

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MAY 9, 2014

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- 1. NOC Decision** – The Metropolitan Airports Commission’s Noise Oversight Committee (NOC) unanimously approved a staff proposal at yesterday’s meeting to do a two-week aviation noise test in Edina and St. Louis Park this fall. The proposal will put two noise monitoring towers in Edina and one in St. Louis Park Oct. 1-15. The results of the testing will be shared with the NOC at its December meeting.
- 2. 2013 Residential Redevelopment** – The final statistics for the City’s 2013 residential redevelopment are in. There were 106 new houses started and 45 new homes completed in 2013. The total building permit revenue for those homes was \$192,825. The average valuation of a redeveloped homestead in 2013 was \$300,346. The average valuation after redevelopment was \$902,575. In total, these 45 redeveloped homes added \$27,100,300 of net new valuation to the City’s tax base.
- 3. Pentagon Park** – The proposed redevelopment agreement between the City and Pentagon Revival is on track to be presented to the Council for approval at the May 20 meeting.
- 4. New Development** – The owners of the BP gas station located at 70th Street and France Avenue are planning to remodel the building to include a Jimmy John’s sandwich shop. Construction is anticipated sometime this summer. The plans include relocation of the driveway entrances off France Avenue.
- 5. Employee News** – Paramedic/Firefighter Brian Hanrahan will take on new responsibilities as our new Fire Inspector. Brian has been a member of the Fire-Rescue & Inspections Department for the past 14 years and has always been a strong advocate in fire safety education for the children of Edina. We are excited to have him in the Inspections Division and look forward to having him bring innovative ideas to the department.

The Communications & Technology Services Department welcomed part-time I.T. Specialist Jesse Meyer-Ruud on Wednesday, May 7. He has recently retired from the United States Army where he most recently was working as a Database Administrator. Jesse holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Saint Mary’s University.

Lee Renneke will begin work as the Environmental Health Specialist I on Monday, May 19. Lee did his internship with the City of Edina last summer and most recently worked for the Minnesota Department of Health as a Public Health Sanitarian. Lee holds a bachelor’s degree in Food Science Technology from the University of Minnesota.

- 6. Art in Edinborough Park** – Staff at Edinborough Park and the Art Center have collaborated to put several pieces of artwork on display in Edinborough Park. The weathered steel sculptures include Angel, Tri Flowers, Rooster, Bug, Flowers in a Pot and Mobile Sun.

In addition to the artwork, the seating in the Grotto has been re-arranged to provide improved visibility of the art, and a very inviting space for our guests to take a break. Families visiting the park have been very complimentary and love the new arrangements!

7. **Tobacco License Compliance Tests** – 2014 tobacco license compliance checks were conducted this week by the Police Department. All licensed retail distribution locations passed the compliance test.
8. **Sculptor Reception** – Contracts for sculptors are being sent this week to the artists selected for 2014-2015. The Opening Reception for Sculptors will be held Wednesday, June 18, at Pinstripes Bowling, Bocce & Bistro.
9. **Vehicle Day** – An estimated 2,000 people attended the third-annual Vehicle Day at Southdale Center sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Departments of Edina, Richfield and Bloomington. Over 25 vehicles were on display.
10. **Online Crime Reports** – CrimeReports.com, our new crime mapping service, launched on Monday. We have been doing some additional testing this week and will begin publicizing the service soon.
11. **Art Center Summer Camps** – Nine of 87 summer camps have filled as of May 5. The first two camps filled by April 16, a new record for the Art Center. The camps were “Dragons, Knights & Faeries” and “Clay on the Wheel.”
12. **League of Minnesota Cities** – Are you are interested in serving on the LMC Board? A Nominating Committee appointed by the League president will interview candidates Wednesday, June 18, at the LMC Annual Conference in St. Cloud. The nominated candidates will be presented to members at the annual business meeting on Thursday, June 19. The committee considers the following factors when selecting nominees: geographic representation, city population, gender, city position (appointed or elected), and League experience and involvement. League members will elect a president, a first vice president, a second vice president and four directors. If a current Board member is elected to an officer position, there may be one additional opening for a director position. An application packet is available by contacting Kellie Sundheim, LMC, at 651-281-1214, 800-925-1122 or ksundheim@lmc.org. Deadline to submit an application is May 23.
13. **National K-9 Trials** – Earlier this week, the Edina Police Department co-hosted the 2014 USPCA National Dog Detector Trials along with MSP Airport Police Department. The trials and the public demonstration went very well and the positive feedback has been overwhelming. Mike Seeger and Jason Behr finished in fourth place for Department Team along with their partners Diesel and Blade. Please congratulate all four of them when you see them.