

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 2014
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR JAN. 17, 2014

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- 54th Streets** – At an input session with 54th Street stakeholders on Jan. 27, staff will collect input about lighting, bridge aesthetics and bridge railing options that will be used to shape the final design of the 54th Street Bridge.
- Lakes & Ponds** – Engineering staff is soliciting input on how to prioritize our management of public lakes and ponds. The City has provided treatment to a number of lakes and ponds in the past, and is updating its policy for lakes and pond management. Staff is hosting a series of three meetings to talk with stakeholders about how to balance desires for the lakes with their many functions such as flood protection, storm water treatment, and recreational activities. The next two meetings will occur on Jan. 22 and Feb. 12.
- Employee News** – Police Lt. Jeff Elasky left this week for a 10-week training program at the FBI National Academy staff and command school in Quantico, Va. Michael Sussman has accepted the position of Police Officer with the City of Edina. He will begin work on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Sussman has worked as a Police Officer for Mound, Brooklyn Park, Minnetrista and, most recently, Orono. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from St. Cloud State University.
- Braemar Golf Dome** - The new Golf Dome has been very well received. In addition to the new facility, the Dome features all brand new balls and mats. We will add two new practice putting greens shortly; golfers will be able to work on all aspects of their game at the Dome. As kids are out of school this coming Monday, Jan. 20, and Tuesday Jan. 21, we have a special offer for juniors of \$5 for a large bucket.
- MLK Holiday** – City Hall is closed on Monday, Jan. 20 in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- Centennial Lakes Park** – More than 3,000 people came out on Sunday, Jan. 12 for the annual Centennial Lakes Park Winter Ice Festival. Activities included horse-drawn sleigh rides, ice-carving demonstrations, face painting and skating. The first Quinn’s Cup was a big success on Saturday, Jan. 11.
- Minneapolis Waterworks Property** – Parks & Recreation Director Ann Kattreh, City Assessor Bob Wilson and I met with our peers in St. Louis Park to discuss this site today. I will consult with Council Members individually to get your input as well. The respective City staff members believe it is important for us to have a unified position and approach before we respond to the City of Minneapolis’ proposal.

8. Speak Up, Edina – This year, the City will lead a monthly discussion on www.SpeakUpEdina.org. The January topic is food trucks and several questions are posed on the site, including: Would you support a change in local law to allow food trucks in Edina? If food trucks were allowed in Edina, should they be restricted to certain areas? When should food trucks be allowed? People from around the community on both sides of the issue are weighing in. The City’s discussion on food trucks will be regularly monitored through Jan. 31. After that time, a summary of the online discussion will be prepared and forwarded to staff and the City Council.