were reported to have died in the USA due to encounters with any type of stinging insect (wasps, bees, hornets, yellow jackets, fire ants, brown recluse spiders, etc). None of the deaths can be specifically attributed to honeybees. Edina has many kinds of native bees, hornets and wasps. Given that honey beekeeping is permitted in Minneapolis, Hopkins, St. Louis Park and Eden Prairie, Edina already has many honeybees foraging within its borders since honeybees can forage in a 3 – 5 mile area.

Our garden is designed to attract pollinators with over 400 varieties of flowering plants. We have many kinds of bees, wasps and hornets in our yard. This includes honeybees, which I assume are visiting from Eden Prairie a few blocks away - and they are most welcome. I tend our garden on a daily basis and have never been stung by anything. My sister was subject to anaphylaxis due to a sting as a child. Our parents opted for allergy shots for her and she had no subsequent sting problems. Even if honeybees are prohibited, no city can guarantee neighborhoods free of stinging insects. Like them or not, native bees, hornets and wasps are in our back yards performing the important task of pollination.

Honeybee Swarms – When a honeybee colony becomes too large for its apiary, it will divide in about half and the queen will take a portion of the worker bees to search for a new hive location. The swarm will hang in a ball from a tree or other structure while the apiary scouts search for a new hive location. Beekeepers carefully watch for the signs that an apiary will soon divide and take precautions to move some of the bees to a new apiary so that swarming will not occur. Ms Thompson reports “a honey bee hive in our Norway pine at the back of our property this spring, and we paid \$400 to have it removed.” It is unclear to me whether Ms Thompson had a honeybee swarm or permanent feral honeybee hive, or some other kind of bee, hornet or wasp nest in her tree. With Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), metro beekeepers are routinely losing from 30% - 100% of the honeybees in their apiaries each winter. The odds that a colony would be large enough to divide and swarm in the spring seems remote. The odds of a feral hive overwintering without human assistance (dusting for mites, etc.) is remote as well. Assuming that Ms Thomson is correct and that it was a honeybee swarm or a feral honeybee hive, a resident can contact the Minnesota Hobby Beekeeper Association (MHBA) and they will send a volunteer to remove the honeybees at no charge. With CCD, MHBA members must replace honeybees frequently and they are pleased to be able to obtain such honeybees for their CCD depleted apiaries.

Bees Attracted to Flowers – Ms Thomson states that “The honey bees fed off of my flowers and Meyer lemon trees that surround our pool/landscaping constantly.” If Ms Thomson is cultivating Meyer lemon trees for the lemons she should be advised that without pollinators, no lemons will develop. She would then need to hand pollinate them as the Chinese do their orchards where all pollinators were inadvertently exterminated due to overuse of pesticides. In this climate, Meyer lemons will produce but one crop of flowers/fruit and then must be overwintered inside. In less than a week pollinators strip newly opened flowers of all nectar and pollen and then do not return. If Ms Thomson does not want bees of any kind attracted to her planters, she has the option of selecting from among the many plants that do not have nectar or pollen; this includes, but is not limited to, geraniums, petunias, begonias, impatiens, spikes, potato vine, etc.

Lot Size – Ms Thomson believes that “lot sizes are just to [sic] small to house livestock/bees without making a neighbors life less peaceful”. No Edina lots are “too small” for honey bees. The size of the lot is immaterial given that honeybees forage for 3 – 5 miles. The Energy and Environment Commission’s Local Food Task Force proposed a 10 ft lot line setback for apiaries just like any other accessory structure. If an apiary is hit by a ball, rock or other object, European honeybees do not react because they are bred for gentleness. No Edina lot is too small for 4 hens. When I visited a residential yard with hens, I couldn’t even find them, so well did they hide under shrubs. A 10 ft lot line setback would apply to hen houses, just as it does to a dog house accessory structure.

Animal Control Volume – Ms Thompson foresees “a huge rise in calls to animal control over allowing these animals”. 2014 was the first year that Eden Prairie allowed honey beekeeping. Only 11 residents followed through with one or more apiaries. Mr Jim Schedin, the City of Eden Prairie Administrator responsible for enforcing their beekeeping ordinance, who is also an Edina resident, indicated that “I have received zero complaints and zero inquiries from neighbors. The apiaries have become a non-issue in terms of complaints and in terms of staff time dedicated to registrations and inspections.”

It is not likely that many residents will become involved in chicken keeping. Far more residents have dogs and cats, which will generate far more complaints to a city’s Animal Control Officer (ACO) than honeybees and chickens ever will. Dogs and cats are not banned merely because complaints to the ACO are possible, nor should honeybees or hens be banned.

In summary, residents should have the right to put their property to sound environmental uses such as those encouraged by the local food movement and recommended by the Green Step Cites program. This includes honeybee and chicken keeping. If residents responsibly manage honeybees and chickens subject to the same requirements as other pet owners under the existing and proposed Edina ordinances, there will be few issues between neighbors. If they are not responsible, they will be subject to the same citations as other pet owners are. Comments such as Ms Thomson’s are common among those who are ill informed about European honeybee and chicken keeping. As more metro cities pass ordinances allowing the environmentally sound hobbies of honeybee and chicken keeping (about a dozen metro cities have already) residents will become more informed and the old prejudices against them will fade. Please support the Energy and Environment Commission’s proposed honeybee and chicken keeping ordinance amendments. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

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Heather Branigin

From: Joel Stegner <joel.r.stegner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 8:09 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: Dianne Latham
Subject: Bee and chicken keeping

Here are some of the advantages I see for allowing bee and chicken keeping in Edina.

1. Edina was historically an agricultural community, where people grew food to feed their families and for sale. While we will never move back to large scale agriculture, these uses have been allowed with regulation in any other suburban communities. While people may have some initial concerns, good relations between friends and neighborhoods have been the rule.
2. Bee keeping has a tremendous benefit, particularly at this time, while bee populations in the US are collapsing related to pesticides and other negative changes in the environment. Bees pollinate our plants and flowers, helping keep Edina as green and beautiful as it is today. As natural bee hives are dying off, having individual property owners keep bees is generally beneficial to all, including those who don't keep them. Also, bees wax and honey are valuable commodities that can be easily used by the home owner - and for families with children, raising bees is a great teaching tool for personal responsibility. In terms of their social organizations, when compared to humans, bees are a living demonstration of the value of community, with "full employment."
3. As for chickens, as long as the noise and smells are managed well, they also work well in a suburban environment, being no more destructive to the natural environment than domestic cats and dogs. They produce a tangible product - eggs - which are generally fresher and of higher quality than one can find in the store. By buying different breeds of chickens, one can have natural "colored eyes," which are a delight to children and adults alike. And of course, the chicken can become like domestic animals, except they actually produce something of valuable - and aren't going to run up thousands of dollars of vet bills. Eggs, themselves, which have previously had a bad reputation, can be part of a heart healthy diet.
4. These additions make the suburb much less like a place of cookie cutter homes and people. Just as people are converting their lawns into gardens (producing flowers, vegetables and ground cover for animals - and places for bees to hang out), we need to give our residents the freedom to pursue their personal interests, even if we don't share them. That is the definition of freedom - being able to make good choices for your family that don't have to be the same as your neighbors. For people who grew up in small towns and farms, it brings back good memories. For younger people who have never experienced anything other than the city or suburb, it gives people a new appreciation for where we get our food.
5. With freedom comes responsibility. I participate in Edina's community garden. That has involved following some rules and dealing with adversity - washed out plants and the impact of nature - bunnies love to eat vegetable plants. It promotes a nothing ventured, nothing gained approach to life - and your success is not entirely within your control, which is a very good lesson for people who have often had their lives go pretty much their way. Responsibility connects to empathy and

generosity, as if one produces more than one can consume, one can share the bounty. Bee keepers are sharing their bees with the community.

