

# OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013  
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER  
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MARCH 1, 2013

## FRIDAY REPORT



- 2013 State of the Community** – The encore live presentation of the 2013 State of the Community address will be 7 p.m. Monday, March 4 in the Council Chambers.
- Board & Commission Members** – Candidates for boards and commissions have been notified of their status with respect to the selection process for new members. The candidates slated for appointment at the Council’s March 5 meeting have been invited to attend one of our general training sessions for new Board and Commission members scheduled on March 21 and 27.
- Byerly’s Redevelopment** – At its Feb. 27 meeting, the Planning Commission tabled a request to approve the proposed redevelopment plan for the Byerly’s site on France with a new Byerly’s store and three apartment buildings totaling 246 units. Primary concerns of the Commission included site plan, pedestrian connections, sustainability in the development, and how the site connects to the Edina Promenade. The applicant intends to attempt to address these, and other issues raised by the Commission, at the March 13 Planning Commission meeting. The City Council would still review the proposed development plans at the March 19 City Council meeting.
- Golf Enterprise Update** – The final payment of \$313,100 of the current Golf Enterprise debt was made on Jan. 2. The final payment on this debt was comprised of \$60,000 principal and \$600 interest for the “new nine” at Braemar and \$250,000 principal and \$2,500 interest for the purchase of Fred Richards Executive Golf Course.  
  
We currently have 185 juniors registered for our 2013 summer leagues and 120 kids registered for group lessons. Our Junior Development Program is already 80 percent full for this summer.
- Parks & Rec Activities Directory** – The Parks & Recreation *Activities Directory* was mailed to all homes in Edina earlier this week. Online registration for summer recreation programming began today. The City has not mailed a parks and recreation catalog to all homes in Edina since 2009.
- National K-9 Trials** – The Edina Police Department, in conjunction with the Airport Police Department, will host the annual National K-9 Detector Trials in 2014. Events will take place for two consecutive days in Edina (proposed dates are May 5-6) and will consist of narcotics searches of vehicles and buildings. Quite often, there is a police demonstration after the trials are complete to which the public is invited. All K-9s and their handlers are present at this event and there are often some scenarios (bite work/searches) that take place for everyone to see. We plan to approach Edina Public Schools

to request the use of Kuhlman Stadium for the demo. This national event is likely to attract local media attention and offers a great opportunity to show off Edina to the rest of the country.

- 7. Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Bids** – The City has received bids for three of the four neighborhood street reconstruction projects scheduled for 2013. All three have come in below the costs estimated in the feasibility study. We will open bids for the last neighborhood project, Mendelssohn A, on March 11.
- 8. Awards** – The City was notified this week that we earned a National Recognition Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the new water treatment plant under the Jerry’s parking ramp, Water Treatment Plant No. 6. The award will be presented at the ACEC gala dinner in Washington, D.C. at the end of April.
- 9. Employee News** – Our new I.T. Manager, Ryan Browning, started his new job on Tuesday, Feb. 27.
- 10. Centennial Lakes Ice Skating** – Centennial Lakes Park’s ice rink will be open through Sunday, March 3, after which we will begin the process of turning over the Hughes Pavilion for building rentals that start on March 15. We will continue to groom the central pond for skating as long as the weather allows. Skaters can use the outdoor benches to put their skates on.
- 11. Water Meter Replacement** – The initiative to replace the City’s 14,000 residential water meters is going well. We have encountered much less resistance and customer concerns than expected. To date, approximately 70 percent of the meters have been replaced.