

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR MAY 16, 2014

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- 1. Bicycle Friendly Community** – The League of American Bicyclists has designated Edina as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community. Edina was among 18 cities nationwide (and the only in Minnesota) to receive the recognition. The national announcement featured a quote from Council Member Josh Sprague and one of our photos taken on Tracy Avenue; we were the only city with a photo featured in the national announcement. The designation is valid for four years and will be due for renewal in the summer of 2018.
- 2. Proposed Lennar Development** – The Planning Commission will consider the final rezoning and final development plan for the proposed Lennar development at its May 28 meeting. The Council will consider the same set of approvals on June 17.
- 3. Public Works Open House** – Just a reminder that our Public Works Department will host an Open House 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Public Works & Park Maintenance Facility.
- 4. Pentagon Park** – The City and Pentagon Revival reached a final agreement this week on the proposed Master Redevelopment Agreement for the Pentagon Park redevelopment project. It will be considered by the Council at the May 20 meeting.
- 5. Braemar Master Plan Task Force** – The application deadline for the Braemar Master Plan task force is Wednesday, May 21. We currently have 22 applicants. The Park Board appointed its two task force members this past week. Board Members David Deeds and Brenda McCormick will represent the Park Board on the task force.
- 6. Employee News** – Justin Patterson began his new job in the Police Department as a Community Service Officer on May 13. Justin has a bachelor's degree from Kansas University in American History and is currently enrolled at Inverwood Community College pursuing a Law Enforcement degree.

After 13 years with the City's Engineering Department, Engineering Technician Jamie Cynor has announced that he will leave this summer to accept a position with Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the Green Bay field office.

Our newest Police Officer, Allie Wilson, was sworn in Thursday, May 15.

Our new Police Intern, Dane Mosman, will be starting soon, as will our Communications Intern, Lauryn Grimes.

- 7. Pamela Park** – The new softball scoreboards were dedicated at Pamela Park on Tuesday, May 13. Thanks to Coach Michelle Seiger and Deborah Eckland and the Edina High School Softball Dugout Club for their generous donations.

8. **Vets Memorial** – The proposed \$225,000 appropriation for the Edina Veterans Memorial is included in the bonding bill that was approved by the Minnesota House May 15. Gov. Mark Dayton has indicated that he will sign the bill.
9. **City Tech Update** – The City’s WiFi networks have been extended to Edina Liquor – 50th & France and Edina Liquor – Grandview.

Last month, a new space rental feature was launched on the City’s website, allowing people to request a meeting room at City Hall, birthday party at Edinborough Park or a picnic shelter at one of several parks. You can view the new space rental feature at <http://edinamn.gov/spacerental/spaces>. More spaces will be added soon.

10. **Community Gardens** – The gardens are ready -- and just in time for a nice weekend. Park Maintenance staff built the paths up with another 15 yards of wood mulch and installed a silt tube around the catch basin to help hold back the fine dirt from heavy rain runoffs.
11. **Grants** – The Edina Resource Center received a grant to look at how Alzheimer’s disease affects our community. Police Officers Aaron White and Nicole Pesek have agreed to become involved with the core action team put together to obtain input from first responders. Their first meeting will be on May 21 with a kick-off date of June 10.
12. **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.