I'm not going to get into the do's and don'ts of regulation, which is necessarily if Edina does this, but in my mind there is no question that it should be allowed. Should any situation be a public nuisance, I'm very confident that our city staff will manage it.

I live in multi-unit housing. I wonder if the proposed ordinance makes allowance for these practices in our kinds of units. If a majority of residents of one of our communities votes to collectively sponsor such a program (probably with a higher percentage - either 60% or 70%), they should be able to do so. That should also be true for local companies or non-profits such as churches who want to do the same. In large expanses such as our local golf courses, I could see the installation of bee hives - hopefully not too much more of a natural hazard than already present.

Joel Stegner
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From: Louise McKlveen

Wed Oct 1

p1

Subject: Letter to Mayor James B. Hovland

Dear Mayor Hovland:

You were most gracious yesterday in attending my birthday party at Edina Park Plaza, and in proclaiming those very special tributes to me. Thank you very much! What more can I say? Just that I am thrilled with all the attention I am getting this week--and hoping I deserve it...

The official document with the seal of Edina and your signature will be a treasure for me and I plan to have it framed. I am enclosing a picture taken a year ago of me helping some Day Care children with their project. I wish for you good health, continued success in your position as mayor, and joy in additional endeavors.

Sincerely,
Louise McKlveen

PS Today I am 100 years old.



Heather Branigin

From: Beth Baber <BethB@hillcrestdevelopment.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:34 PM
To: Beth Baber
Subject: You Are Invited!
Attachments: Pentagon Demo Event Invitation.pdf

Greetings! Please review the attached invitation for an exciting event at Pentagon Park - we hope to see you there!

Beth Baber, Marketing Manager

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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

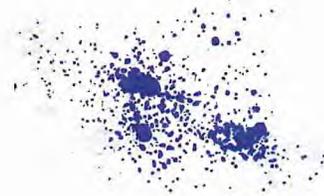
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Heather Branigin

From: Suzanne Kerwin <skerwin@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:44 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: League of Women Voters Edina October Meetings

Please forward to the Mayor, City Council and members of Boards and Commissions.
Thank you,
Suzanne Kerwin
League of Women Voters Edina

“Vision Edina”

**Thursday, October 9, Edina Senior Center,
Speaker: David Beurle, CEO and Founder of Future iQ Partners
Refreshments and social time are at 9:30.
The program will run from 10:00 – 11:30 AM, including Q and A.**



The Thursday, October 9 meeting will be a *Vision Edina* workshop presented by David Beurle, **CEO and Founder of Future iQ Partners**. Future iQ Partners has been contracted by the city to design and facilitate the *Vision Edina* initiative. *Vision Edina* is meant to be an ambitious, broad-based and inclusive community visioning process. It will also serve as an important foundation for other strategic efforts, such as the City’s Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plans. The Workshops are designed to allow broad community input and discussion about the future of Edina. The Thursday meeting workshop will build on previous *Vision Edina* workshops that developed plausible scenarios for Edina. An interactive session exploring the implications of each scenario and discussion about preferred and expected scenarios will take place. Surveys on the participants’ perspectives will be compiled at the end. Come to the October 9 meeting and share your own ideas about the future of Edina.

Redevelopment in Edina and the City’s Comprehensive Plan

**Saturday, October 11 at Edina City Hall, Community Room
Speaker: Steve Elkins, Metropolitan Council Representative, District 5.
Refreshments and social time are at 9:30.
The program will run from 10:00 – 11:30 AM, including Q and A.**



Steve Elkins, Metropolitan Council Member representing Edina, Bloomington, Richfield and Hopkins, will speak at the Saturday meeting.

Steve will talk about development in Edina, how zoning and the City's Comprehensive Plan guides redevelopment in the city and the role of the Metropolitan Council.

The Comprehensive Plan is meant to provide Edina with an outline for future development and was last updated in 2009. The Metropolitan Council requires every city in the seven-county metro area to have such a plan and State law requires that it be updated every 10 years. Edina's Plan includes chapters on land use, transportation, wastewater, water supply, storm water management, housing and parks and recreation.

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

Heather Branigin

From: ICLEI World Congress <world.congress@iclei.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 9:29 AM
To: James Hovland
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Subject: Invitation to ICLEI World Congress 2015
Attachments: Mayors' Invitation to ICLEI World Congress 2015_City of Edina.pdf; ICLEI World Congress 2015 Brochure.pdf

Dear James B. Hovland,

Please find attached a personal invitation and detailed information about the ICLEI World Congress 2015, taking place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 8-12 April 2015. Registration is now open at www.iclei.org/worldcongress2015.

We invite you to contribute to and shape the Seoul Declaration, the key legacy of the ICLEI World Congress 2015. The Seoul Declaration will reflect the priorities and aspirations of ICLEI Member Mayors, and we are eager to receive your inputs to shape its development.

The ICLEI World Congress 2015 Brochure attached details the various themes planned for the plenaries, sub-plenaries, parallel sessions and Mobile Workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you to Seoul in April 2015.

Kind regards,

Gino Van Begin

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Mayoral invitation to register for the ICLEI World Congress 2015, and to contribute to the ICLEI World Congress 2015 Seoul Declaration

Dear James B. Hovland,

It is our sincere pleasure to extend a warm invitation on behalf of Seoul Metropolitan Government and ICLEI to attend the **ICLEI World Congress 2015**, taking place from **8 – 12 April 2015, in Seoul, Republic of Korea**, under the subtitle: “Sustainable Solutions for an Urban Future”. We are pleased to share that **registration is now open** at www.iclei.org/worldcongress2015.

Your attendance at ICLEI World Congress 2015 will unite you with global city leaders in addressing sustainable solutions for our urban future. These discussions will be supported by notable leaders of international organizations, including the United Nations and its agencies, by leaders of global businesses, and by financing institutions.

You are warmly invited to share the most successful policies and exceptional results from your local sustainability actions and city.

The Mayors' Track through the ICLEI World Congress 2015

Your early registration will allow us to ensure you take full advantage of a number of key high-level Mayoral opportunities:

- Send a powerful message on the key role of local governments in global climate and sustainability processes by adopting and presenting the Seoul Declaration during a special Mayors' Panel.
- Share advanced urban projects through interactive roundtable plenary discussions with city, business and finance leaders.
- Take advantage of high-level networking opportunities and city-to-city exchanges in a dedicated networking lounge.
- Meet and network with the newly elected ICLEI Global and Regional Executive Committee Members, holding inaugural meetings in Seoul.
- Tour one of the most high-profile sustainability projects of Seoul Metropolitan Area in a special Mayors' Mobile Workshop.
- Attend exclusive Mayors' lunch and dinner events.
- Connect with national and international media representatives in attendance.

In the event that you are not in a position to travel to the ICLEI World Congress 2015, we strongly encourage you to send a representative or delegation on your behalf.

ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

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Contribute your vision to shape the ICLEI World Congress 2015 Seoul Declaration

The Seoul Declaration will underline the priority actions for sustainable urban development to be taken by you, as ICLEI Members, in the next years; inform the world of the key role of local governments in contributing to global sustainability, and thereby will guide non-local government partners on how they can best work with local governments, and what they can do to help achieve these priority actions.

In addition, the Seoul Declaration will inform global processes such as the UNFCCC climate negotiations, the Sustainable Development Goal negotiations, and culminate in Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, to take place in 2016.

Finally, the Seoul Declaration, as a common effort amongst mayors of the world, shall be taken home as a strong signal of commitment to citizens, civil society actors, and NGOs.

The Seoul Declaration will be an official legacy of the ICLEI World Congress 2015, and shall be presented during a special Mayors' Panel.

As an early input and prior to consultation in early 2015, we cordially invite you to share key ideas that should be taken up in the Seoul Declaration.

Please send your key message for the Seoul Declaration by email to ICLEI Secretary General, Gino Van Begin, via: secretary.general@iclei.org

Explore the latest program information

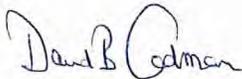
The latest program details are now available in our ICLEI World Congress 2015 brochure, attached to this invitation. Inside, please find the themes of the various plenaries, sub-plenaries, sessions and Mobile Workshops planned for. The brochure also details the Researchers' Symposium and Urban Nature co-events.

Our ICLEI World Congress 2015 team will be pleased to provide further information on registration and other participation queries through world.congress@iclei.org

We kindly request your support in sharing this invitation to mobilize a delegation of senior staff, young leaders, and civil society representatives to attend the ICLEI World Congress 2015, in order to maximize take-home benefits for your municipality.

We thank you for your assistance in building momentum behind this ICLEI World Congress 2015, and look forward to providing you with a warm welcome in Seoul!

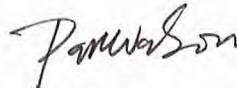
Yours sincerely,



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Attachment: ICLEI World Congress 2015 Brochure



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From 8 – 12 April 2015, global leaders, mayors, city officials, and their partners from around the world will convene at the ICLEI World Congress 2015, in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Together, ICLEI World Congress 2015 participants will address the pressing challenges of climate change, and explore how local action can deliver sustainable solutions for the urban future.

The triennial ICLEI World Congress is the foremost assembly of local governments, and their partners, committed to sustainable urban development.

The ICLEI World Congress 2015 will convene local sustainability leaders in one of the largest metropolitan areas of the world. Challenged by rapid urbanization, air pollution and growing motorization, Seoul Metropolitan Government is among the world's most ambitious cities to reduce its CO2 emissions, carbon footprint and resource consumption. Strong civic engagement combined with ambitious local leadership guides decision making in Seoul, setting a high standard for many other cities in East Asia and across the globe to follow.

Over five days of exchange and networking, the ICLEI World Congress 2015 will provide strong contributions to the global debates on the Urban Sustainable Development Goal, global climate governance, and the increasing roles of local governments in tackling global challenges. The ICLEI World Congress 2015 will strengthen the bridges between local governments and their partners in international organizations, NGOs and business, while empowering urban decision makers with effective, viable solutions for improved local sustainability.

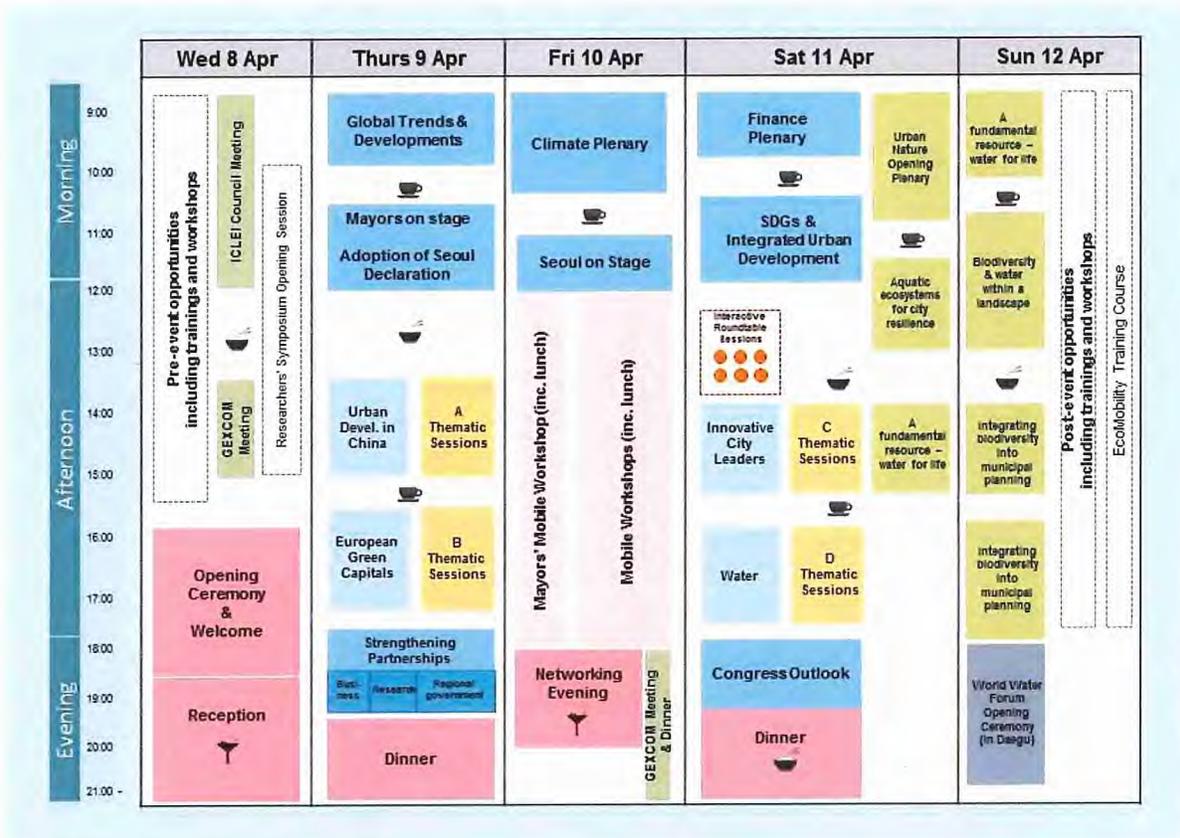
Why attend the ICLEI World Congress 2015?

- Strengthen your decision-making toolkit with innovative solutions to future-proof your policies and investments against the causes and effects of climate change.
- Expand your network with new contacts and renewed partnerships with leading local governments and key partners.
- Leave with a clear, practical understanding of how international processes will affect the ground realities of implementing local sustainable initiatives in your municipality.
- Gain international recognition for your own sustainability commitments and achievements, while benefiting from peer review of your policies and goals by expert contributors.



Preliminary program structure

Titles and timing can be subject to change. As of 02 October 2014.



New ICLEI governance

- Prior to the start of the ICLEI World Congress 2015, the newly elected ICLEI Council (all Regional Executive Committees) and the ICLEI Global Executive will convene.
- By the start of the ICLEI World Congress 2015, the new ICLEI President and Vice-Presidents will be elected.

Meeting in groups

- Regional Executive Committees and Members from one country or region can meet prior to, during, or after the ICLEI World Congress 2015 for their strategy discussions.
- Project groups, networks, sister cities and others are highly encouraged to use the ICLEI World Congress 2015 for their own gatherings.
- Partners and Members can propose side-events and special sessions.
- Training sessions will be offered on 8 and 12 April 2015.

Legend

- Plenary sessions
- Sub-plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Mobile Workshops
- Evening programs
- Urban Nature
- ICLEI Membership & Governance
- Side-event opportunities

Plenaries: Food for thought and positioning the local voice

Plenary sessions will convene international experts, prominent local government leaders, and ICLEI representatives to address key issues influencing the work of local governments across the global north and south. Key issues will include:

- **Local development within global trends**

Rising energy costs, rapid urbanization, increasing resource scarcity, and systemic financial uncertainty are key issues affecting the ways in which local governments finance and implement urban sustainability initiatives. New technological developments, innovative governance structures, and creative financing models are rising to the fore as ways in which local governments respond to these new framework conditions for local sustainability.



- **Framing conditions for new urban partnerships**

As urban challenges in today's world become more complex, the necessity of partnerships for local governments has become more significant. The most urgent problems compel local governments to have flexible and adaptable structures, learn from peers and further open to cross-sectorial and/or cross-regional cooperation. New organizational models for cooperation between cities and private sectors, research institutes and regional governments strengthen local governments' capacity. How can these be shaped to the benefit of local sustainable development?

- **Financing for the urban future**

Cities must increasingly look to diversified sources of finance for sustainability projects, through multi-stakeholder partnerships with development agencies, development banks, and other funding institutions. What are the key issues for local governments in making themselves attracting to funding sources? What strategies can be incorporated into the urban planning phase to prepare project proposals attractive to investors? What key trends can be shared to inform local governments how to best strategize their sustainability planning to secure capital investment?

- **Advocating for local governments on the international stage**

While the world waits for international processes to reach agreement, local governments are already acting to reduce emissions, and respond to the causes and effects of climate change. The success of any decisions taken at the international level will hinge on the full empowerment of local governments to rapidly implement these commitments at the local level.

- **Implementing the Urban Sustainable Development Goal**

An Urban Sustainable Development Goal is likely to be among the new SDGs of the United Nations. While ICLEI is strongly involved in phrasing and advocating, we wish to be prepared for implementing such a goal. Which opportunities will occur for local governance? Which indicators will measure success? Which financing mechanism might be linked to reaching such goals? The World Congress will also prepare participants for Habitat III (2016), the international conference on urbanization which shall frame the conditions for the future development of cities and towns.

- **Scaling up viable, sustainable solutions**

Local governments are not alone in facing the complex challenges of implementing sustainable projects; from planning and financing, through to design and implementation. Solution-oriented discussions on the most common challenges faced by cities across the global north and south will unlock financially viable, contextually appropriate, and sustainable solutions to local government challenges.

Sub-Plenaries take up key themes

Sub-plenaries will address themes with special relevance, including:

- **Urbanization in China**
 - As the largest population in the world, with plans to attract a further 100 million people to urban areas in the next 7 years, China's 6.8 trillion dollar plan for urban development will be a key factor in international community efforts to manage human-induced climate change.
 - What types of climate change initiatives are already being implemented in China, and who are the leaders in this regard?
 - What opportunities exist for international collaboration with Chinese cities to promote Chinese urban innovation internationally, and promote international best practice in China?
- **European Green Capitals**
 - What are the conditions and success factors for integrated urban sustainability in the European Green Capital Cities?
 - Can similar activities be started in an Asian Green Capital initiative?
- **Innovative City Leaders**
 - How can innovative city leaders implement their visions? Are they re-elected?
 - How can empowerment mechanisms be strengthened to support women and young city leaders holding office?
- **Water**
 - Strengthening local leadership for sustainable water resources management and water services delivery
 - Key messages to the 7th World Water Forum (Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 12–17 April 2015)

Parallel Sessions to advance Local Action

A variety of engaging thematic sessions will facilitate city-to-city exchange, as well as learning from and with partners.

Advanced and interested ICLEI Members are encouraged to propose their active contributions. Sessions will be grouped into a number of streams following a specific thematic track through ICLEI World Congress 2015.

Themes for sessions include:

- **Low emission development strategies: pathways to a low emission, green, and inclusive urban economy:** An Urban Low Emissions Development Strategy (Urban LEDS) is a pathway for cities to transition to a low emission, green and inclusive urban economy, through its integration into city development plans and processes. In doing so, cities can yield immediate, direct, cost effective and scalable greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions, while improving livelihoods for their citizens, optimizing the use of local resources. Discussions will focus on different approaches by cities towards Urban LEDS, including experiences from the Urban-LEDS project, establishing how this fits into the broader frameworks of municipal planning. The focus will be on providing guidance for cities seeking to engage in low emission development. ICLEI's GreenClimateCities (GCC) program and network will also be presented.

- **100% Renewable Cities: Transitioning from fossil fuels to modern fuels:** Local governments that commit their cities to become 100% Renewable Cities have a clear vision. They are actively leading the transition away from conventional fuels towards a renewable energy future that is secure, cost-competitive, using diversified renewable energy (RE) sources and which has the potential to create many local jobs. (Re)discover local renewable energy potentials, optimize



energy efficiency and minimize energy demand - this combination is for any city to reduce its systemic dependence on conventional fossil fuels. By exploring, planning, retrofitting and redesigning the approach to energy demand, energy generation, and energy storage - using smart concepts, smart grids, smart policies and technologies - local governments map a new pathway, also using more decentralized energy concepts. This session will address how local governments can plan their transition and investments, also stimulating green growth, sharing good practice examples on overcoming technical, legislative, economic and political challenges. The establishment of a new 100% Renewable ICLEI Cities Network is planned as direct outcome.

- **Rising from the Rubble: Cities strengthening sustainability through post-disaster recovery:** The aftermath of natural disasters, and the initiation of recovery processes present an enormous challenge to local governments. In addition to loss of life, property damage, displacement and economic impacts, cities must seize the opportunity to use reconstruction funds to plan for future resilience against further shocks. Cities who have rebuilt following disaster will share the strategies and plans set in motion, which allowed not only for concrete advances in green urban infrastructure, but also marked improvements in social sustainability, and participatory governance approaches.
- **Sinking Cities respond to the threat of sea level rise and land subsidence:** Rising sea levels endanger urban infrastructure including water supply and wastewater systems, transportation corridors and buildings. The risk of land loss and inundation threatens devastation for coastal populations, property and ecosystems, disproportionately affecting the commerce and livelihoods of the urban poor. Pioneers have implemented adaptation plans preempting these threats to infrastructure and governance. This debate will focus on practical solutions and to implementing urban protection measures against rising sea levels.
- **Cities feeding people (City-region food systems):** Individuals, businesses, communities and local governments across the world are responding to the growing disconnect between urban populations and their food supply through the establishment of urban- and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) projects. In addition to transforming underused urban plots into a sustainable local food supply, new city-region food systems enhance social cohesion, increase civic engagement and provide beneficial ecosystem services. Initiators of successful community-driven projects will advise how local governments can reinforce the beneficial impacts of UPA projects through their policymaking. The establishment of an Urban Agriculture Cities network is planned as direct outcome.
- **EcoMobility options for future cities:** Front running cities from the mobility field will engage with experts on the steps required to implement, manage, evaluate and finance urban mobility projects. Cities will share their experiences, and display their vision to improve their urban mobility systems. The private sector can learn of the various challenges impeding cities from replicating their excellent results from certain dimensions of sustainable mobility into other areas, and connect these to their innovative

entrepreneurial solutions. Experts can provide options to cities on how to maximize the results from the implementation. ICLEI's EcoMobility Alliance will invite further cities to join.

- **Addressing air quality across borders:** Unchecked air pollution is a growing issue of concern for local governments, particularly those in rapidly urbanizing coal-dependent economies, where urban dwellers are acutely affected by the health impacts of poor air quality. The impacts of air pollution can be seen from the street level to the global level, transcending all urban, regional or national boundaries. Local governments must coordinate cross-border strategies to meet internationally approved air quality standards within their municipal areas. Cities with a track record in addressing air quality will share the technical and economic instruments used to curb emissions across boundaries. Regulation and innovation in transport, industry, and other sectors contributing heavily to emissions form part of the solution.
- **Plugging into a Digital Urbanism: City solutions in the information age:** A Smart City is not just smart - A Smart City analyses, monitors, and optimizes its urban systems in a continuous learning process with the goal to become more sustainable, improve resource and energy efficiency, provide better services for its citizens and a higher quality of life in a rapidly urbanizing world. As cities move towards becoming smart cities, the potential of not only ICT and large amounts of urban data but also institutional, intellectual and social capital is key in finding new solutions to longstanding challenges. What outstanding examples can be shared of cities harnessing technology to gather data, set standards and measure performance?
- **Smart Urban Infrastructure:** Cities around the world are pursuing eco-efficient, low-carbon and resilient solutions in order to develop smart urban infrastructure. This session will inform cities how to harness technological advances and new ways of thinking to address urban infrastructural challenges. High-performing cities will share which types of partnerships and synergies should be sought out to develop greener and more effective urban infrastructure. The discussion will address which solutions can be quickly and economically implemented for those cities looking to rapidly deliver results.
- **Urban NEXUS approaches for integrated planning:** The Urban NEXUS is an approach to the design of urban development solutions. The approach guides stakeholders to identify and pursue possible synergies between sectors, jurisdictions, and technical domains, so as to increase institutional performance, resource productivity, and services quality. It counters traditional sectoral thinking, trade-offs, and divided responsibilities that often result in poorly coordinated investments, increased costs, and underutilized infrastructures and facilities. The ultimate goal of the Urban NEXUS approach is to accelerate access to services, and increase service quality and quality of life within our planetary boundaries. Pilot project cities from Africa and Asia will share their experiences of the concrete steps that need to be taken to operationalize the Urban NEXUS in resource management thinking and practice.
- **Driving sustainable public procurement:** Do you know what your city is buying with the tax payer's money? How can public spending be directed towards sustainable development? To achieve this, smart and future-oriented public authorities make use of sustainable public procurement (SPP). SPP means thinking carefully about what you buy, buying only what you really need, purchasing products, services and works with high environmental performance and considering the social and economic impacts of a purchasing decision. ICLEI's resources, platforms, and initiatives on SPP provide the support needed and help cities position themselves as a leader in the field of sustainable procurement. This session will explore what is possible globally and will launch Procura+ Global – the network for mainstreaming SPP on a global scale.

- **Sharing Cities: From ownership to access**

Front-running cities in the Sharing Economy field will contribute to developing a vision of a Sharing City and analyze the potential and opportunities it holds for cities. How do we get to a Sharing City? Which are the requirements and framework conditions? Which are enabling factors and which barriers do we need to overcome? Who are the relevant actors which need to be addressed, integrated and connected?

Organizing partner: Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)

- **Building inclusive, safe and sustainable cities and human settlements:** Outstanding cases of local action will guide cities seeking to steer their urban development towards compliance with the proposed United Nations Urban Sustainable Development Goal. Cities leading in social sustainability approaches will share their policies and achievements in building inclusive, safe and sustainable cities. Key themes in their strategies include participatory planning approaches, safe and secure access to mobility services and public space for marginalized groups, and resource protection; especially improving air and water quality.
- **Mobilizing effective partnerships for policymaking at the city-region scale:** Coordination between local authorities within the city-region offers more efficient, effective, and coordinated solutions to major urban sustainability challenges. Early adopters of city-region cooperation models show that the potential benefits include greater operational synergies, reduced unnecessary competition, and less duplication of administration and services between authorities. Local governments with advanced experiences of city-region cooperation will outline the opportunities, and challenges of implementing this approach.
- **The role of civil society in local government planning and project implementation**
Sustainable, socially inclusive development can only succeed with full engagement of civil society in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of local development processes. Local governments should incorporate the ability of civil society groups to initiate bottom-up, responsive, and flexible solutions to urban challenges. This session will highlight the importance of local government engagement with civil society when implementing projects, and provide case studies of projects that have successfully done so.
- **Sustainable Waste Management:** Cities are piloting innovative, integrated waste solutions including waste-to-energy, waste reduction strategies and resource-recycling initiatives. How can municipalities mobilize behavioral change to reduce waste? What innovative waste recovery systems can be put in place to introduce resource feedback loops while promoting social sustainability? How can waste management be integrated with other municipal responsibilities to secure greater operational efficiencies? What high-tech and low-tech solutions have local governments successfully implemented to achieve waste reduction targets while supporting the local green economy? How can municipalities work with local businesses and households to transform materials for landfill into new resources?

Member Feedback: What are the key questions you wish to see discussed in relation to the above topics? In which sessions could your local government speak to showcase outstanding technical solutions, advanced partnership models or innovative financing mechanisms?

Researchers' Symposium (8 – 11 April 2015)

Leading urban sustainability researchers will convene at the ICLEI World Congress 2015 to drive forward current debates in international policymaking and sustainable development, supported by active research contributions and cases of research / practice collaboration. Possible themes include:



- **Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals at the urban level:** Bring research-practitioners together to discuss what is needed to implement the new SDGs at the urban level. Where will research need to be done? How can researchers and practitioners cooperate to effectively roll out strategies to promote further sustainable development? How can research be used to identify such strategies?
- **Urban Nexus and intersectoral approaches to urban sustainable development:** Discuss the benefits of and challenges to intersectoral approaches to urban sustainable development, using the learnings and experiences already made with the Urban Nexus project and approach. Where is further research needed to aid practitioners in implementing intersectoral approaches? How can results be best measured to report on the successes of intersectoral approaches and further improve them?
- **Monitoring, Reporting, and Verifying – Performance driven urban sustainability:** In the past 25 years, the world has seen urban sustainable development blossom from a radical, fringe concept to a mainstream element of urban planning. How can research help leading cities place a stronger emphasis on measurable and verifiable performance of their sustainable development policies and initiatives?

Contact point for queries: ICLEI World Secretariat, Urban Research Team: urban.research@iclei.org

Member Feedback: What key themes and questions do you wish to see debated with world leading researchers on sustainable cities? Does your local government have its own research institute?

Urban Nature (10 – 12 April 2015)

Linked to each ICLEI World Congress, the Urban Nature gathering provides highlights for cities with a special ambition to develop ecosystem services and manage their natural resources sustainably.

Special themes at the ICLEI World Congress 2015 include: water and biodiversity, a fundamental resource - water for life, aquatic ecosystems for city resilience, and integrating biodiversity into municipal planning.

Contact point for queries: ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, Cape Town: biodiversity@iclei.org

Member Feedback: What outstanding biodiversity projects can you share relating to the above themes?

Link to 7th World Water Forum (12 – 17 April 2015)

The 7th World Water Forum will take place from 12 – 17 April 2015 in Daegu City and Gyeongbuk Province in the Republic of Korea, immediately after the ICLEI World Congress 2015 – see <http://eng.worldwaterforum7.org>.

At the beginning of the World Water Forum, an international event specifically addressed at local and regional authorities is planned to be held in the city of Gyeongju, located ca. 280 km southeast of Seoul. The event will take ca. 1.5 days and include a study tour in Gyeongbuk Province.

ICLEI World Congress 2015 participants with a special interest in water issues are advised to consider whether they would like to grasp the opportunity and also attend this local and regional authorities event. Organizers will offer guidance for travelling from Seoul to Gyeongju.

Contact point for queries: ICLEI Global Water Coordination at European Secretariat: water@iclei.org

Mobile Workshop Highlights (10 April 2015)

Explore how Seoul Metropolitan Government achieves its ambitious sustainability goals and environmental targets through over 15 on-site workshop sessions across the city, including:

- **Cheonggye Stream Restoration Project:** This well-known project involved the demolition of a 10-lane elevated highway to uncover a 5.8km section of the historic Cheonggyecheon stream.
- **Mapo Resource Recovery Facility:** The facilities process 750 tons of solid waste daily. The heat from waste incineration is recovered and provided for residential use.
- **Seoul Energy Dream Center:** The Republic of Korea's first and largest energy autonomous building functions as an exhibition of future possibilities for building.
- **Amsa Photovoltaic Power Plant:** The largest photovoltaic power plant in the metropolitan area (9th largest in the country) generates enough electricity to power 1,850 Seoul households.
- **World Cup Park and Metropolitan Landfill Site Management Corp:** World Cup Park is a large scale ecological park maximizing the function of the waste landfill while utilizing the site as an eco-park.
- **Bam Islet:** This Ramsar site is home to 138 plant and 49 bird species. Bam Islet is free from human disturbance and has grown six times in size in half a century.
- **Seoul Forest:** Opened in 2005 following consultation with residents and expert committees, this former golf course and horse track now houses an insect botanical garden, together with a wetlands ecological field, wildflower habitat and a bird observatory.
- **TOPIS (Transportation Operation and Information Service):** The transportation control tower monitors the traffic flow and the public transportation management system of Seoul through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- **Sipjaseong and Jangsu Neighborhood Programs:** Residents of Sipjaseong energy self-reliant community are working to reduce energy use and generate renewable energy. Jangsu residents have improved their neighborhood through a building retrofit program.
- **Arisu Water Purification Center and Seonyudo Park:** Arisu Water Purification Center produces 442,000m³ of drinking water per day to 1.7 million Seoul citizens. An on-line real-time water quality system allows citizens to check the quality of the water supplied to their houses from the facility.
- **Urban Agriculture in Gangdong-gu:** Gangdon-gu vegetable garden has initiated a fresh and local food supply, reduced the community's carbon footprint and improved neighborhood spirit amongst participating citizens.



Member Feedback: Has your local government implemented a similar sustainability project which could offer a useful comparative example during one of the Mobile Workshops?

The Local Government Lounge: The place for partners to meet

Since 1990, ICLEI has shaped partnerships between local governments, UN agencies, national governments, businesses, and others. We invite all partners to interact with ICLEI Members in the Local government Lounge.

Whether you wish to host a round-table workshop, schedule an individual meeting or group appointment, network to make new connections, browse interactive exhibits, or grab a coffee while you work on your laptop, the Networking Lounge will offer participants an ideal base during the ICLEI World Congress 2015.

- **Local Government Laboratory: Roundtable Workshops**
Roundtable workshops will facilitate small groups of self-organized discussions, either continuing the discussion from an earlier session, exploring a specific niche topic, or facilitating focused city-to-city exchanges and partner meetings.
- **City Poster Exhibition**
Whether present on-site, or following the livestream proceedings from further afield, cities can showcase their achievements free of charge by submitting their best practices to the city poster exhibition. Explore the range of local sustainable solutions being implemented worldwide.
- **Climate Change Exhibition**
Visit the exhibition areas in DDP and at Seoul City Hall Plaza to explore an array of international private-sector sustainability partners and activities of Seoul citizens. Business partners of Seoul Metropolitan Government will be on-site ready to connect with other local governments seeking public-private partnerships for urban projects. Citizen organizations and NGOs of Seoul will highlight their grassroots environmental initiatives to international participants.
- **Seoul Corner – where cities connect for technical exchange**
Seoul Metropolitan Government is eager to connect with international partners seeking to cooperate for technical exchange. Visit the Seoul Corner to browse the Mobile Workshop gallery, and discover what areas of expertise Seoul is ready to share with cities of the world.
- **ICLEI information point**
The ICLEI information point is the hub for all information about ICLEI as an organization. ICLEI staff will be on hand throughout the ICLEI World Congress 2015 to discuss all Membership queries, and share opportunities for local governments across all regions to get involved in the work of ICLEI's 8 Agendas.



Member Feedback: What support can ICLEI provide to facilitate networking with partners and local governments? What types of activities would you like to see taking place in the Networking Lounge?

Innovating how participants interact and learn

- **ICLEI World Congress 2015 Mobile App**

A Mobile App will provide interactive social and program features to maximize participants' experience at the ICLEI World Congress 2015. The Mobile App features the full program, highlights various thematic tracks, and provides participants and speakers with customizable profiles. Speakers can create easy-to-use surveys and polls to interact with participants during sessions. Participants can customize their own schedule, message other attendees directly, and receive live updates throughout the event.

- **Livestream**

Can't make it to Seoul? A livestream will broadcast the plenary and sub-plenary sessions direct to your device so you can follow the ICLEI World Congress 2015 from all over the world. Choose an audio feed from any of the 5 official congress languages – English, Korean, Japanese, Chinese or Spanish.

- **Solutions Toolbox**

The Solutions Toolbox brings real solutions to local governments at the ICLEI World Congress 2015. At registration, participants will be given the Solutions Toolbox containing information on the program as well as track guides for the various themes to guide local governments through the program. Local governments will collect information during sessions and workshops as take-home solutions that are right for their needs.

- **Interactive plenary sessions**

Look out for the new interactive-style plenary sessions, empowering the audience to make their mark on the plenary discussions and the ICLEI World Congress 2015 outcomes. Interactive plenaries will encourage audience roundtable discussions, facilitate audience-to-stage exchange with speakers and share opinions, statistics and voted answers live during the plenary.



Welcome to Sustainable Mega-city Seoul

The ICLEI World Congress 2015 will be generously hosted by Seoul Metropolitan Government under the leadership of Mayor Won Soon Park.

Seoul has been an active ICLEI Member since 1995, offering a leading example of a sustainable mega-city demonstrating strong international leadership in the fight against climate change.

Addressing the twin challenges of being the most densely-populated city and the largest energy consumer nationally, Seoul committed to shift the city's energy demand to renewable energy sources.

Through various initiatives combining over 800,000 voluntary commitments from Seoul citizens and from businesses, Seoul has surpassed 90% of its 2014 target (as of July 2014) for phase one of its 'One Less Nuclear Power Plant Initiative.' Through this initiative, Seoul aims to reduce energy demand equivalent to decommissioning one 1-Gigawatt nuclear power plant.

Venue

Dongdaemun Design Plaza (DDP) opened to the public in March 2014 and will offer participants a diverse environment for networking and exchange in an iconic venue. The award-winning **new Seoul City Hall** will also be used for high-level meetings and side events, boasting the largest indoor vertical garden in the world.

What is ICLEI?

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is the world's leading association of more than 1000 metropolises, cities, urban regions and towns, representing over 660 million people in 88 countries.

ICLEI promotes local action for global sustainability and supports cities to become sustainable, resilient, resource-efficient, biodiverse, low-carbon; to build a smart infrastructure; and to develop an inclusive, green urban economy, with the ultimate aim of achieving healthy and happy communities.



Seoul's urban development



1960's



1980's



2000's

Registration and more information

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Heather Branigin

From: vicoula4@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 3:52 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Contact Us form submission

Name: Vicki Withers

Organization:

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Address_2:

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State: MN

Zip_Code: 55435

Email: vicoula4@aol.com

Phone: 952-926-2071

Referrer:

Message: It is VERY IMPORTANT that the Kellogg Ave. cul-de-sac remain in place. As a nearby resident I am familiar with the time it did not exist and the "Fred" was tennis courts and ball fields. It was extremely dangerous for residents and children to navigate the area as cars would race down the street oblivious to children and pedestrians. If, in fact, the activity will be concentrated in the south part of "Fred" then keep the traffic at the south end and leave our northern section, intact. It was premature to construct the bike path before the re-purposing was complete, so please don't use that as an excuse to open up the cul-de-sac. There will be enough disruption in our quiet neighborhood as it is. LEAVE THE CUL-DE-SAC FOR SAFETY REASONS.

Heather Branigin

From: erika7777777@gmail.com on behalf of Erika Ding <erikad792@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 8:36 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: FIRST Robotics Day in Edina

Dear Mayor Hovland,

My name is Erika, and I'm on the Edina High School *FIRST* Robotics Team (The Green Machine).

On December 13th, we're hosting a FIRST Tech Challenge (our middle school's league) tournament in Valley View Middle School. On the same day, we're also hosting a FIRST Lego League (elementary school level) tournament. In addition to this, we're also hosting the first-ever Jr. FIRST Lego League Expo in the metro area (it's the second such expo in the state).

In sum: there will be teams coming from all over the state to participate and spectate, and everything is happening in Edina High School and Valley View Middle School. It will be a historic day bringing hundreds to Edina. Edina will be showing its dedication to STEM education; *FIRST*, as well as our team's corporate sponsors, will be watching.

In light of this eventful day, we were wondering if you could declare December 13th to be "*FIRST* Robotics Day in Edina". We think it'd be a fitting name for such a day and we hope you will join us at the Opening Ceremony.

Thanks so much,

Erika Ding
Outreach Lead
Edina Robotics *FIRST* Team 1816 - The Green Machine

Heather Branigin

From: Anthony Baughn <abaughn@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 9:38 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Persistent Noise Problems at Kuhlman Stadium

Dear Mayor Hovland,

I reside at 5717 Concord Avenue in Edina with my wife and two young daughters, Sophia age 7 and Scarlet age 4. For the last four years, we have enjoyed being residents of Edina and feel fortunate to belong to such an outstanding community. As you may know, in late August, a new sound system was installed at Kuhlman Stadium. Since this installation, the sound level has at times been incredibly excessive, often averaging 80 dB but sometimes exceeding 100 dB on my property. Thus far, my family and I have had little choice but to be subjected to this noise nuisance, not being able to have peace or quiet conversation on our porch, in our yard, and at times not even in our home with doors and windows closed! When these disturbances occur in the evening, my children are unable to get to sleep at a reasonable time (8pm) and they are tired during the day. My wife and I have become extremely frustrated with this problem. Our neighbors have shared in our frustration. As you may or may not know, this level of noise pollution is in excess of Edina and Minnesota statutes (as described in chapter 7030, with a daytime limit of 65 dB per tenth of an hour or 60 dB per half hour and nighttime limit of 55 dB per tenth of an hour or 55 dB per half hour). These laws are in place to protect the rights of all, and I respectfully insist that they be enforced. I am not asking for silence, I am asking that reasonable noise levels be maintained in accordance with the law. I have tried to engage individuals from the Edina Public School system, but have had little success in having this issue resolved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
Tony

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September 24, 2014

Mayor James B. Hovland
City of Edina
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424-1330

Dear Mayor Hovland:

On behalf of the Officers and members of the American Medical Association (AMA), it is our pleasure to invite you to submit nominations for the 2015 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service. The Awards, currently in their twenty-sixth year of presentation, are recognized nationally as one of the most prestigious honors extended to elected officials and career government employees for outstanding endeavors that advance public health.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed brochure that outlines the criteria utilized by the independent panel of judges as they make their recommendations to the AMA. You will note that the AMA presents these awards in seven categories of public service, including local, state and federal government. Each year, the caliber of nominees is a testament to the incredible initiatives being advanced by government and elected officials throughout our nation.

Also, enclosed is a nomination form with the hope that you or your organization will submit one or more nominations. Nomination forms can also be submitted online at www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination. Please note the deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2014. Supplemental supporting material should be limited to no more than ten pages. Please be aware that we will only contact you if your nominee has been selected.

Each year, we are enormously pleased by the interest in the awards and the outstanding nominations we receive. Clearly, there is a desire and a necessity to recognize and salute individuals in government service who are giving of themselves and their talents in meaningful ways.

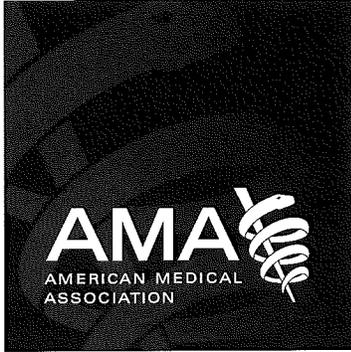
If you have any questions regarding the awards or the nomination process, contact the Awards Secretariat at (202) 783-9156. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Sincerely,

James L. Madara, MD

Enclosures

P.S. The awards will be presented at a gala banquet at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel in Washington, DC on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, in conjunction with the National Advocacy Conference. Mark your calendars now.



2015 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service



Nomination form

To be completed and returned to:
Awards Secretariat, attn: Roy Pfautch, 1401 Eye St. N.W., Ste. 220, Washington, DC 20005
Telephone: (202) 783-9156 / Fax: (202) 783-9158

(Nomination forms can also be submitted online at www.ama-assn.org/go/NDAnomination)

Nomination submitted by:

Name (Please indicate Mr., Ms., Miss, Mrs., or appropriate salutation and appropriate professional designation MD, PhD, MPH, etc.)		
Title		
Organization		
Mailing address (If providing P.O. Box, please include street address.)		
City	State	ZIP code
Telephone	Fax	Email address

Submit nominations in a typed format using the enclosed nomination form (or facsimile thereof).
Nominations must be received at the Office of the Secretariat by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, Nov. 21, 2014.

I. Nominee for award

Name (Please indicate Mr., Ms., Miss, Mrs., or appropriate salutation and appropriate professional designation MD, PhD, MPH, etc.)		
Title/position/occupation		
Organization		
Mailing address (If providing P.O. Box, please include street address.)		
City	State	ZIP code
Telephone	Fax	Email address

II. Category of nomination

- Check one: U.S. senator U.S. representative Governor or elected statewide official
- Member of executive branch serving by presidential/political appointment (federal government)
- Member of executive branch in career public service (federal government)
- Member of a state legislature
- Career public servant at the state or local level

CKD

September 24, 2014

Ruth -

Thank you for arranging to have the
Edina Firemen attend our annual Scotia/Tupa
Neighborhood Block Party.

The kids love having them here!

Cecelia Dolan
6117 Scotia Drive

CECELIA KAVA DOLAN
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For: Cecelia Kava Dolan
Para: Cecelia Kava Dolan

Heather Branigin

From: Bryan Shively <bshively@movoto.com>
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Edina Mail; Scott H. Neal; Deb Mangan; chamber@edina.org
Subject: Edina One of the Best Family Friendly Places in MN
Attachments: ATT00001.htm

Hey Scott and Debra. It's Bryan from Movoto, the real estate brokerage site. Today we published a list of the best places for families in Minnesota. We took 2010 US Census data and looked at factors such as crime rates, households with children, and school ratings to come up with our ranking.

Edina came in at number eight: <http://www.movoto.com/mn/best-places-for-families-in-minnesota/>
(<http://www.movoto.com/mn/best-places-for-families-in-minnesota/>)

Feel free to share any aspect of the article and slideshow.

Thanks,
Bryan

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Bryan ShivelyPR Associate

Movoto.com (<http://www.movoto.com>)

Movoto is an online real estate brokerage based in San Mateo, CA.

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Heather Branigin

From: Lois Weidner <cameotours@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2014 12:29 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fred Richards grounds!

Attention park planners:

I would like to suggest that you take into consideration the large amount of young children that live on Parklawn Ave and please put a playground on the area that is bound by Parklawn. 10/08/2014 .

It would be worth your hour or two to witness the long lines of children who get picked up by school bus at the Cedars of Edina and also at 4101 Parklawn. This is a serious suggestion as these children have no playground to play on.

Thanks for all your work.

Lois Weidner
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Edina, Mn 55435
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Cameotours@msn.com

Heather Branigin

From: jjaaa5@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Edina Mail
Cc: jschroeder@commoncause.org
Subject: Meeting

Mayor Hovland,

Would it be possible to meet some time after the election, but before the work meeting to discuss the Conflict of Interest Policy? If that is possible, should I work with Heather to set it up? It would include our Executive Director, Jeremy Schroeder, and anyone else who you would like to include. We would like to get your thoughts on the other ethics topics that other municipalities have already or might consider. We truly believe they are beneficial to the city and would appreciate your thoughts and advice.

Thank you,

Jerry Franck, Chair
Common Cause Minnesota

Heather Branigin

From: Ronald Michalak <ronaldjmichalak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: Fwd: Sidewalk and retaining wall issue

Good morning,

I was just following up on my email from last week. When the mayor has an opportunity, I would sincerely appreciate a follow up.

Thank you and have a good day.
Ron Michalak

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ronald Michalak** <ronaldjmichalak@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 29, 2014 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Sidewalk and retaining wall issue
To: mail@edinamn.gov

Hello Jim,

My name is Ron Michalak, and I am a resident of Morningside. I met you briefly when you were walking our neighborhood and commented on the somewhat extraordinary height of a JMS property across the street from me on 45th Street. I happened to agree with you.

I wanted to see if I could get a meeting with you to discuss a serious concern I have about a failing retaining wall that sits between my property and the public sidewalk. I have had both Brian Olson and one of his managers from Public Works out to look at the wall, and, unfortunately, have been frustrated in my attempts at getting my concerns about the wall either understood or addressed. As such, my friend Kevin Staunton suggested that I take my legitimate concerns to you, a member of the City Council, and talk through the situation with you.

If you would be so kind, I would love to get 15 minutes of your time to share with you some information about the retaining wall and Morningside's streets and sidewalks. A friend of mine, Beth Howell, who has been through a similar situation with the City of Minneapolis, would also like to attend.

Mornings are typically best for me, as I do much of my work in the afternoon and evenings.

Please let me know if you would be open to meeting with me.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Best regards,
Ron

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Best regards,
Ron

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AMY C. HAWKINS

Dear Mayor Bouland,

It was a pleasure
to meet you. Matt
Rose appreciated the
job you did moderating
the U panel. I hope to
see you again! Best regards,
Amy

Amy C. Hawkins
Vice President
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